

Longswamp United Church of Christ

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Third Sunday after Pentecost

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

MUSIC PREPARES US FOR WORSHIP

"Calvary Conquered My Heart"

Peterson

"My Faith Has Found a Resting Place"

Norse Air

"Great Is The Lord"

Michael and Deborah Smith

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELLS

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: We proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord in our ordinary, messy lives.

People: We are servants for Jesus' sake, surrendering to God's power at work in us.

Leader: Even in our trouble, uncertainty, and confusion;

People: We are servants for Jesus' sake, surrendering to God's power at work in us.

Leader: Even in persecution we've endured, even when we've been thrown down;

People: We are servants for Jesus' sake, surrendering to God's power at work in us.

Leader: Let us light up this dark world with Jesus' light and love!

People: Let us come together in the midst of God's presence.

Leader: Let us come together, all as broken vessels that hold Christ's light and love;

People: Seeking purpose and beauty and wholeness in our ordinary, messy, lives. Amen.

***HYMN**

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine

#514

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION

All: Healing One, we don't have to look far to see that there are broken places in the world and in ourselves. Forgive us for ways we have contributed to brokenness through our sharpness, our carelessness, or our denial. Forgive us for ways we have tried to hide away or use the wrong tools to fix ourselves. Help us not be afraid or ashamed of our brokenness but to lift it to Jesus, the Great Healer. Help us believe that transformation is possible and that it can shine Christ's light through our cracks. Forgive us, quench us, make us whole, all in the name of Jesus. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Christ's light and love fills us even in our darkest moments.

People: We are forgiven and made whole! We are beloved servants of God! Amen.

***PASSING THE PEACE**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you

SPECIAL MUSIC

Laurie Heagy, soloist

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Summer Sunday School is scheduled once a month, so families stay in worship together today! Make sure you grabbed a kid's bulletin for the service. The next Summer Sunday School is June 16th!

***HYMN**

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

#562

LITANY (BASED ON PSALM 81)

Leader: Sing aloud to God, our strength!

People: Shout for joy to the God of Jacob.

Leader: Raise a song and play the tambourine.

People: Make music with the lyre and the harp.

Leader: Blow the trumpet at the new moon.

People: Blow the trumpet like it's a festival day.

Leader: For it is what the Lord God commands.

People: The Lord who says to us,

Leader: "Listen to me, I am the Lord your God!"

People: "Walk in my ways."

Leader: "I will feed you with the finest wheat and honey."

People: "In the Lord, you will be satisfied."

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Corinthians 4:1-12

SERMON

"How the Light Gets In"

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.*

*OFFERING PRAYER OF DEDICATION

All: Bless our gifts, Creative God, that they may become streams of light, shining through the brokenness of the world. Through your touch may our giving bring beauty into view. May our gifts bring holy possibility and be transformed into signs of new life. Amen.

