

Longswamp United Church of Christ

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The Fifth Sunday of Easter - Sacrament of Holy Communion

MUSIC PREPARES US FOR WORSHIP

"More About Jesus"

Sweney

"Since the Savior Found Me"

Haskins

"It Is Well with My Soul"

Bliss

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELLS

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Inspired by Psalm 148)*

One: Celebrate our God, from the plains to the mountains!

Many: Celebrate our God, from the waters and hills.

One: Sing to our God who designed creation.

Many: Fill the air with song to the One who painted the world with love.

One: Let us praise our God, the author of grace.

Many: Let us worship our God, the composer of joy.

HYMN

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

#558

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION

All: God of Harmony, we were given the commandment to love one another the way you love us. Yet, the way we love becomes conditional. We have allowed our view of your Divine Love to become distorted. We've based who we love on what we value as sinful people and not on your holy and open arms. Turn us toward a simple but radical way of loving. Transform our hearts to understand one another, creating an earth which reflects God's heavenly realm. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The Spirit of God heals our hearts, blessing us with grace as the Divine One works to transform our world into a realm of peace and joy.

People: We are a forgiven people. Alleluia! Amen!

HYMN

I Come with Joy

#768

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 11:1-18

Kim Jenkins

MOMENT OF CONNECTION WITH CHILDREN

LOFT CHOIR ANTHEM

"Emmaus Road"

Blanchard, Arr, Smith

SERMON

"Where God Already Is"

Pastor Kim

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sacrament of Holy Communion

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

COMMUNION PRAYERS

Leader: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to God.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: We celebrate you, Loving God, for your beautiful creation that surrounds us So we lift up our voices in continuous praise and celebration of you:

SUNG RESPONSE

#2

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth, and sky, and sea.

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

REMEMBERING THE STORY

Leader: On the night before Jesus died, he gathered his friends together to share a final meal.....By eating this bread and drinking this cup we participate in the mystery of our faith.

People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

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.

SHARING THE MEAL

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

All: God of love and light, we thank you for welcoming us at your table. May our nourishment today sustain us and enliven us to welcome others to this holy meal. Broaden our understanding of your love for us and others, so your spiritual food may feed all those who hunger for peace and righteousness.

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC

"Praise Him Now"

Peterson

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: Loving God of Kindness, we glorify you by sharing our gifts of love with this community. We celebrate your presence by caring for your creation. May these offerings today nourish a world craving more love, peace, justice, and hope. Amen.

HYMN

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

#644

BENEDICTION

CLOSING MUSIC

"Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him"

Peterson

Portions of this service were adapted from: UCC Worship Ways- Glorify God: Service Prayers for the Fifth Sunday of Easter C written by the Rev. Michelle L. Torigian.

Let's support our food-insecure neighbors by helping the Brandywine Food Pantry!



*** Please check expiration dates on all donated food products. Brandywine Food Pantry cannot accept food items with expired dates.

Donated items "most needed" right now:

Breakfast - pancake syrup

Lunch/Dinner - beef stew, Chef Boyardee type canned goods

(beefaroni, ravioli, lasagna, etc.), chili, meat (cans - tuna, chicken breast, Spam, Treet), ramen noodles, salad dressings, spaghetti sauce (traditional or with meat)

Baking/Cooking products - cooking oil, flour, sugar

Snacks - all kinds (chips, cookies, crackers, pretzels, pudding, etc.)

Drinks - coffee, fruit juice (all kinds), hot cocoa mix

Condiments - ketchup, mayonnaise, mustard

Miscellaneous - evaporated milk, peanut butter

Personal hygiene products - body wash, shampoo

Household items - dish soap, laundry detergent

Paper products - paper towels, tissues, toilet tissue

The pantry can always use the following items:

Breakfast: cereal (all kinds), oatmeal

Canned Items: canned ham salad, chicken and dumplings, diced tomatoes, tomato sauce, beets, creamed style corn, etc.

Potatoes: instant mashed potatoes or other potato products

Condiments: pickles, vinegar

Beverages: fruit juice (grape, cranberry, apple), tea

Dry Goods: Rice-a-Roni, Pasta side dishes

Snacks: all kinds (chips, energy bars, Pop-tarts, pretzels, etc.)

Extras: marshmallow fluff

Personal hygiene items: combs, hairbrushes, shampoo/conditioner

Gluten-free and/or sugar-free items

Items that are currently not needed: canned vegetables (corn, mixed vegetables), tomato soup

WELCOME TO LONGSWAMP UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST!

This is our Weekly Beacon - May 15 - 22, 2022

Welcome to Longswamp United Church of Christ! We invite you to join us on our journey of connection as we deepen our relationships with Christ, each other and our community.

Sharing Our Faith

Our Memorial Day Service is on May 29th. A day to honor our men and women who died serving in the U.S. military.

Please join us for the Rite of Confirmation on Sunday, May 5th (Pentecost Sunday) at 10:15am to welcome our newest young members!

Acting on Jesus' Teachings

May 2022 Local Mission (Sunday, May 8 - Tuesday, May 31) - **Brandywine Food Pantry** - Please see the list of items on the previous page of the bulletin. Please deposit your items in the marked boxes in the front corner of the sanctuary or in the bell room. To give a monetary offering, please use your May 15 mission envelope. Place it in the offering basket, or the locked offering box in the bell room (during the week 6:30 AM - 5:30 PM), or mail it to the church. Please contact Jill Shade (484-894-0636; jill.shade@longswampucc.org) if you have any questions. Thank you for your support!

May 2022 Local Mission - Cookies for a Cause for the benefit of the Brandywine Food Pantry on Saturday, May 21st from 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM - Radcliffe's Great Valu Market - This event will be an extra way for our church to collect more donations for the Brandywine Food Pantry. Each Radcliffe's shopper, who donates at least one needed item, and/or gives a monetary donation will receive a small bag of homemade chocolate chip cookies as a small token of appreciation. 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, May 21. Please see Jill Shade today to sign up to make cookies and/or man our "Cookies for a Cause" table for an hour.

Teaching What We Believe

May Bible Study: Bad Girls of the Bible. Join Pastor Kim on Wednesdays May 18, and 25 in Fegely Hall to explore 4 more of the women, mothers, and wives in the Old Testament that get a bad reputation. You have two choices for attendance! The same material will be covered each Wednesday at 10:30 am if you'd like to join us in the morning for brunch refreshments or at 7:00 pm if you'd prefer an evening study! Pick whichever fits your schedule best.

Church Family Updates

May Church Family Prayer Needs: Beverly, Harold, Judy, Patricia

Military Members: Zachary, Alexander

Church Friends Prayer Needs: Corrine, Robert

Greeters Needed: If you are interested in volunteering as a greeter on a Sunday, please sign up on the bulletin board. It is an easy but wonderful way to serve our welcoming church!

Families of this year's graduates are reminded to email the church office with all their graduation information by May 23rd in order that all might be included in our service on June 12th and the June newsletter.

Endowment scholarship applications are available upon request by emailing Dawn at secretary@longswampucc.org. Applications must be returned to the church c/o Endowment Committee with all required documentation by Sept. 1, 2022.

Support

Krispy Kreme Fundraiser: Longswamp Learning Center is selling DELICIOUS Krispy Kreme Donuts. Order forms are located on the table by the double doors in the foyer. Please return the order form with payment via cash or check payable to "Longswamp Learning Center" by May 17th. Pickup will be in Fegely Hall on May 24th from 3-5:30 PM. If you have any questions, contact Sharon Wetzel (LLC Director) at sharon@longswamplanningcenter.com or 610-682-9750. Thank you for supporting LLC!

