

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

"I am Thine, O Lord"

"Sketch"

"Pomp & Circumstance"

Smith, tune by Doane

Schumann, Arr. by Smith

Elgar & Lopez

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELLS

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord our God,

People: the Maker of heaven and earth.

Leader: God, who comes to our aid in times of need,

People: who gives us the courage to do what we know is right.

Leader: God, who invites us to turn away from the influences of the world around us

People: and confess Him alone as Savior and Lord.

Leader: This is our God!

People: Let's worship together.

*HYMN

O God, Who Gives to Humankind

#399

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION

All: God, you have given each of us many gifts, but sometimes we cannot recognize the gifts we have to share. We hide our gifts away instead of using them to help others and grow in our own talents. Remind us, Holy One, that all

gifts are needed. Stop us from being convinced some people and their talents are more special than others. Keep us from isolating or cutting others off when we don't understand who you created them to be. Forgive us, and help us to build the body of Christ as we journey together. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God is the giver of many gifts. God is the giver of the gifts of forgiveness and grace.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Amen!

*PASSING THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Our God's Explorers Sunday School Program is on summer break, so families stay in worship together! Make sure you grabbed a kid's bulletin for the service. If you are looking for faith-based activities to do at home this summer speak with Hope or Pastor Kim - we can give you a Sunday School at Home Packet.

GRADUATE RECOGNITION & LITANY

Leader: We are gathered together to celebrate the graduating members of our church and our community; and the Pre-Schoolers who graduated from Longswamp Learning Center this past Friday.

People: We gather to bless the next stage of life for the young people in our midst.

Leader: One part of the journey is complete as graduates now prepare to begin another phase that will take them to unimaginable places. As they prepare for their next journey, we pray

People: for good will and love for what's ahead

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

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

Leader: for strength and determination that sustains

People: for guidance in all the 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

Lord, We Bring to You Our Children

#759

SCRIPTURE READING

Joshua 1:1-18 & Romans 12:1-21

SERMON

“Strength, Courage, Peace”

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

OFFERTORY MUSIC

“Here, O My Lord”

Dearle

***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: Good and Generous God, we dedicate this offering in your holy name. May our gifts bring hope and prosperity to your ministry in our church, in our community, and our world. May our hearts be enlivened by your generous spirit. May we seek and listen for your will for the future of God’s people. Amen.

***HYMN**

Shine, Jesus, Shine

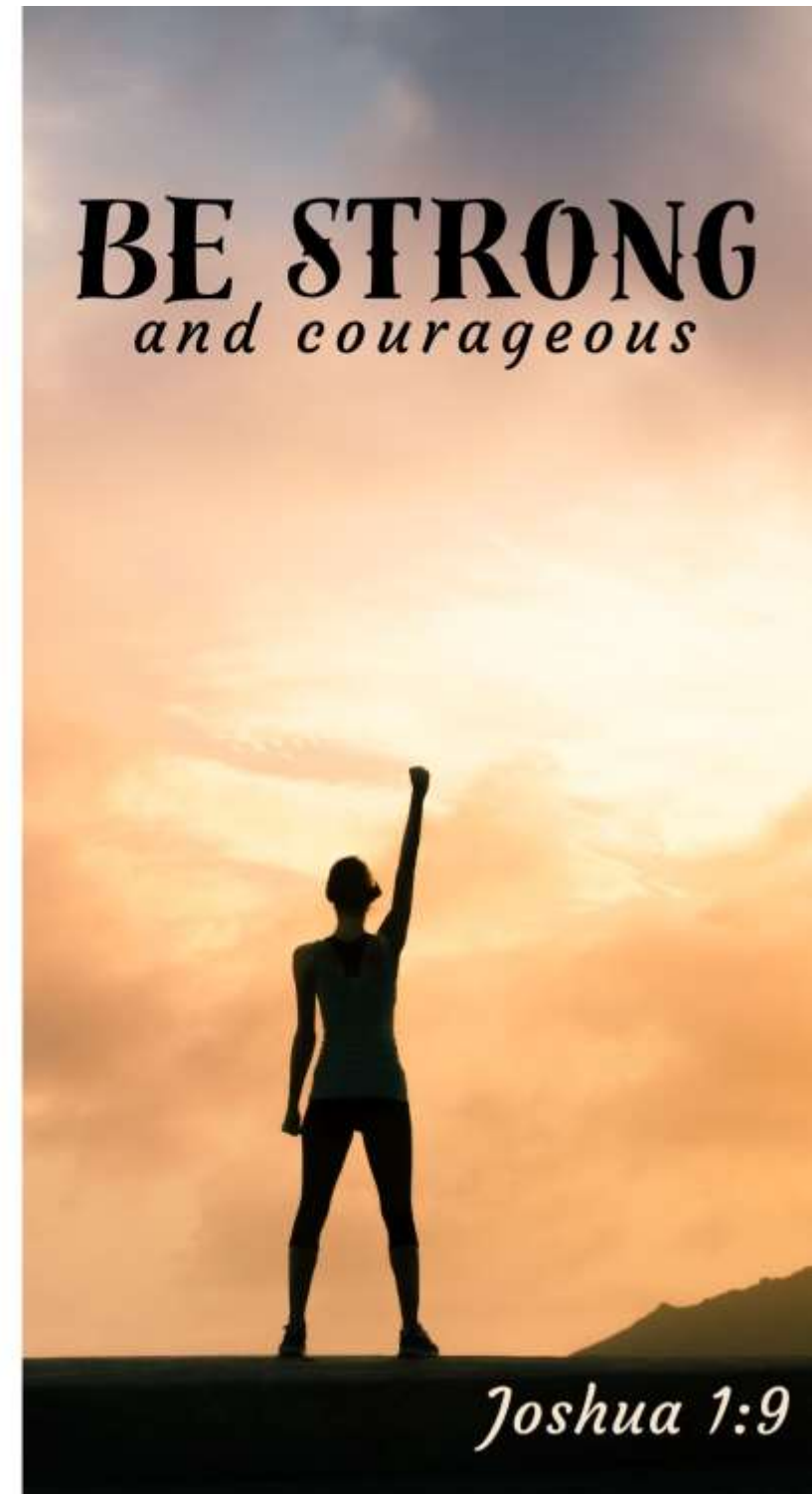
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***BENEDICTION**

CLOSING MUSIC

“All Now Sing Forth In Praise”

Broughton



WELCOME TO LONGSWAMP UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST!

This is our Weekly Beacon June 4-10th, 2023

Today is Graduation Sunday! We celebrate our graduates who are entering into a new chapter of their lives.

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. Tickets for Sight and Sound are sold out!**

Acting on Jesus' Teachings

May 2022 Local Mission - "Cookies for a Cause" for the benefit of the Brandywine Food Pantry - Thank you so much to the volunteers who helped yesterday to man LUCC's Cookie for a Cause table at Radcliffe's and/or made homemade chocolate chip cookies that we gave shoppers who donated at least one needed food item and/or gave a monetary donation. Our "Cookies for a Cause" event would not have been possible without the support of these dedicated church members.

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

We are still in need of helpers and donations for Swampfest. If you're interested in helping out with the walking taco stand or donating food items, please contact Maggie. If you're interested in helping out with the Kids Zone, please contact Pastor Kim. Thank you for all your time and donations for Swampfest!

CONGRATS, GRADS!

Nicholas Scott Strunk graduated May 6, 2023 from East Stroudsburg University. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Security. He played club volleyball for ESU. Nick is currently working in Lancaster and preparing for his Security Plus certification!

Congratulations, Nick!