

A vibrant bouquet of flowers in a wire basket against a clear blue sky. The bouquet includes white daisies, yellow daisies, purple flowers, red tulips, and yellow and red chrysanthemums. The text "Daring Discipleship" is overlaid in white, bold, sans-serif font. A white outline of a flower is also visible in the background.

**Daring  
Discipleship**

**WESTCHESTER COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
**A United Church of Christ**  
**(708) 865-1282**

**Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**“No matter who you are, or where you are on life’s**  
**journey, YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!!**

**June 25, 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: The Linville’s in memory of Howie**

**Liturgist: Elaine Hempel**

**Ushers: Carol Hoppe and Elaine Hempel**

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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 you have not chosen the Kingdom of God first, it will in the end make no difference what you have chosen instead"***

***- William Law***

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS  
OPENING ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*IN HIM THERE IS NOTHING TO FEAR

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***"Be Not Afraid"***

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Elaine Hempel

Leader: We choose to not live in fear.

People: **That is how too many in the world live, they worry about almost everything, and manufacture fear where there is little or nothing.**

Leader: We choose to live with and for the Lord.

People: **With God, even the greatest challenges can be faced. Through Jesus, there is nothing ultimately of which to be afraid.**

**ALL: WE CHOOSE TO LIVE IN TRUST AND IN FAITH.  
COME, HOLY SPIRIT. COME AND BREATHE  
COMMITMENT AND JOY AND NEW LIFE  
INTO US!!**

A Reading from God's Holy Word

Elaine Hempel

**From the Gospel: Matthew 10:24-39**

p. 8, NT, Pew Bible  
p. 12, 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."***

WE PRAY TO THE LORD

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*“Rain Down”*

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)

**Think about one person, touched by our ministry. Think about how their life changes for the good. They can breathe relief, they can find solace and peace. That is what our gifts can and will do, as we give them with purpose. We raise this offering up to You, Lord, trusting You to give us wisdom and the vision to do what will change lives and help bring Your work to fruition, through Jesus' Name. Amen.**

THE MEDITATION

*“Moving Beyond Fear to Faith”*

\*WE TRUST THE LORD

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*“Like a River Glorious”*

THE COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION

Pastor Mills

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**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](http://ucc.org/stc) Please give generously**

CALENDAR

TODAY	Worship 10 am Noon—Chicago Tamil Worship
ALL WEEK	Westchester Park District Day Camp
MONDAY	
TUESDAY	
WEDNESDAY	No Bible Study this week
THURSDAY	
FRIDAY	
SATURDAY	
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 Eagles 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.

**Our Community will celebrate the 4th of July on Tuesday the 4th with a Parade beginning at 9:30 a.m. on Mayfair/ Dorchester as in previous years, ending at our church.**

**Thank you to all that helped make the April Craft Sale a success. We raised over \$3,000. As always, our congregation was there to make this event a huge success!! Helga, Lou, Nancy, Barb, ... the list goes on and on.**

**Thank you to everyone for all your kind words, thoughts and prayers during a difficult time in my life. My mom taught me so many things, I will hold tight to the memories we shared. Blessings to you all, Barb Mills**

**PRAYER REQUESTS:**

**PEOPLE AT THEIR HOMES:** Diane Ollie-Coleman, Arlene Ivers, Lou Bender, Mary Linville, John Micah, Shirley Patton, Emil Poprawski (and we remember spouse 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, Serena Ivers & Chris, Elayne Dalheim, Milton and Patricia Ladner, Michael Kelstrom, Raymond and Patrick McCarthy

**FRIENDS IN PRAYERS:** Vi and Richard Allen, Barb Anthony, Robert Baker, 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

**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

**HOSPITALIZED/Long-Term:** Mary Lou Zellman—Elmhurst; Marylu Mills (Pastor Joe's mom) - in hospice at Hearthside Manor, Tacoma, WA; Lil Klippel - The Radcliffe ; Allan Pegues—Symphony Chicago; Steve Tomporowski - Wisconsin; Rosemarie Kosik Terra Vista, Walt and Lil Suva—Good Sam

**WE GRIEVE WITH:** The Woltman family in the death of Howard's son, **Dick Woltman**; with the **Siska family** in the death of long-time member **Carolyn Siska**, and with the **Botka family** in the death of **Ward McClary**.

**ON THE ROAD TO ORDINATION (From our Cluster 4):** Congratulations to Rose Norris from Mont Clare UCC, who was approved this last Thursday for ordination!!

**BIRTHDAYS THRU 07/02:**

**06/25 Shawna Torres**

**06/26 Rafael Ruiz,**

**06/27 Paul Ruiz, Chuck Yeiser**

**06/28 Lori Bender, Melanie Miller, Theresa McCarthy**

**06/29 Richard Dolnics**

**06/30 Sean Stanger, Mary Linville**

**ANNIVERSARIES THRU 07/02:**

**06/25 Dewayne & Vicky Rowe, 18 years**

**07/01 Wayne & Lea Miller, 52 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.

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. Love & God Bless You, Lou

## Be Not Afraid

## Verse 1:

G Gsus G Gsus G Gsus

1 You shall cross the bar-ren des-ert, but you shall not die of

G D/F# C Csus2 C C/B Am Am/G

thirst. You shall wan-der far in safe-ty though you do not know the

D/F# G B7 Em Am C F

way. You shall speak your words in for-eign lands and all will un-der-

D G Em A A7 D D7

stand. You shall see the face of God and live.

