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**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: Lord, you have existed since the beginning of time.

People: Wonderful beyond measure.

Leader: You are a Faithful Father, Servant Son, and Enlivening Spirit.

People: Beautiful and dynamic.

Leader: You are a Loving Creator, Perfect Savior, and Giver of Spiritual Gifts.

People: Calling us forth.

Leader: You are a Nurturing Mother, Wisdom-Made-Flesh, Intercessor in Our Lives.

People: Caring and ever-present.

Leader: Hallelujah, bless the Triune God!

People: Hallelujah, praise God's holy names!

*HYMN

Holy Holy Holy, Lord God Almighty

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CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION

All: Triune God, you gather us and care for us, your beloved people, through word and spirit. Have mercy on us, and forgive us for when we sin against you. Too often we have not loved one another as we should. We have not sown the seeds of gospel hope. We have not been fully present in our worship and prayer. Restore us, Lord. May we give of ourselves willingly and joyfully in ways that benefit and bless others. May we truly share in one faith, one calling, for the sake of your son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Jesus says, "I am always with you, to the end of the age."

People: Thanks be to God for Christ's presence, Christ's forgiveness, and Christ's grace. 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!

Sacrament of Baptism

Emelia Theresa Hummel

WELCOME & ADDRESS

Leader: Members and friends in Christ, we gather now to celebrate the gift of grace in the sacrament of baptism.

People: There is one body and one Spirit. There is one hope in God's call to us.

Leader: There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Creator of us all.

The sacrament of baptism is an outward and visible sign of the grace of God. Inasmuch as the promise of the gospel is not only to us but also to our children, baptism with water and the Holy Spirit is the mark of their acceptance into the care of Christ's church, the sign and seal of their participation in God's forgiveness, and part of their growth into faith and discipleship.

People: This is the water of baptism. Out of this water we rise with new life, one in Christ's body.

QUESTIONS TO THE ONE PREPARING TO BE BAPTIZED TODAY

QUESTIONS TO THE PARENTS & GODPARENTS

CONGREGATIONAL AFFIRMATIONS

Leader: Do you promise your love, support, and care for the one about to be baptized today as they live and grow in Christ?

People: We promise our love. We promise our support. We promise our care.

PRAYER OVER THE WATER

ACT OF BAPTISM

PRAYER FOR THE BAPTIZED

Welcoming of New Members

Jim Gibson, Sandy Hoffman, Deborah Shewell, & Emilia Hummel

INVITATION & OPENING

QUESTIONS TO THE NEW MEMBERS

CONGREGATIONAL AFFIRMATION

Leader: Let us unite with the church in all times and places confessing our faith in God.
Do you believe in God?

People: I believe in God.

Leader: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

People: I believe in Jesus Christ.

Leader: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

People: I believe in the Holy Spirit.

ADDRESS & WELCOME

Leader: Today we rejoice in your pilgrimage of faith which has brought you to this time and place. We give thanks for every community of faith that has been your spiritual home, and we celebrate your presence in this household of faith. Members of Longswamp United Church of Christ, let us express our welcome and affirm our mutual ministry in Christ.

People: We welcome you with joy into the life of this church. We promise you our friendship and prayers. We share with you the hope of our church's future and by the power of the Holy Spirit know we will grow together in God's love doing God's work in the world.

Leader: In the name of Jesus Christ and on behalf of Longswamp UCC you are now members of this community of faith.

CLOSING PRAYER

*HYMN *Come Thou Font of Every Blessing* #45

RESPONSIVE READING (BASED ON PSALM 8)

Leader: O Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

People: You have set your glory above the heavens.

Leader: When I look to the heavens I see the work of your fingers.

People: For you have established the moon and the stars.

Leader: We are just humans, yet you are mindful of us; you care for us.

People: You have made us lower than God, yet crowned us with glory and honor.

Leader: God, you have given us dominion over your creation.

People: You have put the work of your hands right under our feet.

Leader: The sheep and oxen; the beasts of the field.

People: The birds of the air and the fish of the sea.

Leader: Whatever passes along the paths of the land and water.

People: How majestic is your name, Our Sovereign Lord, in all the earth.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 28:16-20

SERMON

"In the name of the..."

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: Blessed Trinity, as we gather together we pray for the ability to transform the world around us. May today's giving be part of that transformation. May the ways we give our offerings and give of ourselves make God's kingdom a reality on earth today. Amen.

