

Phippsburg Congregational Church, UCC

Open and Affirming: All are Welcome Here!

March 25, 2018: Passion/Palm 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

Fantasy on 'When Morning Gilds the Sky' arr. by Dan R. Edwards

The Palm Sunday Gospel Proclaimed: Mark 11:1-11

Call to Worship *(from an Eastern Orthodox prayer)*

You sit on the throne of heaven

And on the back of a colt on earth, O Christ Jesus.

You accepted the praise of angels and the songs of children who cried:

Blessed are you! You come to call all people out from death!

***Hymn:** The Palms

Hymnal Binder

Gathering Prayer & The Lord's Prayer *(from a Kenyan liturgy)*

From a wandering nomad, you created a family;

For a burdened people, you raised up a leader;

For a confused nation, you chose a king;

For a rebellious crowd, you sent your prophets.

Now you have sent us your Son, your perfect image,

bringing your kingdom, revealing your will,

dying, rising, reigning, redeeming your people for yourself.

We welcome him into the gates, praying as he prayed:

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!

Time for All God's Children: Procession with Palms

Choir Anthem: "Celebrate the King"

Joseph M. Martin

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: *Andantino*

Josef Haydn

***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.

Prayer of Dedication

The Passion: readings & reflections from Mark 14:1-15:47

KJV 745 / CEB 775 / MSG 1398

***Closing Hymn:** My Song Is Love Unknown (NCH#222)

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Benediction *(from the Church in India)*

Jesus, King of the Universe, ride on in humble majesty,

Ride on through conflict and debate

Ride on through sweaty prayer and betrayal of friends,

Ride on through mockery and unjust condemnation,

Ride on through cruel suffering and ignoble death,

Ride on to the empty tomb and your rising in triumph,

Ride on to raise up your Church, a new body for your service,

Ride on, King Jesus, to renew the whole earth in your image.

In compassion, come help us.

Song of Response: Ho-zanna, Hey-zanna, Zanna, Zanna, Ho,

Zanna, Hey, Zanna-Hosanna. Hey J.C., J.C., Would you die for me?

Zanna-Ho, Zanna-Hey, Superstar!

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

Postlude: *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* arr. by Fred Bock

Thanks to today's service participants:

Organist: Sharon Bond Lay Reader: John Morse

Head / Asst Deacons: Brad Hart / Julie Peacock & Berenice Knight

Childcare Provider: Bill Haggett

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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 & HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Sun. Mar 25: **Palm/Passion Sunday**, Worship 10 AM

Mon. Mar 26: Restorative Yoga, 6 PM, LTMH

Tues. Mar 27: Choir Practice, 6 PM

Wed. Mar 28: Tai Chi: 10:30 AM, LTMH

Thur. Mar 29: **Tenebrae / Service of Shadows:** 7 PM

Fri. Mar 30: **Good Friday**, Sanctuary open 12 PM – 6PM

Lectinary Bible Study, 12-2 PM, LTMH

Sun. April 1: **Easter Sunday**

6:15 AM, Easter Sunrise Service

7:00 AM, Light Breakfast—Free to Public, LTMH

10:00 AM, Easter Sanctuary Service

PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS FOR MARCH 25– MARCH 31

Mon: Day Off / Tues: Office/Visits 12-6 / Wed: working from home /

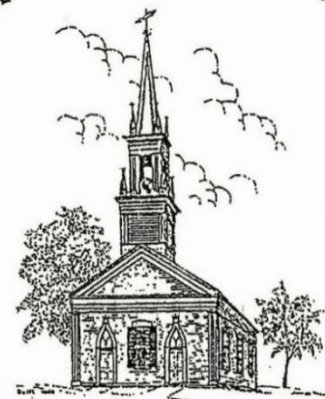
Thurs: Office 12-7 / Fri: working from home / Sat: sermon writing (at home)

Please contact Holly as needs arise: 207-504-0107/revcelt@gmail.com

COMMUNION SUNDAY, APRIL 8TH

Due to the extra challenges of hosting the Community Sunrise Service and Easter breakfast, we will not include the Sacrament of Communion in our Easter Sunday services. Communion will be served on the Second Sunday of Easter, April 8th.

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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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