

Longswamp United Church of Christ

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Memorial Day Weekend

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

MUSIC PREPARES US FOR WORSHIP

“God Bless Our Native Land”

Mahlmann

“Marines Hymn”

Offenbach

“A Patriotic Quotation”

Hughes, based on tune by Ward

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELLS

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In a world filled with violence and war,

People: we gather together to celebrate the promise of peace.

Leader: In a world filled with tyranny and oppression,

People: we gather together to celebrate the promise of justice for all.

Leader: In a world filled with hunger and greed,

People: we gather together to celebrate the promise of plenty for all.

Leader: Our hope is in the name of the Almighty God,

People: the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer of heaven and earth.

*HYMN

God of Our Fathers

#419

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION

All: God of every nation, as we remember those that gave their life for our sake, let us be stirred to action in their memory. We confess that we have not done all that is possible to promote peace and justice in our world. We have not loved our neighbors, let alone our enemies. Forgive us for failing to live up to your

commandments. Empower us to work for your Kingdom in this world, and welcome us by your grace into your Kingdom in the next. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God’s peace is present with us, assuring us we are forgiven.

People: Praise be to the God of grace and justice. Amen!

MOMENT OF SILENCE

*PASSING THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you

An Honoring of Memorial Day in Word & Song

What Does God Require of a Nation?

Deuteronomy 10:12-13, 17-21

*Hymn

America, the Beautiful

#418

In Flanders Field

Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae

Loft Choir Anthem

“Let Freedom Ring”

Harris

A Psalm of Justice & Righteousness

Psalm 72

*Hymn

My Country, ‘Tis of Thee

#417

Memorial Day (a poem)

by Annette Wynne

Loft Choir Anthem

“Battle Hymn of the Republic”

Wilson

Using Our Freedom

Galatians 5:13-18 & 22-26

Litany of Remembrance & The Lord’s Prayer

#358

We pray today with a litany for those who serve our country in Military Service. At the end of each section of prayer, you are invited to remain seated and sing the verses of Eternal Father Strong to Save (The Navy Hymn) written below.

Leader: Let us pray. God of infinite mercy.....for the sake of the Prince of peace, Jesus Christ our Lord.

***Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
Who biddest the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we cry to Thee
For those in peril on the sea.***

Leader: We give thanks to you, God for the land of our birth with all its chartered liberties.....for those who gave even their lives in that service, we give you thanks, O God.

***O Christ, the Lord of hill and plain
O'er which our traffic runs amain
By mountain pass or valley low;
Wherever, Lord, Thy people go,
Protect them by Thy guarding hand
From every peril on the land.***

Leader: O almighty and merciful God, as we remember these your servants.....now and forever in your living presence.

***Lord, guard and guide the ones who fly
Through the great spaces in the sky,
Be with them always in the air,
In dark'ning storms or sunlight fair.
O, Hear us when we lift our prayer,
For those in peril in the air.***

Leader: Almighty God, in you alone we find safety and peace.we must seek and serve; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

***O Trinity of love and power!
Our brethren shield in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,
Protect them whereso'er they go.
Thus evermore shall rise to Thee,
Glad praise from air, and land, and sea!***

Leader: Lord, make us instruments of your peace.Now we join together in the words of prayer Jesus taught us, saying together

All: 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

OFFERTORY MUSIC

“Chaconne”

Campra

*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: We dedicate our offerings to you, Holy God. May the ways we give of ourselves and our resources create a community, a country, and a world of justice and freedom where all your people can gather together in safety and peace. Amen.

*HYMN

O God of Every Nation

#422

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING MUSIC

“The Battle Cry of Freedom”

Root

*Call to Worship from On Earth as in Heaven: Praying for Peace, MCC Peace Sunday Packet 2008.
Prayer of Confession by Rev. Robb McCoy.*

WELCOME TO LONGSWAMP UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST!

This is our Weekly Beacon May 28th-June 3rd, 2023

Today is our Memorial Day Worship! We take a moment from our regular Sunday worship to honor those who have died in service to our country. Thank you to our choir and special readers for your participation in the service today. Next Sunday June 4th is Graduate Sunday. Worship will continue to be at 10:15 am - so please join us amid all your summer plans!

