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A United Church of Christ
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Father's Day
Third Sunday after Pentecost
"No matter who you are, or where you are on life's
journey, YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!!

June 18, 2023

10:00 a.m.

Welcome on behalf of our pastoral staff
Rev. Joseph E. Mills, III, Pastor 708/562-0759
Lawrence Underwood, Music Director
Joyce Kelstrom, Bell Choir Director
Pastor Vinod Wesley, Chicago Tamil Church Pastor

Altar Flowers: Bender Birthday Wish
Liturgist: Bill McCarthy
Ushers: Greg Blomberg and Sue Becerra
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(If you have a prayer request you'd like to share with us,
go to CHAT on your Zoom page and type it in
so we can share it with others)

****ALSO REMEMBER TO MUTE YOUR ZOOM**
SCREEN SO WE CAN HEAR THE PASTOR
UNLESS IT'S A TIME TO SHARE

WORSHIP SERVICE

*"If there is any immortality to be had among us human beings,
it is certainly only in the love that we leave behind.
Fathers like mine don't ever die." Leo Buscaglia*

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING ANNOUNCEMENTS

*THAT WE WOULD BE THE CHURCH

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"As a Fire is Meant for Burning"

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Bill McCarthy

Leader: It is because God so loves the world that God
sent Jesus to us.

**People: And Jesus has breathed Spirit and Truth upon
us. That Spirit and Truth is to make possible
that we can do God's work without being God.**

Leader: We do not have to do everything.
We do not have to be everything.

**People: We are called to be true to God and true to one
another. We are called to be authentic to our
call and willing to teach one another the best of
what we know and what we do.**

**ALL: MAY WE BE THAT KIND OF DISCIPLE,
FOLLOWING JESUS WITH ALL OF OUR HEARTS AND
STRENGTH AND MINDS. MAY WE BE THAT KIND OF
CHURCH, BRINGING OTHERS TO GOD AND HELPING
OTHERS DISCOVER THEIR SACRED CALLS!!**

A Reading from God's Holy Word

Bill McCarthy

From the Gospel: Matthew 9:35-10:23

p. 8, NT, Pew Bible

p. 11, NT, Large Print

*A GLORIA PATRI

#734

*"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."*

PRESENTATION OF THE CORNERSTONE AWARD

(This award is seldom given; it is in recognition
of years of faithful and above and beyond service
to our church and our community)

WE PRAY TO THE LORD

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“Seek Ye First”

A SACRED MOMENT FOR FATHER’S DAY

PASTORAL PRAYER

Pastor Mills

THE LORDS PRAYER (Please Use Debts/Debtors)

THE MORNING OFFERING

**(THOSE AT HOME, PLEASE SEND IN GIFTS BY CHECK
OR USE OUR ON-LINE GIVING)**

*THE DOXOLOGY

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*“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.”*

*A PRAYER OF DEDICATION (In Unison)

**May our gifts work together to create a harvest of
goodness and healing for our own congregation and for the
people around us. With thankfulness to You and prayers that
we will always use our gifts to help bring to reality Your
Kingdom on earth, we give them in Christ Jesus’ Name.
Amen.**

THE MEDITATION

“Sharing Discipleship and Growing in Faith”

*THAT WE WILL FOLLOW HIM FAITHFULLY

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“Community of Christ”

THE COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION

Pastor Mills

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There will be a Coffee Hour following worship to honor the Cornerstone Award Recipient.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

TODAY	Coffee Hour following Worship Noon—Chicago Tamil Worship
ALL WEEK	Westchester Park District Day Camp
MONDAY	
TUESDAY	
WEDNESDAY	Bible Study on Zoom Pastor at special Elmhurst College gathering
THURSDAY	Ecclesiastical Council for Rose Norris Mont Clare UCC
FRIDAY	Pastor Mills at burial –Noon offsite
SATURDAY	Pastor doing baptism here 10 a.m. Non-member Communion party
NEXT SUNDAY	10:00 a.m. Worship Noon - Chicago Tamil Worship

Conboy Funeral Home will be holding their **Senior Baseball Outing** on Sunday, July 23 Schaumburg Boomers vs. Trois-Rivieres Aigles at Schaumburg Boomers Stadium. Included Free bus transportation, free admission tickets to the game, free lunch with soft drinks served. Boarding will begin at 11 am return to funeral home approx 5 pm. Sign up By July 3rd, call Conboy-Westchester Funeral Home 708/562-5900.

