

TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

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

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Communion Hymn

Chalice Hymnal #330

Alleluia! Hear God's Story

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.

*All who are able, please stand.

The Distribution and Sharing of the Elements

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.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

FEBRUARY 9 or 16, 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



FIFTH/SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY BLACK HISTORY MONTH

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

PRELUDE

Julie LaRocca

WELCOME

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GATHERING FOR THE WORD

***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP** Psalm 138:1-6, 8b (NIV)

One: I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart; before the “gods” I will sing your praise. I will bow down toward your holy temple and will praise your name for your unfailing love and your faithfulness, for you have so exalted your solemn decree that it surpasses your fame.

All: When I called, you answered me; you greatly emboldened me.

One: May all the kings of the earth praise you, Lord, when they hear what you have decreed.

All: May they sing the ways of the Lord, for the glory of the Lord is great.

One: Though the Lord is exalted, he looks kindly on the lowly; though lofty, he sees them from afar.

All: Your love, Lord, endures forever – do not abandon the works of your hands.

It is a blessing to worship God with thanksgiving and joy!

***LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

***OPENING HYMN**

Chalice Hymnal #337

Jesus Calls Us O’er the Tumult

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

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times of weakness, let your light shine out to others through us, and fill us with your splendor. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Pastor: The assurance of our forgiveness lies in Christ Jesus. In Philippians, chapter 2 we read, "Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness." Today, Christ Jesus intercedes and kneels before God on behalf of human weakness. Therein lies our assurance that 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**

ENGAGING THE WORD

ANTHEM Senior Choir

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Lee Carman
(Children will be dismissed to accompany teachers and Lee Carman.)

NEW TESTAMENT GOSPEL LESSON Pew Bible NT p #62
Large Print Bible NT p #87
Luke 5:1-11

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MESSAGE

Pastor Joanne

"WNJITB"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE Chalice Hymnal #339 (vs. 2)

Just as I Am, Without One Plea

Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt;

fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

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 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

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

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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: Eternal God, you give us wisdom and guide our actions.

May the fruits of our actions in your name nourish others.

May the wisdom you give us help us to lead others to you

in Christ Jesus' name. We have received an abundance of

your graciousness and kindness. We ask that you accept

our offerings as we go into the world to do your mission in

servant-discipleship. We praise your name in all that we

accomplish. Amen.

GOING WITH THE WORD

***HYMN OF DEDICATION** Chalice Hymnal #673

Down by the Riverside

UNISON BENEDICTION

All: When we keep Jesus in the boat of life, we will

continue to be faithful, faith-filled, and filled with

God's peace and love. Amen.

EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES

POSTLUDE

Julie LaRocca

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