

Phippsburg Congregational Church, UCC
Open and Affirming: All are Welcome Here!
August 6, 2017: Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
Please silence all electronic devices. Thank you!

** indicates times when you're invited to rise in body or spirit*

Gathering Music & The Ringing of the Church Bell

Greetings and Announcements

Centering Prayer

Prelude and Lighting of the Altar Lights

Variations on The King of Love

Edwin Childs

Call to Worship (from Isaiah 55)

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;

and you that have no money, come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk without money, without price.

**Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?**

Listen carefully and eat what's good, Incline your ear and come to me;

Listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,

God's love is steadfast and sure!

***Opening Hymn:** Come, O Fount Of Every Blessing

Insert

Prayer of Confession: (from Iona Abbey)

**Before God and you who are near me, I admit that I am a
wrestler between right and wrong. I release anything I hold against
another. I regret the harm I have done. I stand before the wrong of
my life and ask for God's forgiveness.**

Words of Assurance

The 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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not
into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the
kingdom, & the power, & the glory, forever. Amen**

***Gloria Patri: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the
Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be, world without end! Amen, Amen!**

Lectionary Reading: Genesis 32:22-31

KJV 27/CEB 25/MSG 57

Time for the Young at Heart

Pastoral Prayer: May the Lord be with you

And also with you

Lift up your hearts

We lift them up unto the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord

It is right to give God thanks and praise!

Offertory: *Chorale and Duo on Pleading Savior*

A. Giamanco

***Doxology: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow**

Praise God, all creatures here below

Praise God above, ye heavenly host:

Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

New Testament Reading: Matt. 14:13-21 KJV 715/CEB 745/MSG 1351

Message: Grappling with Grace

Rev. Holly Morrison

***Communion Hymn:** Let Us Break Bread Together Pilgrim Hymnal 288

The Sacrament of Communion

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Benediction

SONG OF RESPONSE:

And God will raise you up on eagles' wings

Bear you on the breath of dawn

Make you to shine like the sun

And hold you in the palm of God's hand.

Extinguishing the Altar Lights: *Take the Light of Christ into the world!*

Postlude: *Fugue*

George F. Handel

Thanks to today's service participants:

Organist: Ann Hartzler Lay Reader: Justine Lovig
Head/Asst Deacons: Mary Hartman, Ellen Parker, & Julie Peacock
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Welcome to the Phippsburg Congregational Church! Please sign our guest book in the narthex and stay for refreshments and fellowship in the Linden Tree Meeting House following the service. No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

Need a Large-print bulletin, bible, or hearing-assist device? Please ask one of our deacons for these.

SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP

Do to our worship schedule time change, please plan to meet for a very efficient 10:00-10:25 AM meeting This Sunday. Thank you!

GIVE MUSIC A HAND!

The Linden Tree Meeting House will soon be filled with music, and we need your help! The Kennebec Early Music Festival needs ushers, ticket-takers, and instrument movers to make this first festival season a success. (Want free access to world-class music? Be an usher or ticket-taker! Are your kids or grandkids bored? Bring 'em over to haul harpsichords!) Help needed on August 16, 18, and 19. Call 504-0107 or email pastor@phippsburgucc.org to sign up--THANKS!

DOWN TO EARTH: FILM & DISCUSSION AUGUST 11

Maine film-maker and activist, Ann D. ("Andy") Burt will present this inspiring documentary of 13 Mainers and their responses to climate change at the Linden Tree Meeting House on Friday, August 11, at 7 PM. Andy will lead a discussion following the film. This public event is free (donations will be accepted to support climate justice work) and all ages are welcome. Please share this invitation widely!

FLARE NIGHT - JOIN THE PARADE!

Last year our small but mighty church crew marched with church shirts and kazoo's. Will you join us for this year's parade? Contact Pastor Holly!

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We honor and respect those who have gone before, lighting the candles of our faith and opening the doors of our beloved church in welcome to all who enter.

We acknowledge and accept our responsibility to be good stewards of this church and faith community.

We believe Jesus fully revealed our living God's unconditional love and calls us to share that love with all so that we may help transform the world and ourselves.

We value community and celebrate those distinct gifts we each bring to our community.

We strive to actively practice generosity, hospitality, and stewardship of all of God's creation.

And in all things we seek the Righteousness, Justice, and Peace that is God's Shalom on earth as it is in heaven.

Rev. Holly Morrison, pastor & teacher

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CALENDAR

- Sun. Aug.6 Special August worship schedule begins:
9:00 Regular service
10:00 Fellowship time
10:30 Praise & Prayer from Iona Abbey*
- Sun. Aug. 6 Social Justice Meeting, 10:00 AM (LTMH)*
- Tues. Aug. 8 Buildings & Grounds Committee, 4 PM
Deacons' Meeting, 7 PM*
- Fri. Aug. 11 Down to Earth, Film/discussion, 7-9 PM,
(LTMH)*
- Aug. 16-19 Kennebec Early Music Fest Concerts (LTMH)
more info at phippsburgucc.org/concerts*
- Friday Aug. 18 Popham Field Day & Flare Night*
- Sat. Aug. 19 Memorial for Willow Schwartz, 1-5 PM,
1410 Harpswell Neck Rd., Harpswell*
- Sun. Aug. 20 Blessing of the Fleet 12:30*

OFFICE HOURS FOR AUGUST 6- 12:

This week, Holly will be in the office Tuesday, 10 AM – 4 PM, and Thursday from 10 AM to 5 PM. (Other hours by arrangement.) Holly can be reached by phone or email as needs or concerns arise:
(207)504-0107 / revcelt@gmail.com.