

Phippsburg Congregational Church, UCC
Open and Affirming: All are Welcome Here!
February 11, 2018: Sixth Sunday of Epiphany

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

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

Jason W. Krug

Call to Worship (from Psalm 30)

Sing praises to the Lord, you faithful ones! Breathe a word of thanks!

Rare is God's anger; constant is God's love for all of us!

Weeping lingers for the night, but joy comes with the morning!

Hear me, Holy One! Be gracious and bring me help!

You turn my mourning into dancing. You clothe me with joy!

O God, I'll give thanks forever!

***Hymn:** Shall We Gather at the River

Hymn Binder

Gathering Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Gracious God, it is our privilege to step into this place of safety and peace to worship you. Elsewhere, our sisters and brothers worship in temporary shelters, or in hiding. They speak their faith, knowing it is a risk. They seek peace, while war echoes around them. God, reach into our hearts. Bless us with the comfort we need and the humility to receive and share your compassion. We pray with Christ:

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!

Lectionary Reading: 2 Kings 5: 1-5, 9-14 KJV 304/ CEB 289/ MSG 467

Time for All God's Children

***Hymn:** We Yearn, O Christ, for Wholeness (NCH 179) 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: *Romanza*

Ludwig van 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

Gospel Reading: Mark 1:40-45

KJV 732/ CEB 762/ MSG 1378

Message:

Rev. Holly Morrison

***Closing Hymn:** How Firm a Foundation

Pilgrim Hymnal 372

Benediction

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

Postlude: *Festal March*

G.F. Handel

Thanks to today's service participants:

Organist: Sharon Bond Lay Reader: Sue Mack

Head / Asst Deacons: Kathy Totten / Mare Hartman

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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

- Sun. Feb 11: Worship 10 AM
Mardi Gras: Potluck and Game Night, 4-7 PM*
- Mon. Feb 12: Restorative Yoga: 6 PM, LTMH*
- Tues. Feb 13: Deacons Meeting, 7PM, LTMH*
- Wed. Feb 14: An Ash Wednesday Valentine, LTMH
No Tai Chi this week, next class Feb 21*
- Fri. Feb 16: Lectionary Bible Study, 12-2 PM, LTMH*
- Sun. Feb 18: Lenten Lunch Series begins, 11:45 AM*

PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS FOR FEBRUARY 11 – 17

Monday: Day Off / Tue: Office 12-7 PM / Wed: Office 10-8 PM / Thurs: Work from home / Fri: In & Out / Sat: working from home, reachable by phone/email. Please contact Holly as needs arise: 207-504-0107/revcelt@gmail.com

MARDI GRAS POTLUCK & GAME NIGHT

Join us Sunday, Feb 11, from 4-7 PM for some Mardi Gras Madness before Lent begins! Meal starts @ 4, Games start @ 5 PM. Bring a Dish and Game to share!

LOVE SONG: AN ASH WEDNESDAY VALENTINE

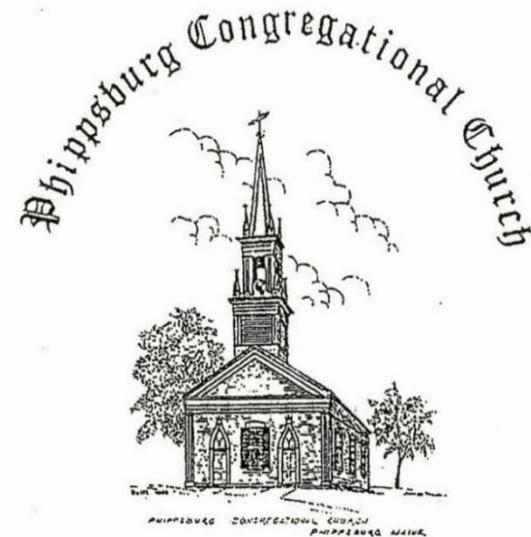
Soup supper @ 5:45, LTMH. At 6:30 join us in the sanctuary for a service of poetry and song about our place in the heart of God. There will be ashes... and chocolate.

LENTEN LUNCHES

For this Lunch and Discussion group, we'll be using Eric Elnes book "Gifts of the Dark Wood: Seven Blessings for Soulful Skeptics (and Other Wanderers)". The greatest assets on our journey to meet God are our feelings of being uncertain, empty, lost, tempted, and alone. Seek out your copy now. A few copies will be available at the Church on the 18th. You're welcome to join us!

FEBRUARY FOOD FLURRY

The following items are urgent food bank needs: *Canned goods* including soup, pasta, spaghetti sauce, chicken, tuna, & baked beans. Please bring donations to Church and we will deliver them.



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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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