

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*

Greetings and Announcements

***Opening Prayer**

From the rising of the sun till its setting in the west,

God's holy name be praised.

On the lips of children, by babies at the breast,

God's holy name be praised

In the visions of the old and the dreaming of the young,

God's holy name be praised.

In the banquet hall of heaven and the forgotten corners of our hearts,

God's holy name be praised.

Let all that has life and breath praise the Lord.

AMEN. WE PRAISE THE LORD!

***Song of Praise:** Come, O Fount Of Every Blessing Insert

Word of God: Matthew 14:13-21 KJV 715/CEB 745/MSG 1351

Prayer

O God our Creator, your kindness has brought us the gift of a new morning. Help us to leave yesterday and not to covet tomorrow, but to accept the uniqueness of today. (silence)

By your love, celebrated in your Word, seen in your son, brought near by your Spirit, take from us what we need to carry no longer, that we may be free again to choose to serve you and to be served by each other. (silence) Jesus Christ, child of God, have mercy on us.

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(silence)

I believe that God forgives and sets us free.

**We believe that God forgives and sets us free,
and at the day's beginning, we commit ourselves to
following where Christ calls, and to loving one another.**

Invitation to Offering

Lord, as we come to the richness of your table,
we cannot forget the rawness of the earth.

We cannot take bread and forget those who are hungry.

Your world is one and we are stewards of its nourishment.

Lord, put our prosperity at the service of the poor.

We cannot take wine and forget those who are thirsty.

The ground and the rootless,

the earth and its weary people cry out for justice.

Lord, put our fullness at the service of the empty.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

(Please come forward, tear bread from the loaf, dip it in juice, eat, and return to your seat. [Bread is gluten-free.] Communion is open to all.)

Closing Response:

Christ's food in our souls

Our food shared like his.

Christ's life in our hands,

Our lives shaped by his.

Christ's love in our hearts,

Our love warmed through his.

Christ's peace on our path,

Our path following his.

Benediction (unison)

**May the blessing of light be on us,
light without and light within.**

May the blessed sun shine on us

and warm each heart till it glows like a great fire,

So that strangers and friends may come warm themselves.

And may the light shine out from our eyes

like a candle set in the window of a house,

And may the Lord bless us, and bless us kindly.

WE GO IN PEACE, TO LOVE AND SERVE! AMEN!

Thanks to today's service participants:

Head/Asst Deacons: Mary Hartman, Ellen Parker

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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.

ABOUT THIS SERVICE:

On the Scottish island of Iona—an ancient site of Christian pilgrimage—a new ecumenical community works to care for the earth and its people, to seek justice and peace, and revitalize congregational song, prayer, and liturgy. Their worship materials are shaped by ancient Celtic traditions and the emerging experience of Christians around the world. This morning's service is drawn from the [Iona Abbey Worship Book](#) and [A Wee Worship Book](#), copyright 2001 & 1999, respectively, by the Iona Community & their Wild Goose Resource Group.

Morning Praise and Prayer with the Iona Community



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.

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