

Longswamp United Church of Christ

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Wedding Sunday

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

MUSIC PREPARES US FOR WORSHIP

"Air" from Overture in D

*Glenn Fisher, flute
Johann Sebastian Bach*

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELLS

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Gracious God, always faithful in your love for us, we rejoice in your presence.

People: You create love. You unite us in one human family.

Leader: You offer your word and lead us in light.

People: You open your loving arms and embrace us with strength.

Leader: May the presence of Christ fill our hearts with new joy.

People: Bless all creation through the love we know in one another.

Leader: May the power of the Holy Spirit sustain us with a love that has no end.

People: Alleluia! Amen!

*HYMN

Be Thou My Vision

#532

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION

All: Merciful God, forgive us when our behavior doesn't reflect Christ's love. Hold us accountable when we fail to act truthfully and with understanding in our relationships. We want your love to enrich our lives and the lives of our family and friends; so create in us hearts of serving you and one another. We pray your light abundantly flows from us, in word and deed, so everyone can be enriched by your grace. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God's love extends to us with arms of mercy and forgiveness.

People: Thanks be to God for love that never ends. Amen.

*PASSING THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE "Love in Action"

Mr. Vern

All children are welcome to come forward for the Children's Message. Today is a Family Sunday so everyone stays in church together! Kids are welcome to sit with their families or engage in worship and some extra activities from our Prayground.

A CELEBRATION OF LOVE IN WORD & SONG

Scripture: A Seal Upon Your Heart

Song of Solomon 2:8-13

Special Reading: "Ben and Virginia"

Gwyn Williams

*HYMN

When Love Is Found

#392

Scripture: The Greatest Is Love

1st Corinthians 13:1-13

Special Reading: "A Love that Lasts"

Annette Paxman Bowen

SPECIAL MUSIC

*"Amazing Grace"
Glenn Fisher, flute*

arr. Gary Lanier

Scripture: The Wedding at Cana

John 2:1-12

Special Reading: "Don't Hope Friend...Decide!"

Michael Hargrove

SPECIAL MUSIC

*"The Wedding Song"
Theresa Haffner-Stearns, vocals & guitar*

Paul Stookey

LITANY & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray together; giving thanks for promises made and promises kept; for love shared. Lord, we have heard the words, "For better or worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health."

People: Blessed are those who have kept their wedding vows.

Leader: We pray today for challenging marriages; for the promises that have not been kept and the hearts that have been broken.

People: Blessed are those who have struggled and been hurt. Blessed are those who need forgiveness.

Leader: We also lift in prayer couples separated by death; husbands and wives who have lost their partner.

People: Blessed are those who mourn and cling to beloved memories.

Leader: We pray for all whose relationships and families don't fit neatly into a box; may all people be assured that your love, Holy Lord, flows through them and in their lives.

People: Blessed are all God's children and the ways they give and receive love.

Leader: We thank you, God, for friends and family who stand by our side during times of joy. For bridesmaids, groomsmen, and wedding attendants. For music and food and everything that makes weddings a special day.

People: Blessed are those who celebrate, who know the joy of love, of feasting, of celebration.

Leader: We thank you, God, for friends and family who stand by our side during times of hardship. When life changes, when relationships are challenging, and when love feels far away.

People: Blessed are those who always show up, who are present even when it would be easier to turn away.

Leader: And we continue our prayers using the words Jesus, the man of wedding miracles, taught us, saying...

