

# Longswamp United Church of Christ

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## Ascension Sunday

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

### MUSIC PREPARES US FOR WORSHIP

*“Morning Has Broken”*

*Held*

*“Father, We Praise Thee”*

*Held*

*“Awake, My Soul, And With The Sun”*

*Held*

### RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELLS

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Because Jesus ascended and sits at the right hand of God, a new world has broken into ours—

**People: a world in which justice does come for the poor, freedom comes for the prisoners, and healing for the sick.**

Leader: Because Jesus ascended and sits at the right hand of God, a new community has been formed—

**People: a community that loves and cares for all members, a family that welcomes all who are abandoned and rejected, a place where all find a place of belonging.**

Leader: Because Jesus ascended and sits at the right hand of God, a new creation has begun—

**People: a creation where all that was distorted is being restored, all that is corrupted is being renewed, all that was broken is being made whole.**

Leader: Because Jesus ascended and sits at the right hand of God,

**People: God’s kingdom on earth has begun. Amen!**

**\*HYMN**

***To God Be The Glory***

**#72**

### CALL TO CONFESSION

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**All: Almighty God, we confess that we, too often, have our eyes set in the clouds instead of on the earth You have given us. We desire heavenly treasure but we keep believing that worldly means will help us attain it. Forgive us for our short sightedness. Draw us away from the temptations to seek worldly power and measures of success, and call us to the down-to-earth message of Your love; to care for the needs of those around us, especially the oppressed and marginalized. Help us to see all those who are left out by society and are in need. Help us to break down the dividing walls that we sometimes build ourselves, so that we may truly be one, as You and Christ are one. For it is in Christ’s name we pray. Amen.**

### MOMENT OF SILENCE

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: You were made by God; brought forth from the earth and called “good.” Know you are forgiven and loved by the God who made the earth, and made you.

**All: As people forgiven by our Creator, we will better care for the earth and all who dwell in it, while spreading God’s good news. Amen.**

### \*PASSING THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you**

### SPECIAL MUSIC

*“Love, Love, Love”*

*Brokering*

*Children’s Choir (Nathan Wegner, Soloist)*

*“Praise Him”*

*Crosby*

*Willow Hapenovich, soloist*

### CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

*Kids are then welcome to follow the teachers to Children’s Church Sunday School classes.*

**\*HYMN**

***Praise The Lord, The Almighty***

**#77**

### SCRIPTURE READING

**Luke 24:44-53 & Acts 1:1-14**

### SPECIAL MUSIC

*Aus Liebe will mein Heiland sterben*

*Bach*

*Glenn Fisher, flute*

**SERMON**

**“Uncomfortable Waiting”**

**Pastor Kim**

### MOTHER’S DAY PRAYER

## 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: We give thanks to you, O God, for the promise of your abiding presence among us, and for your abundant life within and around us. Help us live up to your call to action. May the gifts we offer be useful in this world, and transformative in our community. May the ways we give of our time, talent, and treasure make your presence known among all people. Amen.

**\*HYMN** *When Morning Gilds The Skies* #99

## \*BENEDICTION

**CLOSING MUSIC** *"Chaconne"* Held

*Call to Worship from Godspace written by Christine Sine. Confession adapted from the Rev-o-lution Blog by Rev. Mindi Welton Mitchell.*

## GET READY FOR... SWAMPFEST!!

We will need volunteers to work our joint walking taco stand and kids area on Saturday, June 8th from 11am-5pm. We will also need food and monetary donations. A sign up sheet is available in the narthex.



*Why do you stand here  
looking into the sky?*  
Acts 1:11



# WELCOME TO LONGSWAMP UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST!

This is our Weekly Beacon- May 12<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**Welcome to worship on Mother's Day!** All women are welcome to take a plant home from the Narthex as a thank you for all you do for your families and our community. A special thank you to all of today's musicians, as well.

**Join us next Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>**, at 10:15 am as we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost, share Holy Communion, and officially welcome our Confirmation Class into the Christian faith and as members of Longswamp UCC! There will be fellowship after worship in honor of our Confirmation Class. We also will be installing the memorial brick walkway, rescheduled from last Sunday because of rain. Please plan to stay after and help us with this fun and exciting task!

## Sharing Our Faith

**For Pentecost, the Penn Northeast Conference is holding a special "PNEC Friends of the Conference" offering** to support the many ways the conference supports local churches! Individual gifts to the PNEC help to provide further education for local pastors, youth programs and scholarships, grants to energize new church ministries, and more. If you are interested in contributing, please find the fliers and attached envelopes in the narthex.

**LUCC is having a summer of music!** Each week, our goal is to have some sort of special music during each church service. We want to celebrate all of our unique talents here at LUCC. If you're interested, please sign up on the sign-up sheet in the narthex.

**We are hosting another trip to Sight & Sound Theaters to see their performance of "Daniel!"** We will be taking a bus to the theater and to Miller's Smorgasbord on August 16<sup>th</sup>. If you're interested, please let Maggie in the office know. The cost per person is \$160 for adults and \$100 for kids but we have funds available if that cost is too steep.

## Teaching What We Believe

**Children's Church** runs every Sunday during the 10:15am worship. Children will begin in worship and follow the Children's Church leaders to the Preschool room after the children's message. Today, children will be making a special craft during Sunday School. Next week there will be no Children's Church and families will remain together for Confirmation. Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, the Children's Church participants will be making the last of our CWS Hygiene Kits.

## Acting on Jesus' Teachings

**May 2024 Local Mission- Brandywine Food Pantry- Sunday, May 12-Friday, May 31-** If you like helping people in need, please consider helping our food-insecure neighbors by supporting the Brandywine Food Pantry. Please see the list of items **most needed** right now and items that the food pantry can **always** use on the insert in today's bulletin. Please deposit your donations for the Brandywine Food Pantry in the marked boxes on the round table behind the

piano or in the bell room. Monetary donations can be placed in the May mission envelope (dated May 19) or a plain white envelope with name and the mission on it and placed in the offering basket, in the locked offering box in the bell room, or mail it to the church. Please contact Jill Shade ([jill.shade@longswampucc.org](mailto:jill.shade@longswampucc.org); 484-894-0636) if you have any questions about our May 2024 mission. Thank you in advance for your support of the Brandywine Food Pantry!

**3rd Annual "Cookies for a Cause" event for the benefit of the Brandywine Food Pantry - Saturday, May 18, 10 AM-2 PM at Mertztown Great Valu Market-** Hope you can visit our "Cookies for a Cause" table at the Mertztown Great Valu Market on Saturday, May 18, from 10AM- 2PM. Please tell your family, friends, and neighbors to visit our table too! This will be an extra way for LUCC to collect more items and monetary donations for Brandywine Food Pantry. Each donor will receive a small bag of homemade chocolate chip cookies as a small token of appreciation for their donation. We are still in need of volunteers to make small bags of homemade chocolate chip cookies and help for an hour or two at our stand. Please sign up on the sign-up sheets in the narthex. Please contact Jill if you have any questions or to volunteer.

## 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!

**Interested in becoming a member?** Please see Pastor Kim! We will be welcoming new members on June 30<sup>th</sup>!