*HYMN

Have Thine Own Way, Lord

#584

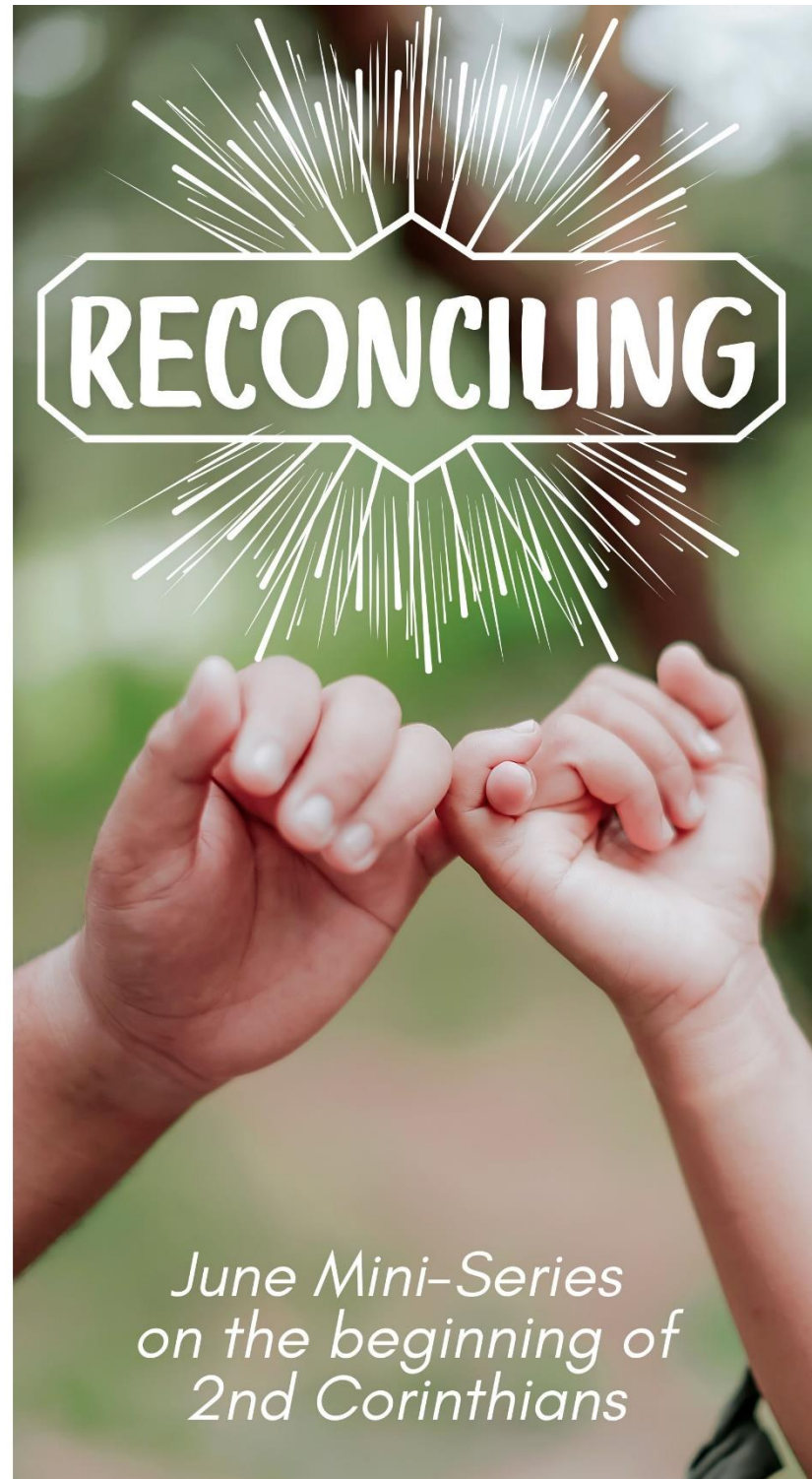
*BENEDICTION

CLOSING MUSIC

"There's a New Song in My Heart"

Peterson

Worship adapted from "Drink from the Fountain of Grace Worship Resources" by Break Through from the United Methodists of Greater NJ.



*June Mini-Series
on the beginning of
2nd Corinthians*

WELCOME TO LONGSWAMP UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST!

This is our Weekly Beacon- June 9th – June 15th, 2024

Thank you for worshipping with us as we begin “Reconciling” our June Mini-Series on the beginning on Paul’s 2nd letter to the Corinthians.

Next Sunday June 16th is Father’s Day; we will celebrate Holy Communion and Hannah Wegner will be playing her clarinet for us! Plus, we will have Summer Sunday School and the Children’s Choir will rehearse after worship.

Sharing Our Faith

We still have 7 tickets left for our August 16th trip to Sight & Sound Theater to see *Daniel!*

This year’s trip includes bus fare to and from the theater, the ticket, and a dinner at Miller’s Smorgasbord! The price for adults 13+ is \$160 and children 2-13 are \$100. Please let Maggie know ASAP if you’d like to sign up for this event. If the cost is prohibitive, please let Maggie or Pastor Kim know and we can work it out!

Interested in becoming a member? Please see Pastor Kim! At this time, we will be welcoming four new members on June 30th, so please plan to join us for this special and exciting worship service! In addition, we’ll be hearing special music to welcome our new members from Theresa, Laurie, Kim, and Amy!

Do you love birthday parties? Mark your calendars for Lucc’s **Everyone’s Birthday Party** in **Fegely Hall** immediately following our **10:15 AM worship service on Sunday, September 8, 2024**. Hope to see you there!

Teaching What We Believe

Children’s Church: During the summer we will have a special monthly Summer Sunday School class. This will be held the third Sunday of each month (6/16, 7/21, 8/18) on the same Sundays we have Holy Communion. Kids will follow the teachers out to class following the Children’s Message. Families and kids are always welcome in worship too!

Community VBS is being held Sunday, June 23rd-Friday, June 28th at the Brandywine Heights High School. Redeemer Bible fellowship is organizing this event and Lucc is in charge of crafts. This year’s theme is The Great Jungle Journey! If you’re interested in signing up, please visit redeemertopton.org/vbs. If you’d like to help with crafts, speak with Pastor Kim.

The Book of Daniel Bible Study: Join us as we learn more about the Book of Daniel before we head to Sight & Sound theater in August. All are welcome at Bible Study (whether you are going to Sight & Sound or not)! We will be meeting Wednesdays July 24th & 31st and August 7th & 14th either at 10:30 am in the Sanctuary or 7pm in Fegely Hall.

Acting on Jesus’ Teachings

Our June 2024 mission is “Summer Fun for Kids.” We will be collecting funds for all the summer activities for the kids in our church and community! At Swamp Fest we will be hosting some kid’s crafts and fun along with our Walking Taco Booth. Then our church is sponsoring crafts for Community Vacation Bible School being held at Brandywine Area High School June 23rd through 28th. Later in the summer we are hosting a movie night for Lucc & LLC (7/27) and Ice Cream Sundae Sunday where the kids will be singing in church and we’ll have some extra ice-cream themed activities (8/4). So, if you use June’s mission envelope or make a note on your own envelope or check saying “June Mission” or “Summer Fun for Kids” know that all money raised will be ensuring the kids in our church, the daycare, and our community have a summer filled with fun and faith in a safe environment. If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Kim!

Support

Thank you to everyone who helped at Swampfest yesterday!

SAVE THE DATE for Moana Movie Night & Luau! Saturday July 27th at 6:30 pm we will be hosting a fun evening for the kids of our church and the Learning Center! We’ll need helpers with games and food, baked-goods, or you can just come and enjoy the movie with your family!

Longswamp UCC Business

Attendance: June 2nd: 33

General Fund Income will return in the bulletins upon Maggie’s return from vacation.

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.

Interested in sponsoring Altar Flowers and Bulletins? Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex!