

***Phippsburg Congregational Church, UCC***

*Open and Affirming: All are Welcome Here!*

**October 1, 2017: World Communion Sunday**

*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**

*Etude, as a duet: H. Thomas - Organ, W. Gilman - Piano*

*F. Chopin*

**Call to Worship** (*Andrew King*)

We will sit down where feet tire from the journey.

We will sit down where grief bends the back.

**We will sit down under roofs wrecked by artillery.**

**We will sit down where cries sound from cracked walls.**

We will sit down where heat beats like hammers.

We will sit down where flesh shivers in cold.

**We will sit down where bread bakes on thin charcoal.**

**We will sit down where there is no grain in baked fields.**

We will sit down with those who dwell in ashes.

We will sit down in shadow and in light.

**We will sit down, making friends out of strangers.**

**We will sit down, our cup filled with new wine.**

We will sit down and let love flow like language.

We will sit down where speech needs no words.

**We will sit together at the table with no edges.**

**We will sit to share one loaf, in Christ's name, in one world.**

**\*Opening Hymn:** In Christ There Is No East or West PH 414

**Prayer of Confession:** (*Joe Seremane, South Africa*)

You asked for my hands, that you might use them for your purpose. I gave them for a moment, then withdrew them, for the work was hard.

You asked for my mouth, to speak out against injustice. I gave you a whisper that I might not be accused.

You asked for my eyes, to see the pain of poverty. I closed them, for I did not want to see... Lord, forgive my calculated efforts to serve you. Forgive me, renew me, help me take you seriously, and send me out. Amen.

**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!**

**Scripture Reading:** Philippians 2:1-13 KJV 867 /CEB 896 /MSG 1621  
**Time for all God's Children**

**\*Hymn:** O God In Whom All Life Begins Insert

**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:** *Hear Him My Soul* *H. S. Livingston*

**\*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**

**Scripture Reading:** Matthew 21:23-32 KJV 721 /CEB 752 /MSG 1359

**Reflection**

Rev. Holly Morrison

**\*Communion Hymn:** Let Us Talents & Tongues Employ Hymn Binder

**Sacrament of Communion** (*our table is open to all, regardless of age, belief, or background. A GF option is available on each bread plate.*)

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Benediction**

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

**Postlude:** *March from Rinaldo*

G. F. Handel

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

Organist: Bill Gilman Lay Reader: Sally Gray & Nouvelle Kanziza  
Head/Asst Deacons: Laurie Simpson, Julie Peacock, and Chip Simpson

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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.**

**CALENDAR**

<i>Sun. Oct. 1</i>	<i>World Communion Sunday Special Offering: Neighbors In Need</i>
<i>Mon. Oct. 2</i>	<i>Holly in office 10 AM – 4 PM Gentle &amp; Yin Yoga, 6 PM, LTMH</i>
<i>Tues. Oct. 3</i>	<i>Vocal Choir Practice, 6-7 PM</i>
<i>Thurs. Oct. 5</i>	<i>Bell Choir Practice, 9-10 AM</i>
<i>Oct. 3-9</i>	<i>Holly on vacation (no office hours)</i>
<i>Friday, Oct. 20</i>	<i>Maine Conference Retreat, Bangor</i>
<i>Sat. Oct. 21</i>	<i>Maine Conference Annual Mtg, Bangor</i>

# WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY



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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**Rev. Holly Morrison, pastor & teacher**

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**OCTOBER 1<sup>st</sup> -8<sup>th</sup>:** This week, Holly will be on vacation from Oct. 3-9. Requests for prayer, spiritual care, and other community concerns may be shared with deacon co-chairs Berenice Knight (phone: 443-4763 or bereniceknight@gmail.com) & Chip Simpson (443-8665 or chip.simpson57@gmail.com).

**FALL BIBLE STUDY: Walking with the Word (Mondays, 1:30-3 PM)**

Come explore the weekly lectionary texts (the set of readings used in worship). We'll examine historical/cultural contexts and discover how these scriptures still meet us on the road today. Join us for a prayerful, personal journey towards Sunday. (Starts Monday, Oct. 2, 1:30-3 PM)

**BOOK GROUP: "Take This Bread"** (Starts Thursday, Oct. 12, 1:30-3 PM)

Book group will be reading "Take This Bread" by Sara Miles, a challenging exploration of Christian meaning, identity and practice on the streets of San Francisco. Copies will be available at the Mustard Seed Bookstore by Sept. 30th.

**PRAYER REQUESTS REMINDER:** There is more than one way to share your requests! You can share them during church or feel free to write your requests in the prayer notebook in the Narthex. (Please indicate if it is confidential or is meant to be shared.) The Deacons will remove it from the book and share it with the Pastor.