

Longswamp United Church of Christ

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Ice Cream Sundaes Sunday

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

MUSIC PREPARES US FOR WORSHIP

"Give Thanks"

Smith

"Glorify Thy Name"

Adkins

"How Majestic Is Your Name"

Smith

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELLS

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Feed us now, Christ Jesus;

People: As you fed your first disciples.

Leader: Feed us with soul food;

People: Which nurtures the type of love that binds us together.

Leader: Feed us with spiritual bread;

People: That strengthens our hands for serving the broken and the lost.

Leader: Feed us, so that we may be filled;

People: With joy that the universe cannot contain.

Leader: Feed us Holy God;

People: For the sake of your kingdom come. Amen!

*HYMN

Jesus, Thou Joy Of Loving Hearts

#121

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION

All: Tender, loving God, have mercy on us. At times we have been greedy, grasping for what is not ours even though we have enough. We have forgotten your promise: that you will fill us with the bread of life. We too often seek bread

for our bodies more than we seek the bread of heaven. Forget our sins, take away our guilt. Holy One, clean our hearts and make room within us for your nourishment. Make our spirits new, we pray, Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God places a new heart and a right spirit within us all. God fills us with love so we can anticipate the heavenly banquet.

People: We are forgiven! Glory to God! Amen!

*PASSING THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Chatter With The Angels"

American Spiritual

"Everybody Ought To Know"

Converse

Children's Choir

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 August 18th.

*HYMN

All The Way My Savior Leads Me

#641

LITANY (INSPIRED BY PSALMS 23, 36, 111, 146 & NEHEMIAH 8:10)

Leader: God prepares a table before me.

People: My cup overflows.

Leader: God provides abundant food.

People: And allows people to drink from the river of goodness.

Leader: God provides food for the hungry and supports the oppressed.

People: God remains faithful to us forever.

Leader: Thanks be to God for all he provides.

People: Thanks be to God for the farmers who plant and harvest.

Leader: Thanks be to God for the bakers who make bread.

People: Thanks be to God for those who prepare our meals.

Leader: We can enjoy choice food and sweet drinks!

People: For this day is holy to our Lord and our joy is the Lord's strength!

SCRIPTURE READING

John 6:24-35

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Arr. Gary Lanier

Glenn Fisher, Flute

SERMON

"Bread & A Revelation"

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: God of miraculous grace: Transform our offering into the work of ministry. Transform our lives into your presence in the world. Transform these gifts into the bread of life so that in our giving others may be fed. Through these gifts, may we grow in the knowledge of Christ and be strengthened in the unity of faith. In your loving and nurturing name, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN

Break Thou The Bread Of Life

#315

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING MUSIC

"I Sing Praises"

MacAlmon

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WELCOME TO LONGSWAMP UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST!

This is our Weekly Beacon- August 4th-10th, 2024

Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and are in loving memory of wife, Patricia, by Robert Dierolf.

Thanks for joining us on this very fun day! We have Glenn Fisher on the flute and the Children's Choir is singing as our special music today. After church, we are having an ice cream sundae fellowship! Fellowship will be held in the preschool room and will be make-your-own ice cream sundaes. There also will be some crafts and activities available!

A reminder that next week, August 11th, is the outdoor community service at Bowers Park.

The service starts at 10:30am but please also stay after for a community picnic in the park! We do not need any donations of food items but would appreciate anyone who is able to help serve the meal during the picnic. Please note, there will be no service at LUCC this day.

Sharing Our Faith

It's time to celebrate! Please mark your calendar now and make plans to attend our **Everybody's Birthday Party** in **Fegely Hall** immediately following our **10:15 AM worship service** on **Sunday, September 8, 2024**. We'll have lots of fun (games for all ages), food (covered dish luncheon, birthday cake, and ice cream), and fellowship. Please sign up on the sheets in the narthex no later than Sunday, September 1, 2024. Please include the covered dish you plan to bring and the birthday month of every member of your family. Come and join the fun! 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. The last class of the summer will be held 8/18, the same Sunday we have Holy Communion. As usual, kids will follow the teachers out to class following the Children's Message. Families and kids are always welcome in worship, too!

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)! The last two studies will be held August 7th & 14th either at 10:30am in the Sanctuary or 7pm in Fegely Hall.

Acting on Jesus' Teachings

Local Mission for the benefit of the Snack Pantry at Brandywine Heights Intermediate and Middle Schools- Thursday, August 1-Saturday, August 31, 2024. Let's help the food-insecure students in grades 4-8 in the local schools by providing specific healthy grab-and-go snacks so that the students will have the necessary fuel to get them through the school day. Please consider donating the following specific food items which were requested by the schools: **fruit snacks (small individual pouches), granola bars (Chewy brand is preferred- no peanut butter**

granola bars, please), cracker sandwich packs (such as Ritz with cheese- 6 cracker sandwiches per pack- no peanut butter cracker sandwiches, please), and fruit cups (in 100% juice or water). The donated items will be delivered to the schools and distributed in their Snack Pantry. Please put all food donations in the appropriate boxes on the table in front of the television in the front right corner of the sanctuary. Mission offerings will be used to purchase additional items for the schools' Snack Pantry. Please put your monetary offerings in the August mission envelope (dated August 18, 2024) or put them in a plain white envelope with your name and "August 2024 mission" marked on it. Thank you in advance for your support of the food-insecure students at Brandywine Heights Intermediate and Middle Schools!

Longswamp UCC Business

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!

If you're interested in being a reader or greeter for Sunday services, please let Maggie in the office know! New readers during worship and greeters before the service are always welcome!