

**Phippsburg Congregational Church, UCC**  
*Open and Affirming: All are Welcome Here!*  
**August 13, 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

In the beginning, before time, before people, before the world began,  
**God was.**

Here and now, among us, beside us, enlisting the people of the earth  
for the purposes of heaven,

**God is.**

In the future, when we have turned to dust,  
and all we know has found its fulfillment.

**God will be.**

Not denying the world, but delighting in it, Not condemning the world  
but redeeming it through Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit,

**God was. God is. God will be.**

**\*Song of Praise:** The Summons (verses one and two)                      Insert

### Prayer

#### Word of God

Hear the word of God

**Our ears are open.**

A reading from Matthew 14, verses 22-33 (*scripture is read*)

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the breaking in of God's kingdom in our world today.  
Our sovereign God, because Jesus has taught us to trust you in all  
things, we hold to his word and share his plea:

**Your kingdom come, your will be done.**

Where nations budget for—and threaten—war,  
while Christ says, “put down your sword,”

**Your kingdom come, your will be done.**

Where countries waste food and covet fashion,  
while Christ says, “I was hungry... I was thirsty...”

**Your kingdom come, your will be done.**

Where powerful governments claim their policies are heaven-blessed,  
while scripture states that God helps the powerless,

**Your kingdom come, your will be done.**

Where Christians seek the kingdom in the shape of their own church  
as if Christ had come to build—and not break—barriers,

**Your kingdom come, your will be done.**

Where women who speak up for their dignity are treated with scorn  
and men try to be tough because they're afraid to be tender,

**Your kingdom come, your will be done.**

Where we, obsessed with being adult, forget to become like children,  
and our prayers falter, our faith weakens, and our light grows dim,

**Your kingdom come, your will be done.**

Where Jesus Christ calls us,

**Your kingdom come, your will be done.**

God of power and grace beyond all earthly powers,  
you have declared that your kingdom is among us.

Open our ears to hear it, our hands to serve it, our hearts to hold it.

**This we pray in Jesus' name. AMEN.**

#### Invitation to Offering

**\*Song of Response:** The Summons (verses three & four)                      Insert

#### \*Closing Response:

For all that God can do within us, for all that God can do without us,

**Thanks be to God.**

For all in whom Christ lived before us, for in whom Christ lives beside us,

**Thanks be to God.**

For all the Spirit wants to bring us, for where the Spirit wants to send us,

**Thanks be to God.**

Listen: Christ has promised to be with us in the world as in worship.

**Amen. We go to serve him.**

**Thanks to today's service participants:**

Head/Asst Deacons: Mary Hartman, Ellen Parker, Julia Peacock

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**Welcome to the Phippsburg Congregational Church!** 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.

**CALENDAR**

- Tues. Aug. 16*      *KEMF Concert: "Solo Bach"*  
*Noon- 5 PM Set-up & Rehearsal*  
*6:15 PM Pre-Concert Lecture*  
*7 PM Concert (LTMH)*
- Fri. Aug. 18*      *Popham Field Day & Flare Night*  
*6:30 PM Parade (come march with us!)*  
*KEMF Concert: "Music of Shakespeare's Time"*  
*6:15 PM Pre-Concert Event (LTMH)*  
*7 PM Concert (LTMH)*
- Sat. Aug. 19*      *Memorial for Willow Schwarz 1-5 PM*  
*KEMF Concert:*  
*Noon- 5 PM Set-up & Rehearsal*  
*6:15 PM Pre-Concert Lecture*  
*7 PM Concert (LTMH)*
- Sun. Aug. 20*      *9:00 Regular service*  
*10:00 Fellowship time*  
*10:30 Praise & Prayer from Iona Abbey*  
*12:30 Blessing of the Fleet*

**OFFICE HOURS FOR AUGUST 13-20:**

Holly will be in the office Tuesday & Thursday, 10 AM – 4 PM. Please call or email as needs arise: (207)504-0107 / revcelt@gmail.com.

**ABOUT THIS SERVICE:** On the Scottish island of Iona—an ancient site of pilgrimage—a new community works to revitalize congregational worship. Their work is shaped by Celtic traditions & 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](#), © 2001 & 1999, respectively, by the Iona Community and 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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