This month we are collecting for Strengthen The Church Offering. Through the Strengthen the Church Offering we fund initiatives for leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and innovation in existing congregations. Learn more at ucc.org/stc Please use the enclosed envelopes or just write STC on your regular offering envelopes.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

PEOPLE AT THEIR HOMES: Diane Ollie-Coleman, Lou Bender, Walt Suva, Mary Linville, John Micah, Shirley Patton, Emil Poprawski (and we remember his beloved Pris), Carol Hoppe, Pastor Bob Hempel, Elaine Dildine, Dick Dolnics, Carol Tibbie, Marilyn Sinde, Ed Monahan, Scott & Sharon Marczuk, Delores Patak, Aldona Kitt, Jerry Volkmar, Judy Frandsen, Gary Locigno, Kim Powers, Don Smith, Mark Henning, Carin Lucas, Lil Suva, Serena Ivers & Chris, Elayne Dalheim, Milton and Patricia Ladner, Michael Kelstrom, Raymond and Patrick McCarthy

FRIENDS IN PRAYERS: Vi and Richard Allen, Barb Anthony, Sharen Barile, Andee Brown, Lindsey Bzdyl, Evaleen Catrambone, Jim Craver, Dolores Donnelly, Pam Ensley, Denise Faikus, Lefirm Ellis, Ed Flowers, Bob Fridrych, Herman Goodloe, Addy Grande, Nancy Guerra, Donna Hansen, Kerry Ann, Kylie Grayson, Karen Hekr, Aimee Hudson, Miranda Johnson, Yolanda Keith, Betsy LeClerc, Martha Legging, Bill Lietzow, LeAnn Lipman, Lynn & Art, Sandy Matilus, Greg Moore, Amy Morlier, Patrick Mueller, Rich Panesh, Pat brother-in-law to Betty Ann Richeson, Brenda Phillips, Diana & Larry Ridener, Jake Roger, Scott Rouse, Jeff Schroeder, Heather Steanrod, Addilen Tibbie, Anthony Taylor, Luella Terry, Patricia Traylor, Ron Tulke, Lawrence Underwood Sr., Elmer Weil, Gloria Williams, Carol Wischhover, Monica Wojdziak, David Yondorf, Mary Lou Zellman

OUR MILITARY: Samantha Brown (overseas), Tyler Kimbler (Ft. Bragg, NC), Jay & Bri Mills (Ft. Bliss, Texas), Malik Taylor—Norfolk, VA, Anthony Taylor—Ft. Hood, TX; Nick Weeks—Peace Corp. South Africa

ON THE ROAD TO ORDINATION (From our Cluster 4): Rose Norris (Mont Clare UCC).

HOSPITALIZED/Long-Term: Marylu Mills (Pastor Joe's mom) - in hospice at Hearthside Manor, Tacoma, WA; Lil Klippel - The Radcliffe 410 Irving Park Road, Wood Dale, IL 60191 Room 418; Allan Pegues —Symphony Chicago; Steve Tomporowski - Wisconsin; Rosemarie Kosik (at Terra Vista, 1635 Ardmore, Oakbrook Terrace, 60181)

WE GRIEVE WITH: The friends and family of Carolyn Siska, service will be here at WCC on Saturday, details will follow.

BIRTHDAYS THRU 06/25:

06/18 Matthew Marczuk

06/19 James Marczuk

06/21 Ryan Sweazey, Mark Vrablic

06/22 Olivia Markey

06/23 Sally France,

06/25 Shawna Torres

ANNIVERSARIES THRU 06/25:

06/25 Dewayne & Vicky Rowe, 18 years

Congratulations to Jim Craver who was inducted by the Moraine Valley Alumni Hall of Fame, as the 2023 Distinguished Alumnus Award, he graduated from Moraine Valley with an associate degree in restaurant/hotel management. He is general manager of Homewood Suites by Hilton Chicago—Downtown, which does approximately \$15 million in annual revenue. Over his 20 year career in the hospitality industry he has earned many industry awards. Please congratulate Jim.

An Ecclesiastical Council for Rose Norris will be held this week on Thursday, June 22, at the Mont Clare UCC church in Chicago. Pastor Mills will be going. If you are interested in going, see Pastor Joe following worship.

