

ORDER OF VIRTUAL WORSHIP

August 1, 2021

10:00 A.M.

*Welcome to Worship at the virtual Ellington Congregational Church,
United Church of Christ. We're happy to have you with us this morning.*

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.*

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TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

WELCOME

GATHERING FOR THE WORD

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We have gathered to sing our alleluias.

All: **Glory be to God on high!**

One: All creation: sun, moon and stars sing alleluias.

All: **We will worship and praise God and appreciate
God's creation.**

Let us worship God!

Let the Whole Creation Cry

¹ *Let the whole creation cry, Alleluia!
 "Glory be to God on high!" Alleluia!
 Sun and moon, lift up your voice, Alleluia!
 Night and stars, in God rejoice, Alleluia!*

² *All who strive to serve the Lord, Alleluia!
 Prophets burning with God's word, Alleluia!
 Those to whom the arts belong, Alleluia!
 Add your voices to the song, Alleluia!*

³ *Men and women, young and old, Alleluia!
 Raise the anthem manifold; Alleluia!
 Join with children's songs of praise, Alleluia!
 Worship God through all your days, Alleluia!*

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UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Psalm 51:1-12 (CEB)

All:

51 Have mercy on me, God, according to your faithful love!

Wipe away my wrongdoings according to your great compassion!

**² Wash me completely clean of my guilt;
 purify me from my sin!**

**³ Because I know my wrongdoings,
 my sin is always right in front of me.**

⁴ I've sinned against you—you alone.

I've committed evil in your sight.

That's why you are justified when you render your verdict,

completely correct when you issue your judgment.

⁵ Yes, I was born in guilt, in sin,

from the moment my mother conceived me.

⁶ And yes, you want truth in the most hidden places;
you teach me wisdom in the most secret space.^[a]

⁷ Purify me with hyssop and I will be clean;
wash me and I will be whiter than snow.

⁸ Let me hear joy and celebration again;
let the bones you crushed rejoice once more.

⁹ Hide your face from my sins;
wipe away all my guilty deeds!

¹⁰ Create a clean heart for me, God;
put a new, faithful spirit deep inside me!

¹¹ Please don't throw me out of your presence;
please don't take your holy spirit away from me.

¹² Return the joy of your salvation to me
and sustain me with a willing spirit.

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Pastor: God was in Christ, reuniting the world, satisfying our hunger and thirst after righteousness. Jesus is the Bread of Life. All who approach God through Christ Jesus and humbly confess their sins will be filled with God's mercy and satisfied by God's graciousness. So taste and see how God cares for us. Know and believe the Good News of God's love. Amen.

GLORIA PATRI

Chalice Hymnal #35

*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 with-out end. A-men. A-men.*

ENGAGING THE WORD

ANTHEM (taken from *7 Wedding Dances* by Telemann)

Menuet and Loure

Recorder Quartet

Dennis and Anna Carroll ~ Robin Miller and Esther Pezzella

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE

2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a (NLT)

²⁶ When Uriah's wife heard that her husband was dead, she mourned for him. ²⁷ When the period of mourning was over, David sent for her and brought her to the palace, and she became one of his wives. Then she gave birth to a son. But the LORD was displeased with what David had done.

Nathan Rebukes David

12 So the LORD sent Nathan the prophet to tell David this story: "There were two men in a certain town. One was rich, and one was poor. ² The rich man owned a great many sheep and cattle. ³ The poor man owned nothing but one little lamb he had bought. He raised that little lamb, and it grew up with his children. It ate from the man's own plate and drank from his cup. He cuddled it in his arms like a baby daughter. ⁴ One day a guest arrived at the home of the rich man. But instead of killing an animal from his own flock or herd, he took the poor man's lamb and killed it and prepared it for his guest."

⁵ David was furious. “As surely as the LORD lives,” he vowed, “any man who would do such a thing deserves to die! ⁶ He must repay four lambs to the poor man for the one he stole and for having no pity.”

⁷ Then Nathan said to David, “You are that man! The LORD, the God of Israel, says: I anointed you king of Israel and saved you from the power of Saul. ⁸ I gave you your master’s house and his wives and the kingdoms of Israel and Judah. And if that had not been enough, I would have given you much, much more. ⁹ Why, then, have you despised the word of the LORD and done this horrible deed? For you have murdered Uriah the Hittite with the sword of the Ammonites and stolen his wife. ¹⁰ From this time on, your family will live by the sword because you have despised me by taking Uriah’s wife to be your own.

¹¹ “This is what the LORD says: Because of what you have done, I will cause your own household to rebel against you. I will give your wives to another man before your very eyes, and he will go to bed with them in public view. ¹² You did it secretly, but I will make this happen to you openly in the sight of all Israel.”

David Confesses His Guilt

¹³ Then David confessed to Nathan, “I have sinned against the LORD.”

Nathan replied, “Yes, but the LORD has forgiven you, and you won’t die for this sin.

²²⁻²⁴ The next day the crowd that was left behind realized that there had been only one boat, and that Jesus had not gotten into it with his disciples. They had seen them go off without him. By now boats from Tiberias had pulled up near where they had eaten the bread blessed by the Master. So when the crowd realized he was gone and wasn't coming back, they piled into the Tiberias boats and headed for Capernaum, looking for Jesus.

