

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

**October 29, 2017: Reformation 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**

**Stewardship Moment:** Tina Tucker

#### **Prelude and Lighting of the Altar Lights**

*"Largo" from Sonata No. 6*

*Antonio Vivaldi*

#### **Call to Worship**

In the beginning, you formed us

**Shaping a world of possibility, shaping and blessing each of us!**

Through history, you have called us

**Called us your children, each with power and reason**

**To seek the truth, companioned by God's Word**

And still you call us

**Yes, Still-speaking God, you call us: to live the Good News**

**As your still-reforming Church! Praise be to God!**

**\*Opening Hymn:** Our God, Our Help in Ages Past (vs 1-4) PH 1

#### **Gathering Prayer and The Lord's Prayer**

**Source of Grace, we are gathered here, surrounded by a heritage of challenge and faith. Even our most comfortable customs trace back to a moment of chaos. Even our best traditions once felt like an awkward change. As we celebrate this great anniversary, hold us close, and free us for further acts of courageous faith.**

**With Jesus, our Liberator, we pray:**

**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!**

**Hebrew Scripture Reading:** Psalm 46 KJV 446/CEB 437/MSG 733

#### **Time for All God's Children**

**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:** *"Pastorale"* Giuseppe Sammartini

**\*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:** Romans 3:19-24 KJV831/CEB860/MSG1543

**Reformation Reflection:** So Close to God, So Far From Each Other

**\*Hymn:** A Mighty Fortress is Our God Insert

**\*Closing Hymn:** In the Midst of New Dimensions Hymn Binder

#### **Benediction**

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

**Postlude:** *"Moderato" from Sonatina in G* Ludwig van Beethoven

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

Organist: Sharon Bond      Lay Reader: Marcia Clark

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**

- Mon. Oct. 30: "FarmChurch:" Visit w/ UCC President & ME Conf. Earthcare team at Holly's farm, 9-11 AM  
Lectionary Bible Study 1:30-3 PM, LTMH  
Gentle & Yin Yoga, 6 PM, LTMH*
- Tues. Oct. 31: Vocal Choir Practice, 6 PM  
Church Council Mtg., 7 PM*
- Wed. Nov 1: Tai Chi, 10:00 AM, LTMH*
- Thurs. Nov 2: Handbell Choir Practice, 9 AM  
Book Group: 1:30-3 PM, LTMH*

**PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS FOR OCTOBER 29-NOVEMBER 4:**

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

**HOSPITALITY "LEFTOVERS" AND "COOKIES" REQUESTS:** On November 26<sup>th</sup>, the Sunday after Thanksgiving, we would love help from the congregation: Please bring in your yummy leftovers! On December 24<sup>th</sup>, please bring in only Cookies! Thank you!

**BATH AREA FOOD BANK THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE!** Please bring donations to the Narthex or BAFB in Bath: Canned Soup, Canned pasta, Cereal, Spaghetti sauce, Canned meats, Boxed Mac and cheese, Baked beans, Canned Gravy. Perishable items, including Pumpkin Pies, Butter, and Cheese, may be delivered to 150 Congress Avenue in Bath on M/W/F before 11 am or T/Th 5-7pm.



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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.

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