

# Longswamp United Church of Christ

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*\*Indicates to rise as you are able in body and spirit.*

## MUSIC PREPARES US FOR WORSHIP

## RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELLS

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Holy God, you came to this world as Jesus, to walk with us.

**People: You lived among your people as neighbor and friend.**

Leader: You welcomed all as members of your family.

**People: You treated each person as brothers and sisters.**

Leader: Come now into our midst, Dear God, as we gather to worship.

**People: Give us the grace to welcome you as neighbor, friend, and Lord. Amen.**

### \*HYMN

*Help Us Accept Each Other*

#437

## CALL TO CONFESSION

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**All: Patient Lord, we want to extend the hand of welcome and friendship to all whom we meet, but you know that sometimes we shy away from reaching out. We make judgments about others and too often neglect your mandate to be a welcoming presence. That lack of welcome extends further when we turn away from the pain and suffering of those in-need. Yet, you remind us that as we welcome others, we are also welcoming you. Heal us and give us strength and courage to share the spirit of hospitality, in your holy name. Amen.**

## MOMENT OF SILENCE

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: How wonderful it is to be welcomed and forgiven by God!

**People: We rejoice in God's love for us! Amen!**

### \*PASSING THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

All children are welcome to come forward for the Children's Message. Afterwards, kids of all ages can follow our Children's Church leaders to our Sunday School program in the Education Building for stories, games, crafts, and more. We also welcome families to remain in worship if that is what works best for you!

### *Sacrament of Baptism*

Ada Brynn Clark & Josephine Grace Clark

## WELCOME & ADDRESS

Leader: Members and friends in Christ, we gather now to celebrate the gift of grace in the sacrament of baptism.

**People: There is one body and one Spirit. There is one hope in God's call to us.**

Leader: There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Creator of us all.

The sacrament of baptism is an outward and visible sign of the grace of God. Inasmuch as the promise of the gospel is not only to us but also to our children, baptism with water and the Holy Spirit is the mark of their acceptance into the care of Christ's church, the sign and seal of their participation in God's forgiveness, and the beginning of their growth into faith and discipleship.

**People: This is the water of baptism. Out of this water we rise with new life, one in Christ's body.**

## QUESTIONS TO THE FAMILY

### CONGREGATIONAL AFFIRMATIONS

Leader: Do you promise your love, support, and care for the one about to be baptized today as they live and grow in Christ?

**People: We promise our love. We promise our support. We promise our care.**

## PRAYER OVER THE WATER

### ACT OF BAPTISM

#### *BAPTISMAL RESPONSE*

#758

*Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked with the sign of Christ, our King; Born of one Father, we are his children, joyfully now God's praise we sing.*

## PRAYER FOR THE BAPTIZED

### BAPTISMAL BENEDICTION

Leader: Go now baptized into new life, and growing together as a family in Christ.

**People: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**\*HYMN**

***Make Me a Servant***

**#653**

**RESPONSIVE READING** (INSPIRED BY PSALM 89:1-4, 15-18)

Leader: I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever.

**People: I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.**

Leader: Your steadfast love is established forever, your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

**People: You have made your covenant with your chosen people for all generations.**

Leader: Happy are the people who walk in the light of your face, O Lord.

**People: They exult in your name and righteousness all day long.**

Leader: For you, God, are the glory of their strength.

**People: Our shield belongs to the Lord, our King, the Holy One.**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Jeremiah 28:5-9 & Matthew 10:40-42

**SERMON**

“Be Our Guest”

Pastor Kim

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD’S PRAYER**

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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever, Amen.

**CALL TO OFFERING**

**OFFERING & MISSION MOMENT**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**#809**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below  
Praise God above, you heavenly host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**\*OFFERING PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

All: God of Generous Welcome, we dedicate our giving in your name. Take these offerings and transform them to meet the needs of our community. May all the ways we give of our time, talent, and treasure work to increase God’s welcome in the world. Amen.

**\*HYMN**

***We Are Called to Be God’s People***

**#710**

**BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING MUSIC**

*There’s A Spirit in the Air*

*Wilson*



## WELCOME TO LONGSWAMP UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST!

This is our Weekly Beacon- June 28<sup>th</sup>-July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026

***Altar Flowers and Bulletins are given to the Glory of God and are in honor of their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, by Bob and Karen Friedly***

Thank you for joining us today in worship! We celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism as we welcome Ada Brynn Clark and Josephine Grace Clark into God's family. They are the twin daughters of church members Brandan and Toni-Lynn (and Grant's little sisters)!

Join us next Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup>, for outdoor worship at 10:15 am in the pavilion. Special music throughout the service will be led by Theresa Haffner-Stearns on guitar and will include some patriotic favorites.

### Sharing Our Faith

**REMINDER! The Iron Pigs game is on Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup>!** We still have a few tickets left at \$13 each. If you'd like to go, please contact Pastor Kim or Maggie.

**For those of you who signed up for our Sight and Sound trip on August 14<sup>th</sup>, just a reminder that payment will be due by July 14<sup>th</sup>.** If you are paying by check, please make your check payable to Longswamp UCC. More info will come in the weeks prior to the trip about when we are leaving, the bag policy, and other important info, so stay tuned!

**Our July worship series will be all about honeybees to go along with our July Mission for Heifer International.** We will be learning about bees and hearing scriptures to accompany the lesson each week. All the money we raise for Heifer will go toward buying bee colonies and the appropriate education for people in need to have their own sustainable hive. At the end of the series, on August 2<sup>nd</sup>, we will have a church picnic in the grove (pavilion) after church! Bring a side dish to share!

### Teaching What We Believe

**Children's Church runs semi-weekly during the service during the summer.** Children can follow the leaders to the education building for crafts, games, lessons, and more! There is children's church today, and there will be NO children's church next week because of the Independence Day Holiday. Children are also welcome to stay in church with their families or take advantage of our playground in the front of the sanctuary!

**Our next Faithful Field Trip will be Wednesday, July 15<sup>th</sup>.** We will be meeting at the church around 8:30am and traveling to the Ephrata Cloister, a historic religious community where we will learn about their past practices. We will have late lunch/early dinner afterwards. If you're interested, please talk to Pastor Kim so we can make sure we have enough drivers.

### Acting on Jesus' Teachings

**Our June mission is "Summer Activities."** Any donations toward this month's mission will go toward events that have already taken place or that will happen, specifically Swampfest, the two confirmation retreats, and the church picnic! Thank you to everyone who gave a monetary donation, food donation, or donated their time to help with any of these fun events!

**Coming soon to LUCC!** Please mark these important dates (**Sunday, July 12, 2026 - Friday, July 31, 2025**) on your calendar for **LUCC's July 2026 Global Mission** for the benefit of **Heifer International**. Our July 2026 mission offerings will be forwarded to Heifer International so that they can continue their worldwide efforts to end hunger and poverty while also caring for the Earth. This year we're aiming to make gift donations of honeybees. A Heifer honeybee gift donation (\$30.00) includes a bee package, hive, box, and training in beekeeping techniques. When we buy bees for families in need, our gift increases the global honeybee population to support the environment.

### Longswamp UCC Business

**We are always looking for people to greet or read during the Sunday services!** If you're interested in greeting, please sign up on the sheet in the narthex (where the flower sponsor sheets are), and if you're interested in reading, please let Maggie know!

*Portions of worship adapted from this week's Worship Connection and Worship Elements on Ministry Matters.*