## Refrain

G Gsus G D Am7 D G6 C G/B

Be not a-fraid. I go be-fore you al-ways. Come, fol-low

Bm Em Am D G Gsus G Gsus G C/G G

me, and I will give you rest.



## Verse 2:

G Gsus G Gsus G Gsus

2 If you pass through rag - ing wa - ters in the sea, you shall not

G D/F# C Csus2 C C/B Am Am/G

drown. If you walk a - mid the burn - ing flames, you shall not be

D/F# G B7 Em Am C F

harmed. If you stand be - fore the power of hell and death is at your

D G Em Am Am/G D D7 to Refrain

side, know that I am with you through it all.

## Verse 3:

G Gsus G Gsus G Gsus G D/F#

3 Bless - ed are your poor, for the king - dom shall be theirs.

C Csus2 C C/B Am Am/G D/F#

Blest are you that weep and mourn, for one day you shall laugh.

G B7 Em Am C F

And if wick - ed tongues in - sult and hate you all be - cause of

D G Em Am Am/G D D7 to Refrain

# Rain Down

*Refrain (Unison)*

F A7 G/B A7 Dm F7 Eb/G F7/A

Rain down, rain down,

Bb F/A Gm7 C7 Gm7/D C7/E

rain down your love on your peo - ple.

F A7 Dm F7 Eb/G F7/A

Rain down, rain down,

Bb Am7 Gm7 Gm/C Am/C Gm/C Bb/F F

rain down your love, God of life.

F A7 Dm F7 Eb/G F7/A

1 Faith - ful and true is the word of our God.  
 2 We who re - vere and find hope in our God  
 3 God of cre - a - tion, we long for your truth;

Bb F/A G7 C7 Bb/D C7/E

All of God's works are so wor - thy of trust.  
 live in the kind - ness and joy of God's wing.  
 you are the wa - ter of life for our thirst.

F A7 Dm F7

God's mer - cy falls on the just and the right;  
 God will pro - tect us from dark - ness and death;  
 Grant that your love and your peace touch our hearts,

*to Refrain*  
 Bb Gm7 Gm/C Am/C Gm/C F C Bb/D C7/E

full of God's love is the earth.  
 God will not leave us to starve.  
 all of our hope lies in you.

## Like a River Glorious

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1 Like a riv - er glo - rious is God's per - fect peace, o - ver all vic -  
 2 Hid - den in the hol - low of his bless - ed hand, nev - er foe can  
 3 Ev - ery joy or tri - al fall - eth from a - bove, traced up - on our

to - rious in its bright in - crease: per - fect, yet it flow - eth full - er  
 fol - low, nev - er trai - tor stand; not a surge of wor - ry, not a  
 di - al by the Sun of Love; we may trust him ful - ly all for

ev - ery day, per - fect, yet it grow - eth deep - er all the way.  
 shade of care, not a blast of hur - ry touch the spir - it there.  
 us to do; they who trust him whol - ly find him whol - ly true.

*Refrain*

Stayed up - on Je - ho - vah, hearts are ful - ly blest,

find - ing, as he prom - ised, per - fect peace and rest.

WORDS: Frances R. Havergal (1836-1879)  
 MUSIC: James Mountain (1844-1933)

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

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

**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.**

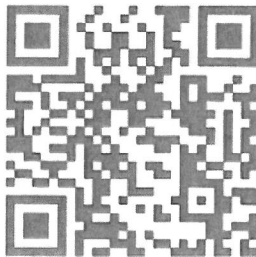
We are utilizing VANCO Financial Solutions to safely and securely make your offering. Your gift will be automatically debited from your checking/savings account or processed using your debit/credit card.

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](http://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.

June 25, 2023

Matthew 10:24-39

## Daring Discipleship

### Open and Affirming Sunday

*[Jesus said:] What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops.*

On this Open and Affirming Sunday, you are invited to take a moment to give thanks in your prayers for the life and ministry of the Rev. Anne Holmes. In April 1982, the Rev. Anne Holmes was ordained at her home church, Emmaus UCC in Vienna, Virginia. Rev. Holmes was the first open lesbian to be ordained in the United Church of Christ.

At the time, forty-one years ago, her ordination made national news. *The Washington Post* wrote a long story\* about Rev. Holmes, who was ordained into a chaplaincy role. The paper reported,

“In the statement of the spiritual journey that brought her to seek ordination – a personal and theological biography required of all candidates – Holmes dealt forthrightly with the homosexuality issue: How she had become aware of her sexual orientation as a college student in Tennessee, her struggles with self-hatred, how she rebelled against the advice to keep her lesbian orientation a secret because that would contradict ‘the openness with which we are called to live our lives’, she said.”

The article ends with Rev. Holmes musing that although she would like to serve a church, she did not think it would be possible for her as an out lesbian. The United Church of Christ has come a long way in the past four decades. It no longer makes the news when a gay or lesbian person is ordained. That is why today, on this Open and Affirming Sunday, we give thanks for Rev. Holmes and her pioneering courage and faith. As Jesus said in today’s scripture, what was once whispered in secret will in these days be made public and proud. Thanks be to God!

To learn more about the pioneers of the Open and Affirming movement, visit: <https://openandaffirming.org/about/history/>.

\*Hyer, Marjorie. “United Church of Christ Will Ordain a Lesbian to Ministry on Sunday.” *The Washington Post*, WP Company, 24 Apr. 1982, <https://www.washingtonpost.com/archive/local/1982/04/24/united-church-of-christ-will-ordain-a-lesbian-to-ministry-on-sunday/df39bcc0-4032-4026-89ee-19042bc27280/>.



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