

Phippsburg Congregational Church, UCC

Open and Affirming: All are Welcome Here!

October 8, 2017: Eighteenth 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

Reverie

C. Debussy

Call to Worship (*Eric Fairbrother, New Zealand*)

For the way that stretches out in front of us,

We say thank you.

For the way that lies behind us,

We say thank you.

For the Way that we will become,

We hope with thankful hearts.

***Opening Hymn:** Enter, Rejoice and Come In

Insert

Gathering Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Loving God, it has been another hard week in your world: people weeping in helpless grief, people hollow-eyed in hunger and despair, people full of rage and empty of compassion. We struggle in fear and confusion, unsure how to faithfully respond. Stay with us, God. Keep us moving your Way. We pray with Jesus, our partner on this journey:

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: Mark 2:1-12

KJV 732/CEB 762/MSG 1378

***Hymn:** Take My Life and Let It Be

Pilgrim Hymnal 404

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: *Adagio cantabile*

L. Beethoven

***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: John 2:5

KJV 780/CEB 809/MSG 1457

Message: Are You Ready To Do What Jesus Asks?

Rev. Maurice Namwira

***Closing Hymn:** Forth In Thy Name, O Lord, I Go Pilgrim Hymnal 406

Benediction

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

Postlude: *Theme and Variations*

L. Beethoven

Thanks to today's service participants:

Organist: Ann Hartzler Lay Reader: George Langbehn

Head/Asst Deacons: Laurie Simpson, Julie Peacock, 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

Oct. 3-9 *Holly on vacation (no office hours)*
Mon. Oct. 9 *No Yoga this week, resuming Oct. 16*
Tues. Oct. 10 *Vocal Choir Practice, 6 PM*
 Deacon's Meeting, 7 PM
Thurs. Oct 12 *Handbell Choir Practice, 9 AM*
Fri. Oct. 20 *Concert: Martin Grosswendt & Susanne*
 Salem-Schatz, 7:30 PM
 Maine Conference Retreat, Bangor
Sat. Oct. 21 *Maine Conference Annual Mtg, Bangor*

OCTOBER 1-8: 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 (443-4763 or berenicenight@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. 16, 1:30-3 PM)

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

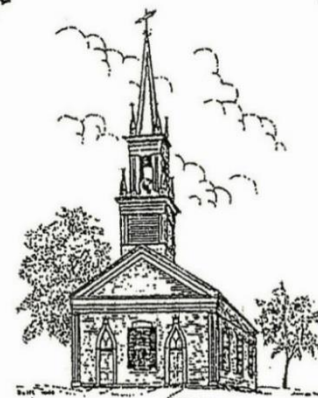
Book group will be reading "Take This Bread" by Sara Miles, a challenging exploration of Christian meaning, identity and practice on the streets of San Francisco. Copies available at the Mustard Seed Bookstore.

UCC President, John Dorhauer, in Maine Oct. 26-30!

Our focus will be on the Emerging Church in Maine. Details still coming, but here are some local options to meet, greet, and learn:

Fri. Oct. 27: *Morning in/near Bath - conversation on Church Vitality;*
 Afternoon at Carpenter's Boatshop in South Bristol/Pemaquid.
Sn. Oct. 29: *Preaching in Brunswick – Later, Auburn/Portland.*
Mon. Oct. 30: *Morning in Pownal at Holly Morrison's farm- focus on*
 Earthcare/Farm Ministry. More info coming soon!

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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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