*HYMN *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* #62

BENEDICTION

CLOSING MUSIC *Baptized in Water* *Bunessan*

Portions of this service adapted from Trinity Sunday Prayer & Liturgy Ideas on Faithward.



BLESSED *Trinity*



WELCOME TO LONGSWAMP UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST!

This is our Weekly Beacon- May 31st-June 6th, 2026

Thank you for worshiping with us today! We are filled with joy to share in the baptism of Emilia Hummel and to welcome her, as well as Jim Gibson, Sandy Hoffman, and Deborah Shewell, as new members here at Longswamp UCC!

Next week Pastor Kim will be away at the Keystone Conference of the United Church of Christ. At this meeting all the pastors of UCC Churches in PA gather for continuing education as well as to vote on the business of the Keystone Conference that oversees all the UCC churches in the state. Lay delegates from each church also participate - and our delegate is Mary Samuelson! If you are interested in what happens at these regional meetings please speak with Pastor Kim or Mary after they return!

In worship next week, Laurie Heagy and Vern Shade will refresh a tradition at Longswamp UCC of having a Wedding Sunday - a worship service to celebrate love and all the forms it takes in our lives. So join us next Sunday June 7th for a special service of music and stories all about God's love made manifest in our lives through a variety of relationships.

Sharing Our Faith

Reminder: We are having a playground cleanup day TODAY after church to help clean up and repair some things on the playground. LLC uses this playground almost every day and we want to ensure it's a safe and fun place for them to play. Today's agenda will involve moving mulch, minor repairs, and finishing the gazebo. If you're able to stay after, please do so! We appreciate any help!

Just a reminder that if you haven't reserved your tickets to either the Iron Pigs Game on July 12th or the Sight and Sound Event on August 14th, please contact Maggie in the office! We will be going to the Iron Pigs game on July 12th after worship. Our seats are right by the playground so families welcome to join us at this fun event! Each ticket for the Iron Pigs is \$13. Then, on August 14th, we will be taking a bus trip to Sight and Sound in Lancaster to see Joshua! The ticket price is \$126 for adults and \$65 for children under 12. This includes the show, the bus, and a meal at Hershey Farms Smorgasbord! Call or email Maggie if you'd like to participate in either of these. Please let her know if you'd like a Sight and Sound ticket by next Sunday, June 7th. Thank you!

June 14th is Graduation Sunday! We have a few graduates who are graduating from various programs this year. If you or your child are graduating, please let Maggie know ASAP so that we can honor them at this special service!

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!

The funeral planning workshop is scheduled for 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!

Teaching What We Believe

Children's Church is LUCC's Sunday School program, which meets every week during the service. After the children's message, children can follow the leaders over to the Education building for crafts, games, lessons and more! Children are also welcome to stay in worship with their families or take advantage of our Prayground in the front left of the sanctuary.

Our next Faithful Field Trip will be 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

May 2026 Local Mission - Brandywine Food Pantry - A HUGE "THANK YOU" to everyone who donated personal care items, household and cleaning supplies, paper products, and/or gave a mission offering for our May 2026 mission for the benefit of the Brandywine Food Pantry. Tomorrow we will be delivering the remainder of our donations to our local food pantry. As of the writing of this bulletin announcement, LUCC will be sending a check for the minimum amount of \$510 to our local food pantry. The Brandywine Food Pantry greatly appreciates all of LUCC's donations.

Our June Mission is "Summer Activities," an internal mission supporting all of the fun things coming up at LUCC. Any monetary donations will go toward supplies for Swampfest in July, supplies for the Confirmation retreat days in June and July, including their lunch and the lunch they are providing for Opportunity House, and food for the Church Picnic on August 2nd. If you'd like to donate to the June mission, please put your donation in an envelope marked "June Mission" or in your monthly mission envelope. Thank you always for your support!

Support

Swampfest will be here before you know it! Swampfest is on Saturday, June 13th this year, starting at 11am. Our walking taco stand and children's area will run until 5pm or until we run out of food. If you volunteered to donate a food item, please make sure you drop it off at the church by Friday, June 12th!

The LLC R&K Subs fundraiser is due by Tomorrow, 6/1! There are order forms in the narthex if you'd like anything. Please return to either Maggie's office or Sharon's office by tomorrow! Thank you for your support!

Longswamp UCC Business

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!