

ORDER OF WORSHIP

November 17, 2024

10:00 A.M.

Welcome to Worship at the Ellington Congregational Church, United Church of Christ. We are happy to have you with us this morning. If you are visiting and would like to receive more information about our church, please fill out an “**I Wish**” card found in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate during our Offertory time.



Our Church Mission Statement

*To be a dynamic and nurturing community
called by God’s grace
to know Christ and make Him known
through worship, love, and service.*

Adopted September 15, 2019



TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST THANKSGIVING FOOD COLLECTION AND BLESSING

*As the prelude begins, let the music help you enter into the
spirit of worship and prayer.*

PRELUDE

Julie LaRocca

WELCOME

*All who are able, please stand.

GATHERING FOR THE WORD

***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP** Psalm 92:1-4 (NIV)

One: It is good to praise the Lord and make music to your name, O Most High,

All: proclaiming your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night,

One: to the music of the ten-stringed lyre and the melody of the harp.

All: For you make me glad by your deeds, Lord; I sing for joy at what your hands have done.

We are blessed to worship God with thanksgiving and joy!

***LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

***OPENING HYMN** Chalice Hymnal #718

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Eternal God of Salvation, through Christ Jesus you have shown us how to fight for justice, love kindness, and to walk humbly with you in righteousness. More often than we would like to admit, we do not fight injustice as we should. We know, loving God, that there are too many who are hungry, too many who are oppressed for trying to be who you created them to be, and too much happening to destroy the earth. We ask that you deliver us from our times of weakness, let your light shine out to others through us, and fill us with your splendor. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS: A LITANY

Pastor: When Christ Jesus had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God.

All: In Christ Jesus, we are forgiven.

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Pastor: For by a single offering of himself, he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.

All: In Christ Jesus, we are forgiven.

Pastor: And the Holy Spirit adds, "I will no longer remember their acts of sin and their lawless deeds."

(Hebrews 10:17)

All: In Christ Jesus, we are forgiven. Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI** Chalice Hymnal #35

Glory Be to the Father

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

***GREETING ONE ANOTHER WITH THE PEACE AND LOVE OF GOD THROUGH CHRIST JESUS**

OPEN AND AFFIRMING TIME Jane Scordato and Lee Carman

UNISON THANKSGIVING FOOD COLLECTION BLESSING

Chalice Hymnal #719 (vs. 1, 3, & 4) (*spoken*)

Come, Sing a Song of Harvest

All: Come, sing a song of harvest, of thanks for daily food!

To offer God the first fruits is old as gratitude.

May God, the great Creator, to whom all life belongs, accept these gifts we offer, our service and our songs.

And lest the world go hungry while we ourselves are fed, make each of us more ready to share our daily bread.

Amen.

Pastor: God of the land, we give you thanks for the richness of the earth that supplies our food. All who are donating money and food are carrying out your Stewardship of "Love of Neighbor." May all who enjoy these foods be blessed with

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full stomachs, many smiles, and leftovers. We dedicate our discipleship in giving to you. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

ENGAGING THE WORD

ANTHEM

Senior Choir

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Lee Carman

(Children and teachers will be dismissed for Church School.)

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Pew Bible OT p #244

Large Print Bible OT p #371

1 Samuel 1:4-20

MESSAGE

Pastor Joanne

"Hannah's Faithful Persistence"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

Chalice Hymnal #718 (vs. 3)

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

These to thee, our God, we owe,
source whence all our blessings flow;
and for these our souls shall raise
grateful vows and solemn praise.
Come, then, thankful people, come,
raise the song of harvest home;
come to God's own temple, come,
raise the song of harvest home.

IN OUR PRAYERS AND SILENT MEDITATION

PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts)

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts,

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as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

RESPONSE

OFFERING: *Affirmation By Touch for Our Offerings to God*

Sentence

Offertory

Julie LaRocca

Presentation of Offerings

The Shopping Cart is used during the offering to collect your gifts of food for Ellington and Tri-Town residents in need. The food is distributed by the Ellington Food Bank, Crystal Lake Community Food Pantry, the HVCC Food Pantry and The Cornerstone Cupboard. Your generosity is a blessing to all who receive and a witness to Christ's love for the world. Thank you!

***DOXOLOGY**

Chalice Hymnal #46

***Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen***

***UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

All: Loving and Eternal God, every moment of every day your arms embrace us with the blessings and bountiful gifts of your kindness and caring. We ask you to receive the offerings we gratefully bring to you. May they be used to further the mission Christ Jesus brought to the nations and

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continue to enhance his efforts to bring peace, love, and justice on earth. Amen.

GOING WITH THE WORD

***HYMN OF DEDICATION** Chalice Hymnal #17 (vs. 1, 2, 3)

O Worship the King

UNISON BENEDICTION (seated)

adapted from Chalice Hymnal #17

All: We have praised God's wonderful love for us and have given thanks. With God's help through Christ Jesus, we will continue our week refreshed and renewed. We will shine forth God's light to all whom we meet. Amen.

EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES

RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Julie LaRocca



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