

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

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

September 17, 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:

Liturgist: Noreen Love

Ushers: Marge Nelson and Sandy Tavernier

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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**

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.
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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.

A Charge to Keep I Have 588

1 A charge to keep I have, a God to glo - ri - fy, a
 2 To serve the pres - ent age, my call - ing to ful - fill, O
 3 Arm me with watch - ful care as in thy sight to live, and
 4 Help me to watch and pray, and still on thee re - ly, O

nev - er - dy - ing soul to save, and fit it for the sky.
 may it all my powers en - gage to do my Mas - ter's will!
 now thy serv - ant, Lord, pre - pare a strict ac - count to give!
 let me not my trust be - tray, but press to realms on high.

WORDS: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)
 MUSIC: Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

BOYLSTON
 CHURCH

Dish Cloth Sale Lil Suva has crochet 100 dish clothes of face washing clothes that Barb Mills is selling for \$3 each or 4 for \$10. There are a variety of colors to choose from to match your kitchen or bathroom. The sale of cloths will go to the air conditioning fund. See Barb at church or call her at 708.562.0759

Crafters meet on Monday mornings from 9am—11am If you have any craft ideas make sure to pass them along to Barb Mills or if you would like to help make some crafts, please join us in the south basement.

Scrapbooking in Field Fellowship Hall on Thursday, Sept 21st and Friday, Sept 22nd from 9am—9om and Saturday, Sept 23rd from 9am - 11pm. Come all three days or one or two days. Bring a donation for the crafters and your lunch. We go out for dinner. Bring your pictures and scrapbooking supplies. We have a cricket machine, punches, and cutters that are available for your use. Let Barb Mills know if you are coming by Tuesday, Sept. 19th

WORSHIP SERVICE

"To love means loving the unlovable. To forgive means pardoning the unpardonable. Faith means believing the unbelievable. Hope means hoping when everything seems hopeless."

— G.K. Chesterton

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
 OPENING ANNOUNCEMENTS

*TRANSFORM US AND OUR CHURCH #580
"We Are Called to Be God's People"

*CALL TO WORSHIP Noreen Love

Leader: All of us want a fair shake and our fair share,
People: But the Lord wants something beyond fairness. God wants of us justice tinged with mercy and love filled with compassion.

Leader: And we want to be part of this world, one that lives beyond human expectation.

People: We want to be part of God's Reign, one that brings hope to the hopeless and joy to those who are broken.

Leader: With Spirit from above and the Divine Spark You breathe from within, cause transformation in our spirits and in our ways.

ALL: AND MAY THE CALL TO BE FAITHFUL BE OUR CALL, AND OUR WITNESS BE FAITHFUL AND JOYFUL. AMEN.

A Reading from God's Holy Word Noreen Love

From the Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

p. 17, NT, Pew Bible
 p. 26, 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

#357

"Knowing You"

PASTORAL PRAYER

Pastor Mills

THE LORDS PRAYER (Please Use Debts/Debtors)

THE MORNING OFFERING

AN OFFERTORY

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

*THE DOXOLOGY

#34

*"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) Noreen Love

If we knew everyone we helped because of these gifts, we would discover people we deeply love and others we may not easily love. But Your Love is not about what we like, but what You want of us. May our gifts go toward what You want and need of us. Amen.

THE MEDITATION

"There's Right and then There's God..."

*RENEW US FOR FAITHFUL MINISTRY

#588

"A Charge to Keep I Have"

THE COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION

Pastor Mills

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Please come and join us for **Coffee Hour** immediately following service hosted by the Christian Education Board! Hope to see you there!

There will be a **Music Board** meeting today after service.

Celebration of Life Service for Richard Dolnics at WCC on Saturday, October 14th at 11:00 am preceded by visitation at 10:00am.

NEW LIFE IN CHRIST

Refrain F C F G C Am G

Know-ing you, Je - sus, know-ing you, there is no great - er

Detailed description: This system shows the first line of music. The treble clef staff has a melody with notes G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. The bass clef staff has a bass line with notes F3, C3, G2, F2, G2, A2, B2, C3. Chords are indicated above the treble staff: F, C, F, G, C, Am, G.

F C/E F/A

thing. You're my all, you're the best, you're my

Detailed description: This system shows the second line of music. The treble clef staff has a melody with notes G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. The bass clef staff has a bass line with notes F3, C3, G2, F2, G2, A2, B2, C3. Chords are indicated above the treble staff: F, C/E, F/A.

C/G F G/F C2/E C/E F2/A

joy, my right - eous - ness, and I love you, Lord.

Detailed description: This system shows the third line of music. The treble clef staff has a melody with notes G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. The bass clef staff has a bass line with notes F3, C3, G2, F2, G2, A2, B2, C3. Chords are indicated above the treble staff: C/G, F, G/F, C2/E, C/E, F2/A.

1, 2 3

C/G G C/G F/G C

2 Now my
3 Oh, to
I love you, Lord.

Detailed description: This system shows the fourth line of music. The treble clef staff has a melody with notes G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. The bass clef staff has a bass line with notes F3, C3, G2, F2, G2, A2, B2, C3. Chords are indicated above the treble staff: C/G, G, C/G, F/G, C. There are first, second, and third endings indicated by brackets and numbers 1, 2, and 3.

