

ngswamp United Church of Christ

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Memorial Day Weekend

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

MUSIC PREPARES US FOR WORSHIP

"The Last Mile of The Way" Marks  
"American Patrol" Meacham  
"America" Carey

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELLS

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In a world filled with violence and war,  
**People: we gather together to celebrate the promise of peace.**  
Leader: In a world filled with tyranny and oppression,  
**People: we gather together to celebrate the promise of justice for all.**  
Leader: In a world filled with hunger and greed,  
**People: we gather together to celebrate the promise of plenty.**  
Leader: Our hope is in the name of the Almighty God,  
**People: the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer of heaven and earth. Amen.**

\*HYMN Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory #416

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION

All: God of every nation, as we remember those that gave their life for our sake, let us be stirred to action in their memory. We confess that we have not done all that is possible to promote peace and justice in our world. We have not loved our neighbors, let alone our enemies. Forgive us for failing to live up to your commandments. Empower us to work for your Kingdom in this world, and welcome us by your grace into your Kingdom in the next. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God's peace is present with us, assuring us we are forgiven.  
**People: Praise be to the God of grace and justice. 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, children can then follow our Sunday School teachers to Children's Church located in the Education Building. Children's Church includes bible stories, crafts, games and more. Sunday School is for kids of all ages, but we welcome families to stay together in worship if that is what you prefer.

\*HYMN O God, Our Help in Ages Past #78

Honoring Memorial Day in Scripture, Word, & Song

Lessons in Loss & Grief

Scripture: Psalm 55:1-8, 16-23  
Word: "On The Death Of The Beloved" by John O'Donohue  
Song: Shall We Gather at the River? #687

Lessons in Violence & Peace

Scripture: Matthew 26: 47-52  
Word: "Blessing in a Time of Violence" by Jan Richardson  
Song: God of Our Fathers #419

Lessons in Unity & Justice

Scripture: Romans 12:9-18  
Word: "A Sermon on Peace" by Martin Luther King Jr.  
Song: O God of Every Nation #422

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: We dedicate our offerings to you, Holy God. May the ways we give of ourselves and our resources create a community, a country, and a world of justice and freedom where all your people can gather together in safety and peace. Amen.

**\*HYMN** *Eternal Father, Strong to Save* **#358**

BENEDICTION

**CLOSING MUSIC** *"America"* *Carey*

*Call to Worship from On Earth as in Heaven: Praying for Peace, MCC Peace Sunday Packet 2008.*  
*Prayer of Confession by Rev. Robb McCoy.*



## WELCOME TO LONGSWAMP UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST!

This is our Weekly Beacon- May 25<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>, 2025

***Altar flowers and bulletins are given to the Glory of God and are in loving memory of Althea Walbert's birthday.***

Thank you for worshiping with us on this Memorial Day Weekend as we remember the military members who have given their lives to keep us safe.

Next week, June 1<sup>st</sup>, join us for a regular worship service with Glenn Fisher on the flute! Please note that our graduation Sunday has been changed to June 22<sup>nd</sup> because of scheduling conflicts.

### Sharing Our Faith

**We have lots of exciting events happening this summer!** June 8<sup>th</sup> is Pentecost, where we celebrate the Holy Spirit descending to Earth to the disciples. We will have fellowship after the service. Then, June 15<sup>th</sup> is Father's day and Holy Communion, where all men will get a special gift for all you do for your families and our church. June 22<sup>nd</sup> is the rescheduled Graduation Sunday. We will honor our graduates during the service on this day. We will have an Independence day service on July 6<sup>th</sup>, potentially outside if the weather permits. July 13<sup>th</sup> is "Goat Sunday!" Since our July mission will be Heifer International, we decided to host a fundraiser to get people excited about Heifer! More info to follow but just know that we will have baby goats here at LUCC and will have two opportunities: goat cuddling and goat yoga!

### Teaching What We Believe

**Children's church is LUCC's Sunday School program and it runs weekly during the church service.** After the children's message, children are welcome to follow the children's church teachers to the education building for their weekly lesson. All children are welcome but if you'd rather stay together as a family during the service, that's fine too! The noises and wiggles of children are welcome in worship.

**Save the dates for Summer Fun!** For children, there will be two days of LUCC's mini version of VBS- "Camp Compassion!" All children are welcome to join us on Tuesday, July 8<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm and Tuesday, August 5<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm. Each night will have a different Bible story about how Jesus showed compassion to others, accompanied by games, crafts, food, campfire time, and more! Families are welcome to join us as well! Please sign your child up by visiting our website.

**Also save the date for our Bible study to accompany the Sight & Sound trip on August 1<sup>st</sup>.** The show we will be seeing is "Noah," and during the three Wednesdays leading up to August 1<sup>st</sup>, we will learn about Noah's story. The three dates are Wednesdays, July 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, and 30<sup>th</sup> at either 10:30am or 7pm! There is also a single ticket left for the Sight & Sound show, if you're

interested! Even if you're not coming on the trip with us, you are still welcome at the Bible Studies!

### Acting on Jesus' Teachings

**May 2025 Mission - Brandywine Food Pantry - ends on Saturday, May 31, 2025** -There are a lot of families and individuals in the Brandywine Heights Area School District who are food-insecure and need our help. Please consider donating a few items (non- perishable food items, personal care items, household supplies, and/or paper products) to the local food pantry. Your mission offerings are also greatly appreciated. Please contact Jill Shade ([jill.shade@longswampucc.org](mailto:jill.shade@longswampucc.org); 484-894-0636 ) if you have any questions/concerns about our May 2025 mission for the benefit of the Brandywine Food Pantry.

**4th Annual "Cookies for a Cause" event for the benefit of the Brandywine Food Pantry - Saturday, May 31, 2025 - 10AM - 2PM at Mertztown Store** - Hope you can visit our "Cookies for a Cause" table on Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup> 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 non-perishable food items, personal care items, household items, paper products, and monetary donations for Brandywine Food Pantry (LUCC's mission for May 2025). Each donor will receive a small bag of home-made chocolate chip or snickerdoodle cookies as a small token of appreciation for their donation.

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