We celebrate with our sister churches Mary Mother of Grace Divine Parishes in the 25th Anniversary of the Ordination of their pastor, **Father Neil E. Fackler**. (from Pastor Joe—I would love if you sign the card in the narthex that we can send to him in recognition of his ordination)!! We also learned that Father Jerry Joyce will formally retire soon after many wonderful years as a priest here in town. Again, a card is in the narthex for him!!

I would like to thank the ladies who attended the Tower Hill weekend. Hope you all enjoyed yourselves. “Relax & Breathe” was the theme. I hope you all did that. Also thank you for the tea and beautiful mugs you gave me, I will use them when I sit and drink my tea and think of the good times we have had together.

As a Fire Is Meant for Burning 551

Unison

1 As a fire is meant for burn - ing with a bright and warm - ing flame,
 2 We are learn - ers; we are teach - ers; we are pil - grims on the way.
 3 As a green bud in the spring - time is a sign of life re - newed,

so the church is meant for mis - sion, giv - ing glo - ry to God's name.
 We are seek - ers; we are giv - ers; we are ves - sels made of clay.
 so may we be signs of one - ness 'mid earth's peo - ples, man - y - hued.

Not to preach our creeds or cus - toms, but to build a bridge of care,
 By our gen - tle, lov - ing ac - tions, we would show that Christ is light.
 As a rain - bow lights the heav - ens when a storm is past and gone,

we join hands a - cross the na - tions, find - ing neigh - bors ev - ery - where.
 In a hum - ble, lis - tening spir - it, we would live to God's de - light.
 may our lives re - flect the ra - diance of God's new and glo - rious dawn.

WORDS: Ruth Duck (1947-)

MUSIC: Attr. B. F. White (1800-1879), *The Sacred Harp*, 1844; arr. Jack Schrader (1942-)

BEACH SPRING

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Seek Ye First

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Descant

Al - le - lu - ia, al -

D F#m G D G

1 Seek ye first the king - dom of God and its
2 Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you, seek and

le - lu - ia, al - le -

D G/D D Em7 A7 D F#m

right - eous - ness, and all these things shall be
ye shall find, knock, and the door shall be

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

G D G D/A G/A D/A Em7/G A7 D

add - ed un - to you; Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!
o - pened un - to you; Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

WORDS and MUSIC: Karen Lafferty (1948-); para. Matthew 6:33, 7:7

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Community of Christ

1 Com - mu - ni - ty of Christ, who make the cross your own,
 2 Com - mu - ni - ty of Christ, look past the church - 's door
 3 Com - mu - ni - ty of Christ, through whom the word must sound—
 4 When men - ace melts a - way, so shall God's will be done,

live out your creed and risk your life for God a - lone:
 and see the ref - u - gee, the hun - gry, and the poor.
 cry out for jus - tice and for peace the whole world round:
 the cli - mate of the world be peace and Christ its sun;

the God who wears your face, to whom all worlds be - long,
 Take hands with the op - pressed, the job - less in your street,
 dis - arm the powers that war and all that can de - stroy,
 our cur - ren - cy be love and kind - li - ness our law,

whose chil - dren are of ev - ery race and ev - ery song.
 take towel and wa - ter, that you wash your neigh - bor's feet.
 turn bombs to bread, and tears of an - guish in - to joy.
 our food and faith be shared as one for ev - er - more.

WORDS: Shirley Erena Murray (1931 -)
 MUSIC: Hebrew melody; arr. Meyer Lyon (1751-1797)

LEONI
 6.6.8.4.D.

**WCC - Financial Reporting - Four Months Ending April 30, 2023
(Pre-Audit Results)**

	<u>Actual April 2023</u>	<u>Approved Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
INCOME			
<u>Account</u>			
Operating Income/Pledges	49,192		
Loose Plate	591		
Sub-Total Oper. Income	49,783		
Facility Donations	20,345		
Total Operating Income	70,128		
Total Budgeted Oper. Exps	93,831	102,696	(8,865)
Operating Gifts	5,000		
Operating Results	(18,703)		

Four Months Year-to-Date Results:

Operating Income: 70,128

Budgeted Operating Expenses: 93,831

Results:

Expenses over Income after operating gift was (18,703)

Thank you for your continued support to sustain our church operations and missions supporting our surrounding communities and the wider world.

ON-LINE GIVING NOW AVAILABLE!!

WCC introduces a new electronic option for making your offerings to the church.

We are utilizing VANCO Financial Solutions to safely and securely make your offering. Your gift will be automatically debited from your checking/savings account or processed using your debit/credit card.

