

Longswamp United Church of Christ

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Palm Sunday

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

MUSIC PREPARES US FOR WORSHIP

"God Is A Good God"

Hambleen

"Fill My Cup, Lord"

Blanchard

"The First Thing I Do Every Morning"

Lange, Merril, Ballantine

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELLS

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***HYMN & HAT PARADE**

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

#203

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let us enter the city with God today;

People: Singing "Hosannas" to Jesus, our King.

Leader: Let us turn our backs on the powers that grasp and control;

People: Opening our hearts to the son of God riding on a donkey.

Leader: Let us join his parade;

People: Surrounded by the marginalized and those living on the fringes of society.

Leader: Let us follow the one who brought acceptance and peace;

People: Walking in solidarity with the abandoned and oppressed.

Leader: Let us shout for joy at Christ's coming and join his disciples;

People: Welcoming the broken, healing the sick, dining with outcasts.

Leader: Let us remember that we cannot keep silent about God, whose kingdom is for all people;

People: For even if we are quiet, the stones will shout out; Hosanna!

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION

All: Holy Lord, we love a parade. We love the celebration and festivity. Forgive us, Ever-Present God, when we choose to attend the wrong parade. Instead of shouting for joy as our humble savior enters Jerusalem on a donkey, surrounded by the outcast and oppressed; we too often choose the parade on the other side of town. We find ourselves waving our hands at Pontius Pilate's procession, led by military might, wealth and influence. Forgive us for our desire to be aligned with riches and power. Create within us hearts that value Jesus as a modest leader of the lowly and downcast. Guide us as we follow Jesus through Holy Week, as he suffers and dies for his ministry of justice that displayed God's love to all people. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Christ has come to save us, even from our own mistakes. We are forgiven and bestowed with grace upon grace.

People: Hosanna in the highest! Amen!

***PASSING THE PEACE**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

SPECIAL MUSIC

We Have a King Who Rides a Donkey

Kaan

Children's Choir

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

All children are welcome to come forward for the Children's Message. Afterwards, children can then follow our Sunday School teachers to Children's Church located in the Education Building. Children's Church includes bible stories, crafts, games and more. Sunday School is for kids of all ages, but we welcome families to stay together in worship if that is what you prefer.

***HYMN**

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

#205

RESPONSIVE READING (BASED ON PSALM 118)

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord!

People: God is good and God's steadfast love endures forever!

Leader: Holy One, open to us the gates of righteousness.

People: So we may enter through them and give thanks.

Leader: Lord, we thank you for answering us and becoming our salvation.

people: We thank you the stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

Leader: You have done marvelous things, God! You have made this day!

People Let us all rejoice and be glad in it.

Leader: Save us, O Lord, and give us success.

People: We prepare to bless the one who comes in your name.

Leader: Blessed is the one who comes from the house of the Lord.

People: For God has given us light.

Leader: Bind together the branches for a festive procession up to the altar.

People: You are our God, and we will give thanks and extol you!

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord!

People: God's steadfast love endures forever!

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 19:28-40

LOFT CHOIR ANTHEM

"The Palms"

Faure

SERMON

"Christ in the Noise"

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: As we shout "Hosanna" along with the crowd, we are also offered the chance to give of ourselves; to be part of God's grace and salvation. So, we dedicate our offerings to you, Saving God. May our gifts provide for those in need and for the growth of your kingdom ways. May our gifts also help us to open our hearts and our hands to others. Amen.

*HYMN

All Glory, Laud and Honor

#204

BENEDICTION

CLOSING MUSIC

"Postlude"

Rasmussen

Call to Worship adapted from prayer by Christine Sine, and posted on Godspace.



WELCOME TO LONGSWAMP UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST!

This is our Weekly Beacon- April 13th-19th, 2025

Thank you for worshiping with us this Palm Sunday as we celebrate Christ's entrance into Jerusalem! If you'd like to participate in the Easter Hat & Palm Parade, please join us after the announcements in the Narthex before the hymn begins. A special "Thank You!" to Lollipop the Donkey for being with us today, and to our Children's Choir and Loft Choir for blessing our service with music. After worship is over, don't forget to head to the parking lot outside Fegely Hall for the Easter Egg Hunt! There will be Egg Hunts for all ages, refreshments, photos with the Easter Bunny and more! All are welcome!

Sharing Our Faith

Easter Sunday is next week, April 20th! We will have two services: a 7:15am sunrise service, and a 10:15am family service. Both services will have communion and the 10:15 service will have a special children's message. Make sure you grab a flower from the bucket and place it on the wire cross before or after the services!

Thank you, thank you, thank you to our members who have already visited/will visit Lucc's Senior Saints and deliver the Easter presents from the congregation to these special members. If you took an Easter present for one (or two) of our Senior Saints and haven't already visited them, please do so by Good Friday, April 18, 2025.

Teaching What We Believe

Our Sunday School, Children's Church, runs weekly during the church service. Children are welcome to come up for the Children's Message during the service and afterwards, they can follow the Children's Church teachers over to the Education building for Sunday School. Children are also welcome to stay with their family in worship if that is what you prefer! There will be no Children's church on Easter (next Sunday). Children's Church will return on April 27th.

Acting on Jesus' Teachings

April 2025 Global Mission - Church World Service (CWS) Blankets - Sunday, April 13, 2025 - Wednesday, April 30, 2025. Please consider helping Lucc to support the great work of **Church World Service** as they aim to **Blanket the World With Love!** Using our April 2025 mission offerings, we are going to order CWS blankets (2 options - lightweight and heavyweight) for \$10.00 each. Let's aim to sponsor a minimum of **50 CWS blankets!** Church World Service will then distribute the blankets, which Lucc will sponsor, to underprivileged people throughout the world who are in need of a warm blanket. It's important for us to remember that these blankets are more than fabric - **they represent compassion and care in times of hardship.** Make plans to attend our special **Blanket Sunday worship service at 10:15 AM on Sunday, April 27, 2025.** Please bring your favorite blanket to share at fellowship. Samples of the

lightweight and heavyweight Church World Service blankets are on display on the round table behind the piano. Let's help CWS to **Blanket the World With Love!**

Support

Thank you to Mark and Easton Moser for working on the flower beds at the front of the church! They look fantastic!

Lucc and LLC are having a community yard sale and clothing drive in the Lucc parking lot on Saturday, May 17th from 8am-12pm. We are looking for sellers for the yard sale so if you have anything you'd like to swap, sell, or give away, please reserve your spot! Each spot is \$5 and Lucc can supply a table for an extra \$5, both fees benefitting the Hope Rescue Mission. After the sale is over, if there is any unwanted clothing that you have left over, you can leave it at Lucc/LLC to donate to the Hope Rescue Mission, who will be picking up donated clothing on May 19th. ****Only clothing can be donated, all other items will need to be taken back home with you.** Rain date for the Yard Sale is May 18th from 1pm-4pm. Please let Maggie in the office know if you'd like to reserve a spot!

Longswamp UCC Business

Hard copies of our newsletter can be found on the left side table in the narthex by the front door when leaving the sanctuary. Online copies are available on our website or, if you'd like to join the email list, just email the church office.

Interested in sponsoring altar flowers and bulletins? There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for sign-ups and sponsor info. The cost is \$50 per week, which covers two vases of altar flowers and the bulletins.