

Longswamp United Church of Christ

March 7, 2021

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Reader; Hymns chosen by Hope Delaco

Sharing Our Faith in Worship

Live Streamed at 10:15am & Uploaded to Our Channel on YouTube

Organ Music Prepares Us for Worship

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus” - Maker

Call To Worship

Leader: Come to the house of God, and feel God’s welcome here. With longing, we go to God’s own house and enter with a song.

All: **Come to the house of God, and celebrate the women who helped build these walls. With joy, we go to God’s own house and enter with a song.**

Leader: Come to the house of God, and cry with the women who seek justice and compassion for all. With tears, we go to God’s own house and enter with a song.

Voice: Come to the house of God, and with thanksgiving remember the women who have led us here. With gratitude, we go to God’s own house and enter with a song.

All: **Come to the house of God, and worship our, redeemer, and sustainer. With humility, we come to God’s own house and enter with a song of praise.**

Hymn *“Make Me a Blessing”* #656

Opening Prayer: *(based on Psalm 122 adapted from PFAS p. 806)*

Sophia God, we long for the day when we will find ourselves inside your city. There all your people will experience justice, peace, and fullness of life regardless of their gender identity, race, age, sexuality, class, or ability; There all of us called to ministry will be supported in the work that you have prepared us for. Until then, as we journey toward home, guide and protect your church. Be our unity, truth, and peace. We pray in the name of Jesus the Christ. Amen

Hymn *“Give Me Oil In My Lamp”*

Verse 1: **Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning.**

Give me oil in my lamp, I pray;

Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning,

Keep me burning ‘til the break of day.

Chorus: **Sing, “Hosanna”, Sing, “Hosanna”, Sing “Hosanna to the King of kings!”
Sing, Hosanna”, sing, “Hosanna”, Sing “Hosanna to the King!”**

Verse 2: **Give me peace in my heart, keep me resting,
Give me peace in my heart, I pray;
Give me peace in my heart, keep me resting,
Keep me resting ‘til the end of day.**

Chorus: **Sing, “Hosanna”, Sing, “Hosanna”, Sing “Hosanna to the King of kings!”
Sing, Hosanna”, sing, “Hosanna”, Sing “Hosanna to the King!”**

Scripture Reading

Proverbs 8:1-36, 9:1-6

Sermon

Litany of Remembrance and Celebration

Voice: She has been with us always, hovering at the moment of our birth and lingering during our rebirth.

Leader: She has sung her song into the hearts of many.

Voice: Women who have heard and responded to wisdom’s cry with courageous actions and prophetic voices.

Leader: She has encouraged many to fly on despite racism, sexism, homophobia, ableism, classism, and the various other forms of exclusion and oppression ‘

Voice: She whispers softly words of encouragement, guidance, and challenge. She empowers us to fly on.

Leader: With her, women continue to dream, continue to challenge, and continue to soar with the guidance and companionship of the Spirit.

Voice: Together, with the saints before and behind us, we will continue to build God’s house

Offering

With hope we come to God’s own house, offering our gifts.

Prayers of the People

Hymn *“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”* #227

Benediction

Closing Music

“Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken” - Mozart

WELCOME TO LONGSWAMP UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST!

This is our Weekly Beacon March 7 - 14, 2021

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.

Sharing Our Faith.

This Wednesday's Lenten Worship - We are going to have a fire pit outside this coming Wednesday night beginning at 6:15 PM. People can drop off prayers in the bell room or email them to us. People may also come and park in their cars in the parking lot to hear the service. **Easter Gift bags for our homebound and fragile members** - We need your help! Please consider taking a few minutes out of your busy schedule to deliver a special Easter gift bag to one or two of our homebound/fragile members. The Easter gifts (on the table behind the piano in the front right corner of the sanctuary) will be available for pick-up on/after Sunday, March 14th. Please put your name on the sign-up sheet behind the member's name for whom you are delivering. Please deliver the gift bags anytime between Sunday, March 14 - Saturday, April 3. Please contact Jill Shade (jill.shade@longswampucc.org; 484-894-0636) or the church office (610-682-6230; secretary@longswampucc.org) to volunteer to deliver an Easter gift bag and arrange a time to pick it up. Thank you!

Acting on Jesus' Teachings

February 2021 mission - Longswamp Boy Scout Troop 575 - A huge "THANK YOU" to everyone who very generously supported our February mission for the benefit of the Longswamp Boy Scout Troop #575. As of this week, \$970.00 was contributed for our local Boy Scouts. It will be used for Summer Camp Scholarships for boys who may not be able to afford the cost (\$395.00) of a week of in-person Summer Camp at the end of June.

LUCC's Community Easter Treat Drive-Thru: Palm Sunday, March 28, 2021, 12:00PM-1:30PM (rain or shine) - LUCC will sponsor a Community Easter Treat Drive-Thru as the alternative to our annual Easter Egg Hunt. Each child will receive an Easter goodie bag (while supplies last) and will be able to wave to the Easter Bunny from their vehicle. Goodie bags will be given out at the front entrance of the church. We ask that children (age 2+) and adults wear a mask and stay in their vehicle at all times. Please contact Chris Freudig (chris@longswampucc.org) or Jill Shade (jill.shade@longswampucc.org; 484-894-0636) if you have any questions about Longswamp UCC's Community Easter Treat Drive-Thru. Hope to see you there!

March 2021 mission - LUCC's Community Easter Treat Drive-Thru (Sunday, March 7 - Wednesday, March 31)- We are planning to put together 100 Easter goodie bags for this special event so we need your help in providing monetary donations to help cover the cost of the contents of the goodie bags. Each bag will contain small snacks, plastic Easter eggs with candy inside, and little Easter toys and activities. Please put your offering in your March

Mission envelope and either put it in the locked offering box in the bell room between the hours of 6:30AM - 5:30PM during the week or mail it to the church. Please feel free to contact Jill Shade if you have any questions about our March mission.

Teaching What We Believe

Longswamp Learning Center, a ministry/mission of LUCC for almost 35 years, is seeking **full-time and part-time teachers** to join our organization. Our teachers are responsible for providing fun, quality care and education, lesson planning, room organization, etc. LLC offers competitive wages. Previous experience in childcare, teaching, or a related human services field is required. A successful candidate should have a strong passion for teaching, be energetic, and have a positive attitude. If interested, email Sharon, the Director, at sharon@longswamplearningcenter.com or call 610-682-9750.

Church Family Updates

Offering Counter Helpers Needed! We could use 2 more people to help count the offering. Please contact the church office if interested.

Campus and Maintenance Manager Needed: We are currently seeking a Campus/Building maintenance manager part time for 10-15 hours per week. Duties include: Basic repairs & maintenance for the church/daycare, following a monthly schedule of duties and unexpected repairs as needed by staff. Demonstrates problem solving skills, interfaces with outside contractors, supervises cleaning staff, responsible for ordering supplies and restocking, must pass required background checks per the department of Human Services, and able to lift 40 pounds and climb stairs/ ladders. Interested applicants should send a resume to 200 Clay Road, Mertztown, PA 19539 to the attention of the church board or call the church office at 610-682-6230 and leave a name and phone number.

Stewardship Information for the Week of February 28th

February Mission Giving: Boy Scout Troop #575 Summer Camp: **\$970.00**

OCWM Mission Giving Total: to date: **\$335.00**

2021 Offering envelope books are ready for pickup in the Bell Room. If you do not receive envelopes and would like to have a book, please contact the church office.