Vanco Online Giving allows:

1. Anytime and anywhere giving, conveniently and securely.
2. No need to write out physical checks or prepare envelopes
3. Schedule for and manage recurring offerings.
4. View your complete online-giving history.

You can access Vanco by using our website

www.westchesterucc.org and click on the E Giving tab - or - scan the QR Code on your smart phone



If you need any help please see Sue Becerra or Carolyn Savage or call the church office.



Acknowledging Holy Ground

The Strengthen the Church Offering supports the work of our conference and the national United Church of Christ to become a multi-racial/multi-cultural church, accessible to all. The offering funds leadership development, youth and young adult ministries, and new and renewing congregations.

What does it mean for us to become a multi-racial/multi-cultural church? United Church Camps, Inc., an outdoor ministry related to the Wisconsin Conference UCC, took this question to heart. It renamed its oldest outdoor ministry site as the Daycholah Center, incorporating the Ho-Chunk name for Green Lake, chosen to honor the Ho-Chunk people who were the original keepers of this land.

The process began at the 2019 annual meeting of the Wisconsin Conference UCC. The conference adopted a resolution repudiating the Doctrine of Discovery. The Doctrine was used to justify the seizure of land from indigenous people. Conversation between Ho-Chunk UCC members and

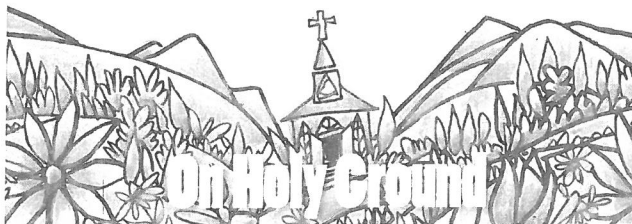
Outdoor ministry leadership identified that a retreat center with "Pilgrim" in it could be offensive and a barrier to living out the camp mission.

The Alliance for Justice, a justice initiative started from the Ho-Chunk UCC in Black River Falls with funding from the national UCC, facilitated a process of deep spiritual work. The multi-year process offered UCCI the gift of a name: Daycholah Center.

People gathered to rededicate the center on Indigenous Peoples' Day, Oct. 11. There were speakers, a fire circle and a shared meal. Karena Thundercloud, vice president of the Ho-Chunk Nation, captured the essence of the day and of Outdoor Ministry when she asked us to "think about the life of this lake, (how it) brought us together, and will continue to connect us in our greatest identity as a community."

The compassionate and generous spirit of the Ho-Chunk people filled the air. They gave us gifts of blankets and star quilts, leather pouches containing passages of Scripture on small scrolls, fragrant cedar pouches and a hand-carved walking stick. They performed traditional smudging and presented UCCI with a Ho-Chunk Nation flag that will fly over Daycholah's welcome center.

**Through the Strengthen the Church Offering,
we help support the work of conferences and the
national setting as we become a multi-racial/
multi-cultural church.**



June 18, 2023

Genesis 18:1-15, (21:1-7)

Sarah Laughed

Father's Day

It is not an official church holiday, but many churches today will celebrate Father's Day. In today's scripture story, Sarah is surprised into laughter to find out that she will be a parent. On this Father's Day, recognizing that family is sometimes a source of pain and rejection as well as a haven of joy and acceptance, we give thanks for the many kinds of families that God has blessed. As you say each line of this prayer, silently or aloud, give yourself plenty of time for reflection.

How are these thanksgivings true for you?

How have they or have they not been realized?

What kind of family has God called you into? Consider this question as broadly as possible.

Dear God,

We thank you for our birth family, the family we are linked to by blood. Some of us are very close to our birth family. Perhaps this family is always on our hearts, or even sitting together this very day in this very place. Some of us are far, far away from our birth family, separated by distance or misunderstanding or time or even violence. Whatever our proximity, today we remember that it is our blood family that brought us forth, and we give thanks that we are here.

We thank you for our faith family, for the generations that stretch back further than we can see, even when we stand on tiptoe, peering into the past. We thank you especially for our parents Abraham and Sarah. We thank you that their curiosity, their faith in You, their willingness to follow Your call and their capacity for joy in moments of surprise.

We thank you for the families we have chosen. Those families we have made through law and covenant, families of lovers and friends, families of children and companions. And at the same time, we thank you for the families who have chosen us, drawn us into circles of sweet understanding and easy companionship, taught us to love and to live.

We give thanks for all the families that bring us to laughter, and all the families that we have called home.

In Your holy name we pray, Amen.



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