

ORDER OF WORSHIP

FEBRUARY 2, 2025

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 the 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



FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY BLACK HISTORY MONTH

**TELOS CHILI COOK-OFF AND BROWNIE BAKE-OFF: SOCIAL
HOUR**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*(Our church welcomes to Communion all people of all ages
who desire to follow Christ Jesus and grow in faith.)*

*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**

adapted from Chalice Hymnal #452

One: Loving God, creator of the universe, we have come together here in your sanctuary to praise and worship you.

All: We are here to worship and to serve because we have heard your call.

One: As your disciples we ask that you guide us onto the pathways that call to us.

All: We will listen for the call and be open to your guidance.

One: As we worship today let us love God and Christ Jesus with our heart, soul, strength, and mind.

All: Yes, Loving God, we are here and will love you, Christ Jesus, and our neighbor with heart, soul, strength, and mind.

We are blessed to worship God with thanksgiving and joy!

***LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

***OPENING HYMN**

Chalice Hymnal #452

Here I Am, Lord

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: God of Lovingkindness and Forgiveness, here we are.

We are grateful for your unconditional love as we make our confession. You invite us to discipleship, yet at times we remain silent and unmoving. You call us to act faithfully, yet we do not respond as quickly as we should. We claim to be wise, yet we forget your plan for a “Right Way of Living.”

Please help us to obey You, through Christ Jesus, to live faithfully and truthfully, and to love our neighbors whom we are commanded to serve. Amen.

*All who are able, please stand.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Pastor: God, who is just and gracious, has sent Christ Jesus into the world to redeem us from separation from God. As we turn to God with repentant hearts, Christ intercedes on our behalf. With assurance from God's Word I can say to you: "In Jesus Christ, 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



INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS, BOARD CHAIRS AND MEMBERS, COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND MEMBERS, AND GROUP CHAIRS FOR 2025

Presentation

Leader: The people who are accepting positions on Boards, Committees, and Groups have been called by God, in accordance with the faith and order of this church, to serve among us. They have responded to God's call and we are witnesses to their willingness and dedication to serve.

Covenant

Leader: Sisters and Brothers in Christ, it is an honor to be entrusted with responsibility for particular service in the ministry of the church. Having prayerfully considered the duties and responsibilities of your ministry, are you prepared

*All who are able, please stand.

to serve with the help of God in Christ's name and for the glory of God?

Individuals: I am.

Leader: Do you promise to exercise your ministry diligently and faithfully, showing forth the love of Christ Jesus?

Individuals: I do, relying on God's graciousness.

Leader: Members of this household of faith, you have heard the promises of our brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus who have answered God's call to service. Let us affirm our intention to live in covenant with them.

All: Each one of us covenants to be partners with you in the service of Christ Jesus. We promise you our Christian love, we promise to honor your leadership, and we promise to assist you so that we may be a faithful church of God through Christ Jesus.

Leader: Let us pray. Eternal God, you have entrusted this community of faith to our care and keeping. In order to do that, you have called these people to serve you here at Ellington Congregational Church, the wider community, and the world. Please make them aware that your Holy Spirit is always with them to help them as they serve among us with honor and faithfulness. Help them to be diligent in their duties so that your church may prosper in the mission you place before it. May their example prove worthy for all of us to follow as we are united in Christ's ministry to the glory of your name.

All: Amen.

Declaration

Leader: In the name of Christ Jesus, and on behalf of the people of Ellington Congregation Church, United Church of

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Christ, I rejoice to announce that you are installed in your respective positions as leaders of this church.

All: Amen.



ENGAGING THE WORD

ANTHEM

Senior Choir

(Children will accompany teachers downstairs.)

NEW TESTAMENT GOSPEL LESSON

Pew Bible NT p 61

Large Print Bible NT p 86

Luke 4:16-30

MESSAGE

Pastor Joanne

“Changing Attitudes”

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

Chalice Hymnal #265 (vs. 4)

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

Teach me to love thee as thine angels love,
one holy passion filling all my frame;
the baptism of the heaven descended Dove.
My heart an altar, and thy love the flame.

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,
as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation**

*All who are able, please stand.

**but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

RESPONSE

(Children will rejoin the congregation at this time.)

OFFERING: Affirmation By Touch for Our Offerings to God

Sentence

Offertory

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 God, it is a blessing and a joy to give back to you a portion of what you give to us. We ask that you receive these gifts as we walk in your way. Where justice is needed, please use these gifts to bring Christ Jesus’ rescuing word to others. Where there is pain, may these gifts bring the

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healing of Christ Jesus' love. Please increase what we give to you as we continue to grow into your ways through Christ Jesus. Amen.



THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Communion Hymn

Chalice Hymnal #398

Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread

The Invitation to the Table

Unison Prayer of Consecration

All: You have called us this day, Loving God, to share this time together in community. We are honored and blessed to share this Holy Meal in the manner of the saints who have preceded us for many generations. We ask to be renewed, refreshed, and transformed as we strive to do your work in the world. Loving God, we ask you to consecrate these gifts of bread and the cup, and to bless us with the presence of your Holy Spirit, that we may come to know you more fully, and to live as one body in Christ Jesus. We know that coming to this table is a blessing and a celebration of the gift of Jesus the Christ. Amen.

The Words of Institution

Call to the Meal

Pastor: The gifts of God for the people of God. Partake in this holy meal for all things are ready.

All: We are blessed by and take in these gifts of God remembering that Christ Jesus died, was raised for us, and ascended to eternity.

The Distribution and Sharing of the Elements

*All who are able, please stand.

Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving

All: We give you thanks, Loving God, that you have come to us through Christ Jesus, in the midst of time and in the midst of history in the city of Bethlehem. We also give thanks for the timeless presence of Christ Jesus' Spirit as we received the gifts of bread and wine together in community. We are now ready to go into the world refreshed, transformed, and renewed as your disciples. Amen.

GOING WITH THE WORD

*HYMN OF DEDICATION

Chalice Hymnal #529

I'm So Glad, Jesus Lifted Me

BENEDICTION

adapted from Chalice Hymnal #529

One: We have been filled with God's unconditional love. Let us go out and spread that love to all whom we meet.

All: God, through Christ Jesus has lifted us into joy. We will work to keep the music of glory, hallelujah in our hearts. Amen.

EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES

POSTLUDE

Julie LaRocca



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