²⁵ When they found him back across the sea, they said, "Rabbi, when did you get here?"

²⁶ Jesus answered, "You've come looking for me not because you saw God in my actions but because I fed you, filled your stomachs—and for free.

The Bread of Life

²⁷ "Don't waste your energy striving for perishable food like that. Work for the food that sticks with you, food that nourishes your lasting life, food the Son of Man provides. He and what he does are guaranteed by God the Father to last."

²⁸ To that they said, "Well, what do we do then to get in on God's works?"

²⁹ Jesus said, "Sign on with the One that God has sent. That kind of a commitment gets you in on God's works."

³⁰⁻³¹ They waffled: "Why don't you give us a clue about who you are, just a hint of what's going on? When we see what's up, we'll commit ourselves. Show us what you can do. Moses fed

our ancestors with bread in the desert. It says so in the Scriptures: ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’”

³²⁻³³ Jesus responded, “The real significance of that Scripture is not that Moses gave you bread from heaven but that my Father is right now offering you bread from heaven, the *real* bread. The Bread of God came down out of heaven and is giving life to the world.”

³⁴ They jumped at that: “Master, give us this bread, now and forever!”

³⁵⁻³⁸ Jesus said, “I am the Bread of Life. The person who aligns with me hungers no more and thirsts no more, ever. I have told you this explicitly because even though you have seen me in action, you don’t really believe me. Every person the Father gives me eventually comes running to me. And once that person is with me, I hold on and don’t let go. I came down from heaven not to follow my own agenda but to accomplish the will of the One who sent me.

MESSAGE

Rev. Joanne Myer

“A Different Perspective”

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

Chalice Hymnal #590

Come By Here

⁴ Someone’s praying, Lord, come by here!

Someone’s praying, Lord, come by here!

Someone’s praying, Lord, come by here!

O Lord, come by here!

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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.

VIRTUAL OFFERING

Sentence

Offertory

Fedak

The Kingsfold Trumpet

DOXOLOGY

Chalice Hymnal #46

*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. A-men.*

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

ALL: Loving God, source of all goodness, what can we give that has not already been given to us? We understand that no gift of ours can repay Christ Jesus' gift of unconditional, everlasting love. We offer ourselves, with thanksgiving for new life in the Spirit and place before you what we have in response to your love. We ask that you use us in ways that fulfill your plan for creation and bless what we give so that others may learn of your loving and fulfilling ways. We pray this in Christ Jesus' name. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

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

All are invited to prepare communion elements in their home (loaf of bread, dinner roll, croissant, slice of bread, etc., and glass of orange or grape juice, wine or water, etc.).

COMMUNION HYMN

Chalice Hymnal #392

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

*¹ Draw us in the Spirit's tether, for when humbly in your name,
two or three are met together, you are in the midst of them;
Al-le-lu-ya! Al-le-lu-ya! Touch we now your garment's hem.*

*² As disciples used to gather in the name of Christ to sup, then
with thanks to God the giver break the bread and bless the cup,
Al-le-lu-ya, Al-le-lu-ya, so now bind our friendship up.*

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INVITATION

Chalice Hymnal #388

Remember Me

ALL:

*Upon the loaf and upon the cup of the Lord, in letters which
speak not to the eye, but to the heart of every disciple, is
inscribed, "When this you see, remember me." Indeed, the Lord
says to each disciple, when he receives the symbols into his
hand, "This is my body broken for you." The loaf is thus*

constituted a representation of his body – first whole, then wounded for our sins. The cup is thus instituted a representation of his blood – once his life, but now poured out to cleanse us from our sins.

Alexander Campbell, 19th-century Disciples forebear // CCLI #1326969

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF THE SACRED MEAL

UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

All: Eternal God of Love, we thank you for uniting us by baptism into the body of Christ and by this meal filling us with joy and hope. Grant that in the days ahead our lips that have sung your praises may speak the truth. Grant that in the days ahead our eyes which have seen your love may look with compassion on the needs of the world. Grant that the days ahead our hands which have held this loaf and cup may be active in your service. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Christ. Amen.

GOING WITH THE WORD

HYMN OF DEDICATION

Insert

As The Deer

¹ *As the deer panteth for the water
So my soul longeth after Thee
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship Thee.*

Chorus

*You alone are my strength my shield
To You alone may my spirit yield
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship Thee*

² *You're my friend and You are my brother
Even though You are a King
I love You more than any other
So much more than anything*

³ *I want You more than gold or silver
Only You can satisfy
You alone are the real joygiver
And the apple of my eye*

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RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION

adapted from *As The Deer*

One: We go out into the world refreshed by God's
unconditional love for us.

All: **God is our heart's desire; our strength and shield.**

One: We go out into the world satisfied and filled with joy.

All: **God is our heart's desire; our strength and shield.**
**We will do God's work as stewards of God's love and
disciples of God's Good News. Amen.**

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Chalice Hymnal #434

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

¹ *God be with you till we meet a-gain;
lov-ing coun-sels guide, up-hold you,
with a shep-herd's care en-fold you:
God be with you till we meet a-gain.*