Knowing You

Unison

Am F C F G C

1 All I once held dear, built my life up - on, all this
 (2 Now my) heart's de - sire is to know you more, to be
 (3 Oh, to) know the power of your ris - en life and to

Am F C Am G C

world re - veres and wars to own. All I
 found in you, and known as yours. To pos -
 know you in your suf - fer - ings. To be -

F G C F/A G C

once thought gain I have count - ed loss, spent and
 sess by faith what I could not earn, all sur -
 come like you in your death, my Lord, so with

Am F C Am Gsus G

worth - less now com - pared to this.
 pass - ing gift of right - eous - ness.
 you to live and nev - er die.

CALENDAR

TODAY

Worship 10 am, Music Board Meeting

MONDAY

TUESDAY

Cabinet 7 p.m.—Offices

WEDNESDAY

Zoom Bible Study

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

NEXT SUNDAY

10:00 a.m. Worship

Noon - Chicago Tamil Worship

BIRTHDAYS THRU 09/24:

09/18 Aaron Hempel, Don Coleman, Nicole Lemme

09/21 Kelsea Hirsch, Meghan Kasanders

09/24 Jennifer Vrablic, Laurie Hoffman

07/16 Guillermo Ruiz

ANNIVERSARIES THRU 09/24:

09/17 Kenneth & Wendy Lindstrom, 18 years

09/21 Mark & Lauren Baran, 34 years

09/21 Michael & Denise Karpes, 27 years

09/24 Tim & Michelle Blomeke, 18 years

09/24 Tyler & Nicole Lemme, 7 years

The Harvest of Crafts will be on Saturday, November 18th. **Mark your Calendars** – tell your family and friends! We are looking for crafters and vendors who would like to purchase tables to sell their items. Registration forms are in the office and the narthex.

Harvest of Crafts will have their **Treasure and Trinkets** area. We need your help to fill this area. As you do your fall cleaning please donate those treasures and trinkets to be sold for \$2.00 at Harvest of Crafts. You can bring your items to the south basement any time before the sale.

The **Boy Scouts** will be selling wreaths (\$30-\$35) and fragrant candles for Christmas. Orders are due in October. See the order forms in the narthex

PRAYER REQUESTS:

PEOPLE AT THEIR HOMES: Greg Blomberg, Ellie Merritt, Barb Sweazey, Betty Koenig, Jeanne Stange, Lou Bender, Terry Samonds, Jr., Walt and Lil Suva, John Mika, Shirley Patton, Emil Poprawski, Pastor Bob Hempel, Elaine Dildine, Carol Tibbie, Ed Monahan, Delores Patak, Aldona Kitt, Jerry Volkmar, Judy Frandsen, Gary Locigno, Kim Powers, Don Smith, Mark Henning, Carin Lucas, Serena Ivers & Chris, Elayne Dalheim, Patricia Ladner, Michael Kelstrom, Raymond and Patrick McCarthy

FRIENDS IN PRAYERS: Michael Ricci, Jordan Beller, Len Tibbie, The Crane Family, Marge and Bob Girard, Don Hockemeyer, Bill and Kimble Compton, Vi and Richard Allen, Barb Anthony, Robert Baker, Sharen Barile, Andee Brown, 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, LeAnn Lipman, Lynn & Art, Sandy Matilus, Dr. Steven McCloud, Greg Moore, Amy Morlier, Patrick Mueller, Rich Panesh, Brenda Phillips, Diana & Larry Ridener, Jake Roger, Scott Rouse, Jeff Schroeder, Heather Steanrod, Addilen Tibbie, Anthony Taylor, Luella Terry, Patricia Traylor, Ron Tulke, Elmer Weil, Gloria Williams, Carol Wischhover, Monica Wojdziak, David Yondorf, Bob and Carol Young, 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

HOSPITALIZED/Long-Term: Allen Meskan (rehab-MarianJoy, Wheaton), April Woltman—Hinsdale after 4x bypass; Marylu Mills - in hospice at Hearthside Manor, Tacoma, WA; Lil Klippel - The Radcliffe 410 Irving Park Road, Wood Dale, IL 60191 Room 418; Steve Tomporowski - Wisconsin; Rosemarie Kosik (at Terra Vista, OakBrook Terrace)

We Are Called to Be God's People 580

1 We are called to be God's peo - ple, show - ing by our lives his grace,
2 We are called to be God's ser - vants, work - ing in his world to - day;
3 We are called to be God's proph - ets, speak - ing for the truth and right,

one in heart and one in spir - it, sign of hope for all the race.
tak - ing his own task up - on us, all his sa - cred words o - bey.
stand - ing firm for god - ly jus - tice, bring - ing e - vil things to light.

Let us show how he has changed us, and re - made us as his own,
Let us rise, then, to his sum - mons, ded - i - cate to him our all,
Let us seek the cour - age need - ed, our high call - ing to ful - fill,

let us share our life to - geth - er as we shall a - round his throne.
that we may be faith - ful ser - vants, quick to an - swer now his call.
that the world may know the bless - ing of the do - ing of God's will.