People: 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

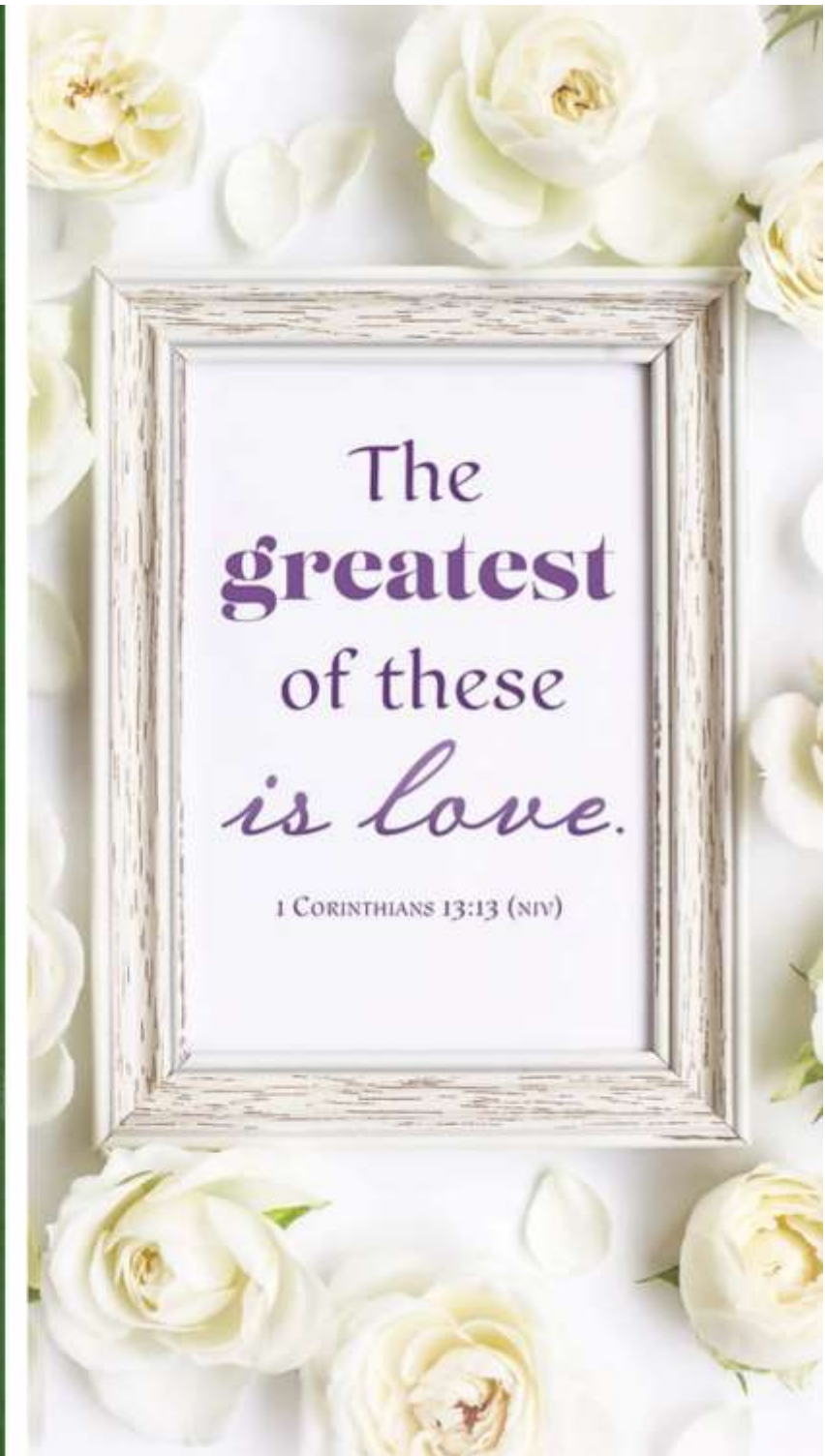
***DOXOLOGY** **#809**
*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below
Praise God above, you heavenly host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

***OFFERING PRAYER OF DEDICATION**
All: God of joy, we dedicate these offerings to you. May our giving reflect the hope we have that your love can be reflected throughout our community and our world. May the ways we give of our time and our talents be shared with care and compassion. May the gifts we bring to you, Lord, contribute to the building of whole and healthy relationships in our midst. Amen.

***HYMN** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* **#558**

BENEDICTION

CLOSING MUSIC *O Perfect Love* *Barnby/Gurney*



WELCOME TO LONGSWAMP UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST!

This is our Weekly Beacon- June 7th-13th, 2026

Altar flowers and bulletins are given to the Glory of God and are in loving memory of mother, Jean Butz Stoneback, by Hope Deiac.

Thank you for worshipping with us today as we refresh a tradition at Longswamp UCC: Wedding Sunday! Today in worship we celebrate love and all the forms it takes in our lives with special music and stories all about God's love made manifest in our lives through a variety of relationships.

Pastor Kim is not here this Sunday because she is 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! Hopefully we will return with helpful updates next week! Please join us next week for worship on Sunday June 14th for Graduate Sunday!

Sharing Our Faith

Reminder that TODAY is the last day to reserve your Sight and Sound ticket to see Joshua! Please let Maggie know after worship if you are interested in going or need more information! **Please also make sure to reserve your tickets for the Iron Pigs game on July 12th after church!**

Swampfest is THIS SATURDAY! All spots are filled for helpers, however, if you'd like to help out and didn't sign up, please see Maggie or Pastor Kim! We always welcome anyone who is able to help! Please also remember to drop off your food donations to the church office by Friday, 6/12, if you signed up for a specific item! Set up will be at 10am at the Longswamp park and then our Walking Taco stand will be open from 11 until we run out! Thank you to everyone who donated their time, talent, or treasure to make this event a success!

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

There is NO children's church today since it's a Family Sunday! Children and all their noises are always welcome in worship but if your child needs a place to wiggle around and play, they are welcome in the Prayground at the front of the sanctuary! Sunday school will return next week.

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

Our June mission is "Summer Activities." Any donations toward this month's mission will go toward funding supplies for activities like Swampfest, the church picnic, and the two Confirmation retreat days. Specifically for confirmation, the donations will go toward buying food for their Opportunity House meal they will be making! Thank you for your support!

Thank you to everyone who stayed after church last week to clean up the playground! We moved THREE truckloads of mulch, put up a tarp for some shade, and finished the beautiful gazebo (just to name a few tasks). The day would not have been possible without your help!

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!

June newsletters are available in the narthex! Please take one if you'd like to know any LUCC happenings!