

Longswamp United Church of Christ

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Graduate Sunday

**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: Jesus sent the disciples out into communities;

People: To proclaim the Kingdom of Heaven!

Leader: We, too, are disciples;

People: Eager to share God's love without expecting a reward.

Leader: So, we welcome all into our community of faith;

People: Knowing that Christ's welcome is not extended in all places.

Leader: May right here be a place that shares God's grace and love;

People: A place where the Spirit speaks to us through worship.

Leader: Lord, equip us during our time of prayer and praise;

People: To show compassion, mercy, and your kingdom ways to all. Amen.

***HYMN**

Pass It On

#739

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION

All: Gracious God, we come to you knowing you hold deep compassion for the struggling and weary among us. Yet, too often, those who are most in-need get lost in the crowd. Forgive us when we lose ourselves in that crowd and fail to see the needs of others. Like a Good Shepherd, help us to identify the vulnerable sheep of your flock, guiding them toward healing and wholeness. Give us courage to give in loving ways, just as you have given to us. Make us workers of the harvest in a broken and suffering world. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Just as Jesus has compassion for those in-need, Jesus has compassion for each one of us.

People: When we are in-need of forgiveness, God's grace and mercy abound. Alleluia! 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!

GRADUATE RECOGNITION & LITANY

Leader: We are gathered together to celebrate the graduating members of our church, graduates from the surrounding community, and the Pre-Schoolers who graduated from Longswamp Learning Center at the end of May.

People: We gather to bless the next stage of life for the young people among us.

Leader: One part of the journey is complete as the graduates prepare to begin a new phase that will take them to unimaginable places. So, as they prepare for this next step in the journey, we pray together:

People: for good will and love when facing what lies ahead

Leader: for faith to be a beacon that lights their path

People: for forward movement that allows for the direction of the Holy Spirit

Leader: for strength and determination that sustains their souls

People: for guidance in all upcoming decisions

Leader: for the joy that comes from our Holy Creator

People: and for the reminder that God hears, God listens, and God is present always. Amen.

***HYMN**

Make Me A Blessing

#656

RESPONSIVE READING (INSPIRED BY PSALM 32:6-11)

Leader: Let all the faithful pray to God, let all the faithful find God!

People: For when we pray, the rising waters will not reach us.

Leader: The Lord will be our hiding place and protect us from trouble.

People: Our Creator will surround us with songs of deliverance.

Leader: God will instruct us, and teach us the ways we should go.

People: God will counsel us, and keep his loving eyes upon us.

Leader: The Lord calls us to have deep understanding; to not be controlled by others.

People: For God's love is unfailing, and surrounds those who trust in him.

Leader: We rejoice in the Lord and are glad! We know God's righteousness!

People: We can sing because we are upright in heart! Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 9:35-10:8

SERMON

"Gastrointestinal Compassion"

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: Generous God, we give thanks for the many ways you bless our lives. Receive these gifts today as our thanksgiving for all you have provided. We dedicate our offerings in your holy name. May our giving provide the means for this church to do the work of compassion and healing in our community. Amen.

*HYMN

Let Your Heart Be Broken

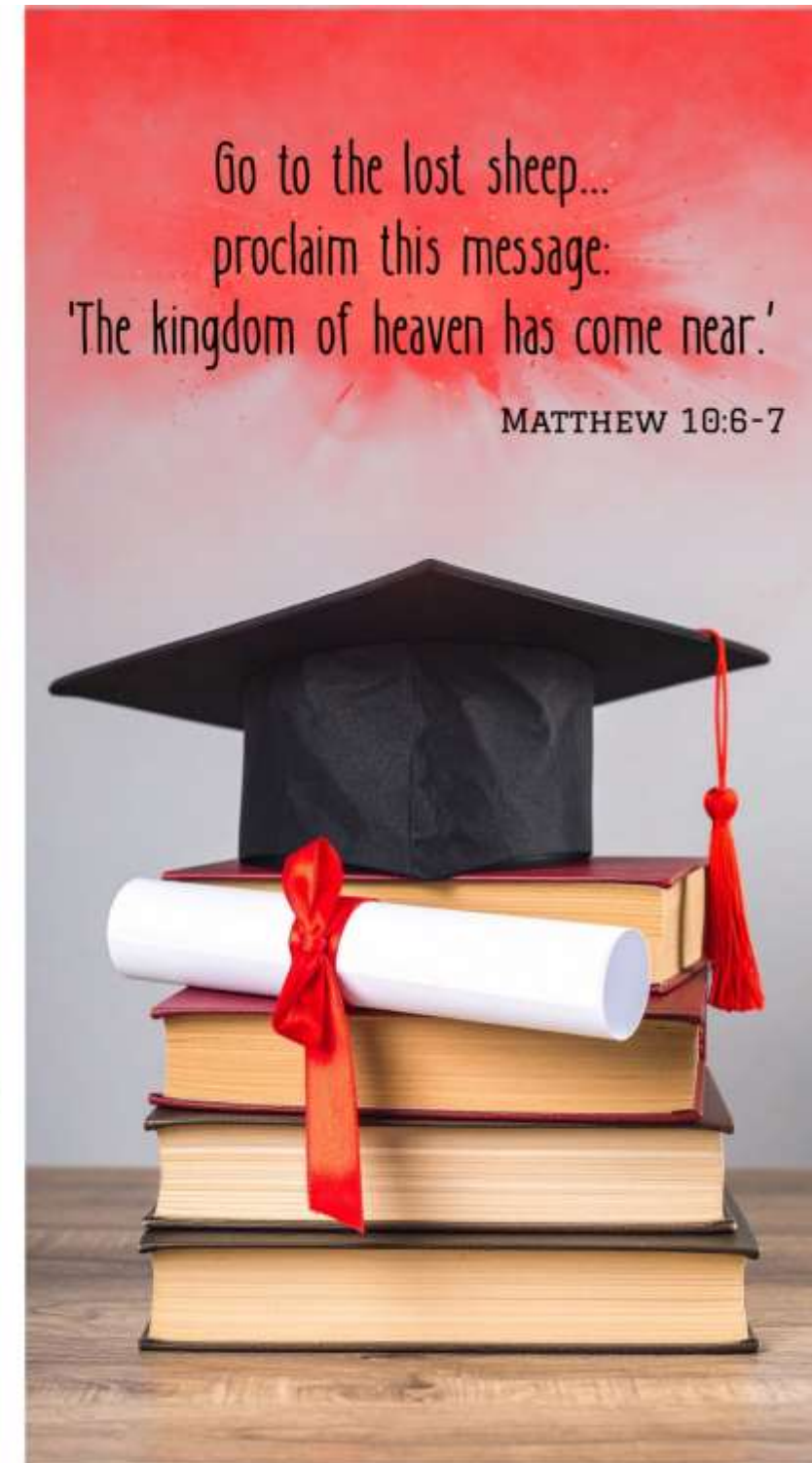
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BENEDICTION