Children are welcome at worship! The noises of kids in worship are celebrated at Longswamp UCC. However, if you need a moment outside the sanctuary you are invited to take your kids to the Nursery. Head through the Bell Room, into our Office/Daycare Building, past the restrooms, and down the hall toward the door that says NURSERY. There you'll find rocking chairs, changing stations, toys, and room for your little one to wiggle. Additionally, the service is live-streamed into the Nursery so you can continue to worship with us!

Sharing Our Faith

Vacation Bible School is June 18th through 22nd! We are participating in the community VBS being held from 6pm to 8:15pm each evening in the Topton Park. VBS this year is "Mystery Island" where we will track down the one true God through stories, crafts, games, music, water slides, snacks, horse-back rides, and much more! Longswamp UCC is helping to oversee crafts and assisting with registration. If you'd like to volunteer, please reach out to Pastor Kim. If you are interested in registering a child visit our website: www.longswampucc.org

Teaching What We Believe

We are on summer break from our **God's Explorers Sunday School**. God's Explorers and Confirmation Class will return in September! If you have any questions about our education programs, speak with Pastor Kim.

Summer Bible Study "Moses" with a Trip to Sight and Sound Theater: We will meet for our Bible Study on Moses July 5, 12, and 19 at 10:30 am or 7:00 pm. We will top off the study with a trip to **Sight and Sound Theater Friday July 21st at 3pm. THERE ARE ONLY A FEW TICKETS LEFT SO CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE ASAP IF YOU'D LIKE TO GO!**

Acting on Jesus' Teachings

May 2023 Mission (ends on Wednesday, May 31, 2023) - Brandywine Food Pantry - There are many families and individuals in the Brandywine Heights Area School District who are food-insecure and need our help! Please consider donating a few items (non-perishable food items, personal care items, household supplies, and/or paper products to the local food pantry. Please contact Jill Shade (484-894-0636 jill.shade@longswampucc.org) if you have any questions/concerns about our May 2023 mission for the benefit of the Brandywine Food Pantry.

2nd Annual "Cookies for a Cause" event for the benefit of the Brandywine Food Pantry - Saturday, June 3, 2023 - 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM - Radcliffe's Great Valu Market - Hope you can visit our "Cookies for a Cause" table at Radcliffe's Great Valu Market on Saturday, June 3, 2023, from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Please tell your family, friends, and neighbors to visit our table too! This will be an extra way for LUCC to collect more non-perishable food items, personal care items, household items, paper products, and monetary donations for Brandywine Food Pantry (LUCC's mission for May 2023). Each donor will receive a small bag of homemade chocolate chip cookies as a small token of appreciation for their donation. We are in need of volunteers to make small bags of homemade chocolate chip cookies and/or help for an hour or two at our Cookies for a Cause stand at Radcliffe's on Saturday, June 3, 2022. Please sign up on the sign-up sheets in the narthex. Please contact Jill Shade (jill.shade@longswampucc.org; 484-894-0636) if you have any questions or to volunteer.

Our June 2023 Mission is Community VBS. We will need both volunteers and monetary donations for running the craft station, which LUCC is in charge of. Let Pastor Kim know if you're interested in helping. You can use your June monthly mission envelope if you're interested in giving! Thank you for your support!

Support Needed

Swamp Fest is Saturday June 10th! We are in need of volunteers to help at LUCC's Walking Taco Booth at Swampfest! We need set-up/break-down crew (if you have a truck and are able to help move tables and tents, let me know!) and servers to prepare the tacos. We also are running the Kid's Zone. Monetary and food donations are also appreciated. Food and paper items needed: shredded lettuce, salsa, small bags of Doritos and Fritos, sour cream, shredded cheese, napkins, plastic forks/spoons, bottled drinks. If you're interested in helping with this fun event, please contact Maggie at secretary@longswampucc.org or Pastor Kim at pastorkim@longswampucc.org.

Prayer Requests & Church Family Updates

Today's Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and are in memory of Althea Walbert's birthday.

If you are interested in sponsoring Altar Flowers and/or Bulletins in 2023, please sign up on the bulletin board in the right hallway of the foyer or call the church office

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.

Join us next Sunday, June 4th, for Graduate Recognition Sunday! If you know of anyone who is graduating or have graduated yourself, please let the church office know!

