

ORDER OF WORSHIP

May 31, 2026

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



TRINITY SUNDAY FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*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**

One: Return to the Lord your God,

All: for God is Gracious.

One: Confess to the Lord your God,

All: for God is merciful.

One: Repent to the Lord your God,

All: for God is slow to anger.

One: Praise the Lord your God,

All: for God abounds in steadfast love.

One: Worship the Lord your God.

**We are blessed to worship God with thanksgiving and
joy!**

***THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

***OPENING HYMN**

Chalice Hymnal #543

Blessed Assurance

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most merciful God, whose Son Jesus Christ was tempted in every way, yet without sin, we confess before you that we have sinned; we have hungered after that which does not satisfy; we have compromised with evil; we have doubted your power to protect us. Forgive our lack of faith, have mercy on our weakness. Restore in us such love and trust that we may walk in your ways and delight in doing your will.

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ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Pastor: The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him.

***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

Julie LaRocca

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Lee Carman

(Children will accompany Lee Carman and teachers for Church School.)

NEW TESTAMENT GOSPEL LESSON

Large Print Pew Bible NT p. #238

I John 1:1-2:11

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MESSAGE

Irene Mosher

"Now What!"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

Silently now I wait for Thee,
Ready, my God, thy will to see;
Open mine eyes, illumine me,
Spirit Divine!

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

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*

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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: Bountiful God, all that we offer stems from your generosity. May the gifts that we return to you become a blessing for your whole community, enriching and empower us for the work to which you call us.

GOING WITH THE WORD

***HYMN OF DEDICATION** Chalice Hymnal #560

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

UNISON BENEDICTION (seated)

Where ever our life may lead may we

Walk in boldness as beloved children of God

Walk in peace under the shelter of the most high

And walk in faith knowing Christ walks with us.

THE EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES

POSTLUDE

Julie LaRocca

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† Please feel free to change wording referring to God to whatever language supports your faith.



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