

Longswamp United Church of Christ

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Independence Day Service

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

MUSIC PREPARES US FOR WORSHIP

"The Caisson Song"

Gruber, Arr. Robbins

"Let There Be Peace On Earth"

Miller & Jackson

"God of Our Fathers"

Warren

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELLS

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God's greatness is a wonder to behold.

People: Everywhere we look, we can see the imprint of God.

Leader: From the loftiest mountains to the lowest valleys.

People: From the tallest redwood trees to the crashing waters of the sea.

Leader: There, God's greatness stands majestically.

People: The beauty of God's creation is all around us.

Leader: But God's greatness and majesty can be found best within the human heart.

People: So let us honor and praise God with worship; and with acts of loving kindness, compassion, and welcome. Amen.

*HYMN

My Country, 'Tis of Thee

#417

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION

All: Merciful God, in all our celebration, fireworks, parades, and gatherings we have proclaimed liberty and freedom. Yet our hearts are chained by anger, doubt, and fear. We sometimes believe there is no other way to live. We have become accustomed to this anger and fear. Forgive us when we turn away from your

freeing love. Help us to place our trust in you and serve you by working with one another; spreading peace and justice for all people. These things we ask in Jesus' Name. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Reach out! Stretch your Spirits! God's love has freed you and forgiven you.

People: We have been renewed by God's grace and God's eternal love. Alleluia and Amen!

*PASSING THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Summer Sunday School is scheduled once a month, so families stay in worship together today! Make sure you grabbed a kid's bulletin for the service. The next Summer Sunday School is July 21st.

*HYMN

It Is God Who Holds the Nations

#415

LITANY (BASED ON PSALM 33)

Leader: Shout joyfully to the Lord!

People: It is right to praise God.

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord!

People: Sing praises to him with the lyre and the harp.

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song.

People: Play your best music with joyful shouts.

Leader: For God loves righteousness and justice.

People: His faithful love fills the whole earth.

Leader: May all the nations honor the Lord.

People: May we all stand in awe of him.

Leader: Our Holy Creator overrules a nation's plans.

People: For God's intentions stand greater than our human purposes.

Leader: When we follow the Lord our God

People: We are a truly happy people.

Leader: The Lord looks down from heaven.

People: As God observes all his nations.

Leader: God created our human hearts.

People: And the Holy One knows all that we do.

Leader: Even kings and armies aren't rescued by their own powers.

People: Because God watches out for those who wait on his faithful love.

Leader: So, we put our hope in the Lord.

People: The Heavenly Creator is our help and our shield.

Leader: Our hearts rejoice in God's faithful love.

People: And we trust and wait on his holy name. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Galatians 5: 13-17, 22-26

"God Mend Thine Every Flaw"

*A time of music and reflection on American Independence with poetry
by Katharine Lee Bates, author of "America the Beautiful"*

Introduction & Reflection

Pastor Kim

To God Be the Glory

*William H. Doane, Arranged by Gary Lanier
Glenn Fisher, flute*

"What Is Christ?"

Poem by Katharine Lee Bates

Chris Freudig, reader

*HYMN

America, the Beautiful

#418

"Freedom Battle Song"

Poem by Katharine Lee Bates

Amy Riovo, reader

Amazing Grace

*Newton, Arranged by Gary Lanier
Glenn Fisher, flute*

"England to America"

Poem by Katharine Lee Bates

Laurie Heagy, reader

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.***

*OFFERING PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**All: Generous God, source of all abundance, bless now these gifts, we pray.
Receive this offering. Receive our very lives. Fit us for humble, joyful ministry in
your name. Amen.**

*HYMN

O God of Every Nation

#422

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING MUSIC

"Marines Hymn"

Davis, Arr. Robbins

Portions of today's worship liturgy adapted from resources on Ministry Matters by Nancy C. Townley.



Use your freedom to serve
one another humbly in love.
Galatians 5:13



WELCOME TO LONGSWAMP UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST!

This is our Weekly Beacon- July 7th-13th, 2024

Altar flowers and bulletins are given to the glory of God and are in loving memory of Daniel Desrosiers' birthday.

Thank you for joining us for our special Independence Day service. Today, we will hear special patriotic music from Glenn Fisher on the flute.

Join us next week as we begin our new mini-worship series, "Identifying Jesus," and for special music from Marilyn Herbert on the marimba.

Sharing Our Faith

We only have TWO tickets to Sight & Sound on August 16th left! Please let Maggie know by this WEDNESDAY if you would like to claim one or both tickets. Otherwise, we will have to relinquish them back to the theater. The cost of the trip has dropped to \$125 and if you already paid the \$160, you will be reimbursed the \$35!

Mark your calendar now and make plans to attend LUCC's **Everybody's Birthday Party in Fegely Hall** immediately following our **10:15 AM worship service on Sunday, September 8, 2024**. We'll have lots of fun (games for everyone), food (a covered dish lunch, birthday cake, and ice cream), and fellowship. Please sign up no later than Sunday, September 1, 2024, on the sheets in the narthex so the committee can plan accordingly for LUCC's **Everybody's Birthday Party**. Hope to see you there!

Teaching What We Believe

Children's Church: During the summer we will have a special monthly Summer Sunday School class. This will be held the third Sunday of each month (7/21, 8/18) on the same Sundays we have Holy Communion. Kids will follow the teachers out to class following the Children's Message. Families and kids are always welcome in worship too!

The Book of Daniel Bible Study: Join us as we learn more about the Book of Daniel before we head to Sight & Sound Theater in August. All are welcome at Bible Study (whether you are going to Sight & Sound or not)! We will be meeting Wednesdays July 24th & 31st and August 7th & 14th either at 10:30 am in the Sanctuary or 7pm in Fegely Hall.

Acting on Jesus' Teachings

July 2024- LUCC's global mission for the benefit of World Central Kitchen (WCK)- Sunday, July 14, 2024-Wednesday, July 31, 2024- World Central Kitchen is first to the frontlines, providing freshly chef-prepared meals on a daily basis in response to humanitarian, climate, and community crises around the world. Please consider supporting LUCC's new global mission to help **World Central Kitchen** as they continue to be deeply committed to serving delicious, chef-prepared meals to people in need with the dignity they deserve. An anonymous donor has

offered to match the amount donated by our LUCC members and friends. Please contact Jill Shade (484-894-0636; jill.shade@longswampucc.org) if you have any questions/concerns about LUCC's July 2024 mission. As Chef José Andrés, WCK's founder and chief feeding officer, likes to say, "everyone is a part of World Central Kitchen, they may just not know it yet". Thank you in advance for your generous support of the **World Central Kitchen!**

Support

SAVE THE DATE for Moana Movie Night & Luau! Saturday July 27th at 6:30 pm we will be hosting a fun evening for the kids of our church and the Learning Center! We'll need helpers with games and food, baked-goods, or you can just come and enjoy the movie with your family! All LUCC families, LLC families, and friends are invited!

Looking ahead, LUCC will be hosting a Barn Dance in September at Savidge Farms! This fun event will include lots of music, dancing, food, and we will even have access to the playground and corn maze! If you're interested in helping to plan this exciting event, please stay after church on July 28th!

Longswamp UCC Business

Hard copies of our monthly newsletter are available on the table on the left side by the front door when leaving the sanctuary. Online copies are available on our website or email the office to be on the email list.

Interested in sponsoring Altar Flowers and Bulletins? Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex!