

Longswamp United Church of Christ

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Ministry Partners: Chris Freudig – head usher; Bob Friedly – scripture reader

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

MUSIC PREPARES US FOR WORSHIP

"Til The Storm Passes By"

Mosie Lister

"Over The Sunset Mountains"

Peterson

"Beautiful Isle Of Somewhere"

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RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELLS

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather together on this day of rest and gladness!

People: We gather to praise you, God of creation!

Leader: We praise you for the dignity of work.

People: We praise you for the joy of play.

Leader: We praise you for the challenge of witness.

People: We praise you for the invitation to delight in your presence.

Leader: Renew our hearts through your Sabbath rest.

People: May we be refreshed to continue your work.

Leader: May we be refreshed to continue restoring the world to wholeness.

People: Amen.

HYMN

O Day of Rest and Gladness

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CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION

All: You search us, Wonderful God, and what do you find? People whose minds are so full of the world's ways, that there is no room to think of others. People who offer stale crusts to the hungry, not the food which gives them life. People who are so busy patting ourselves on the back, that we cannot reach out to

those who have fallen. Forgive us, all merciful God. May we listen to your words of grace, and become more gracious. May we hear your words of hope, and then live as people overflowing with it. When you call us, may we respond as faithfully as Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: This is the good news, the One who knows our worst fills us with the best – grace, wonder, and forgiveness.

People: Our hearts overflow with hope. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven. Amen.

HYMN

This Is My Father's World

#384

SCRIPTURE READING

Deuteronomy 5:12-15 & Mark 2:23-3:6

MOMENT OF CONNECTION WITH CHILDREN

JOYFUL RESPONSE IN SONG

#801

This is the day, this is the day, that the Lord has made, that the Lord has made.

We will rejoice, we will rejoice, and be glad in it, and be glad in it.

This is the day that the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

This is the day, this is the day, that the Lord has made.

SERMON

"Made for Us"

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

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC

"Something Worth Living For"

Oldham and Gaither

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

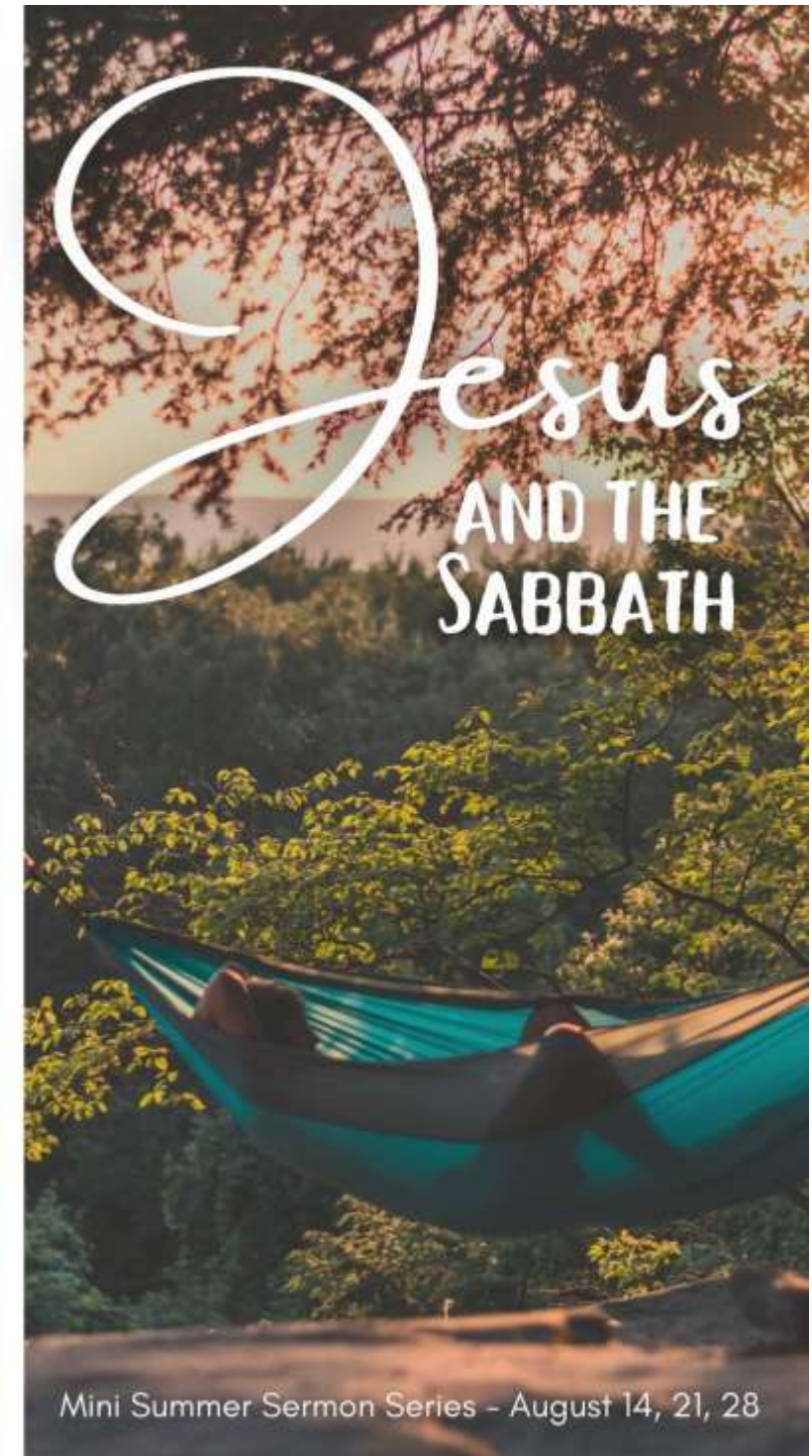
All: God of our abundance, you call us, you challenge us, you use us for the work of your kingdom. Take these gifts, and continue to call us to faithful lives and generous giving, so that others might be blessed as we are. We dedicate our giving in Jesus' name, Amen.

HYMN *When Morning Gilds the Skies* **#99**

BENEDICTION

CLOSING MUSIC *"Postlude" (in Thirds)* *McConnell*

Portions of this service are adapted from the Lectionary Liturgies Blog by Thom M. Shuman.



WELCOME TO LONGSWAMP UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST!

This is our Weekly Beacon for August 14 - 21, 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.

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

This week we begin our final mini-sermon series of the summer "Jesus and the Sabbath." We kick-off this week learning the history of the day of rest, and the next two weeks (August 21 and 28) we'll be reading scriptures about Jesus breaking the rules and healing and teaching on the Sabbath.

As summer comes to a close, your Worship Team is excited about all we have planned for September. **We will return to 10:15 am worship on Labor Day Weekend - Sunday September 4th.** Our theme for September is *Back to Church* and we've got a lot of fun planned to bring our community together as so many of us have been out and about this summer!

Teaching What We Believe

Sunday School is COMING BACK! We will begin our new Children's Ministry program called *God's Explorers* on Sunday, September 4th. Kids will start in church each Sunday and then head to Fegely Hall after the Children's Message for stories, games, crafts, and more! We will be learning what it means to be part of God's Family as we grow, proclaim, and serve together.

Acting on Jesus' Teachings

August 2022 - Local Mission for the benefit of the Food Pantry at Brandywine Heights Intermediate and Middle Schools (Sunday, August 7 - Wednesday, August 31) - Let's show our support of the food-insecure students in grades 4 - 8 in BHASD as they begin the 2022 - 2023 school year! Please consider donating healthy grab-and-go food items [**fruit snacks; granola bars (Chewy brand is preferred); cracker sandwich packs (such as Ritz with cheese or peanut butter); and fruit cups (in 100% juice)**] to the schools' Food Pantry so the needy children can get a healthy snack during the day. Please place your donated items in the designated boxes on

the round table behind the piano in the front right corner of the sanctuary. Monetary offerings will be used to purchase additional items. Please put your monetary offerings in your August 21st mission envelope and either place it in the offering basket on a Sunday morning, put it in the locked offering box in the bell room during the week from 6:30 AM - 5:30 PM, or mail it to the church. Please contact Jill Shade (jill.shade@longswampucc.org or 484-894-0636;) if you have any questions. Thank you in advance for your support of the food-insecure students at Brandywine Heights Intermediate and Middle Schools!

Church Family Updates

Serve your church! We can always use volunteers to greet on Sundays, to read in worship, to usher, or to learn one of the many behind the scenes tasks that keeps Longswamp UCC going each week. Speak with Pastor Kim if you'd like to be more involved!

If you are interested in sponsoring Altar Flowers and/or Bulletins for 2022, please sign up on the charts on the right side hallway bulletin board in the church foyer.

Radcliffe Receipts: Drop off receipts in box marked "Radcliffe Receipts" in the Bell Room. It's an easy way to help raise funds for our church.

Flower Beds... If you would like to volunteer for one week of weeding the flower beds, please use the sign-up sheet located where the bulletins are or contact the church office. Thank you for helping to keep our campus beautiful!

O Day of Rest and Gladness

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 3 To - day on wea - ry na - tions the heav'n - ly man - na falls;
 4 New grac - es ev - er gain - ing from this our day of rest,

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sing, "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," to the great God tri - une.
 and thus on you, most glo - rious, a three - fold light was giv'n.
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