CLOSING MUSIC

Land of Hope and Glory

Elgar



WELCOME TO LONGSWAMP UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST!

This is our Weekly Beacon- June 14th-20th, 2026

Thank you for joining us in worship today! We honor and celebrate the graduates in our church and community and pray for all the future holds for them!

Next Sunday June 21st we share in communion together, celebrate the baptism of Serafina and Evangeline, and welcome the Salvaterra Family officially as church members! Next Sunday is also Father's Day - all the men of the congregation will receive a gift for the ways they support and care for their family and this family of faith.

Sharing Our Faith

The funeral planning workshop is scheduled for THIS Tuesday, June 16th at 10:30am in the sanctuary. If you'd like to see what goes into planning a funeral or just want to be prepared for the future, please attend!

Thank you to everyone who helped at Swamp Fest yesterday! It was wonderful for our church members to be out engaging in the community and supporting a fun family event in Longswamp!

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

Mark your calendars for our Church Picnic on August 2nd! All are invited to this fun event happening after the church service. More info will be available soon!

Teaching What We Believe

Children's Church, our Sunday School program, runs this week during the church service. Children will follow the leaders to the Education building and hear lessons, play games, and more! If you would rather your child stay in worship, that's ok, too! Children are always welcome in worship and are encouraged to take advantage of our Prayground in the front of the sanctuary. There will be no children's church next week, June 21st, for our Holy Communion/Family Sunday but it will return on Sunday, June 28th.

Our next Faithful Field Trip will be this Wednesday, June 17th, and we will be visiting the Padre Pio center in Barto, PA. This will be a fun experience and a way to connect with people who worship a little differently than we do. All women and friends of LUCC are welcome. We will leave the church at 9:45am and experience Catholic Mass, Rosary, and Veneration of Padre Pio's Glove, as well as explore the museum. We will have lunch afterward at Longacre's Dairy. If you're interested in going, please let Pastor Kim or Maggie know!

Acting on Jesus' Teachings

Our June mission is "Summer Activities." Any donations toward this month's mission will go toward funding supplies for activities like Swampfest, the church picnic, and the two

Confirmation retreat days. Specifically for confirmation, the donations will go toward buying food for their Opportunity House meal they will be making! Thank you for your support!

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!

Congratulations, Graduates!

Alexander Jenkins, son of Ren and Kim Jenkins, is graduating from his medical fellowship in Gastroenterology from Walter Reed Medical Center, Bethesda, MD on June 18. Alex is a 2014 graduate of Muhlenberg College in Allentown, a 2018 graduate of the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, and then completed his Internal Medicine residency at Walter Reed Medical Center in 2021. Alex began his GI fellowship in July of 2023. After graduation, in early July, he and his family will be relocated to Tripler Army Medical Center in Honolulu, Hawaii for 3 years, to complete his term of military obligation. Alex is the husband of Riana, and father of Gabriella Grace (GG) and Benjamin. We will miss you, Alex, but will be excited to have you back in the Lehigh Valley in 2029! Thank you for your service to our country.

Garrett Jenkins, son of Ren and Kim Jenkins, graduated from Rowan University SOM with his medical degree on May 14, 2026. Garrett is a 2018 graduate of Brandywine High School and a 2022 Presidential Scholar graduate of Temple University. Upon graduation from medical school, Garrett will be an Internal Medicine resident at St. Mary's Medical Center in Langhorne, PA for the next 3 years. Garrett and his fiancée, Lauren, are excited to start the next part of their journey, and we are so proud of all of his hard work to achieve this milestone! Best of luck, Dr. Garrett!