

Phippsburg Congregational Church, UCC

Open and Affirming: All are Welcome Here!

April 8, 2018: Second Sunday of Easter

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

Chorale in G Minor

Johann S. Bach

Call to Worship (*Psalm 133, adapted*)

How good and pleasant it is

when kindred live together in unity!

Like fragrant anointing oil poured on a wise elder's head,

like dew on the mountain, like rushing spring streams!

This place bubbles and roars, upwells with unending life,

A resurrection promise, from God to us and all the earth!

***Hymn:** Now The Green Blade Rises (NCH 238)

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Prayer of Confession

God, we confess our doubt to you—deep and wide, like a fresh wound. One moment we praise you with words and music, the next moment we turn away. We beg for certainty, proof, control over things we can't grasp. Doubt is the shroud we wrap ourselves in, even as you breathe for us and within us. Unlock the doors of our hearts, Jesus. Walk on in! Invite our touch—that the mystery of Resurrection may bend our lives, and our belief, towards Easter.

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: Acts 4:32-35

KJV 804 /CEB 833 /MSG 1499

Time for All God's Children

***Hymn:** Joy Dawned Again on Easter Day

Pilgrim Hymnal 188

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: *Allegro*

George F. Handel

***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

Gospel Reading: John 20:19-31

KJV 799 /CEB 829 /MSG 1489

Sharing the Resurrection Word: *you are invited to share a poem on the theme of resurrection or new life. Please use a microphone so that everyone can hear!*

Sacrament of Communion (*Open to all ages, backgrounds, and beliefs. Bread plates include a GF option in the small container on each plate.*)

Prayer of Thanksgiving:

Risen Christ, thank you—for understanding our need to touch and taste. Thank you for this ritual reminder that we are forgiven and loved, blessed to embody your liberating Word! Amen!

***Hymn:** Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

Pilgrim Hymnal 185

Benediction

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

Postlude: *Fugue*

George F. Handel

Thanks to today's service participants:

Organist: Ann Hartzler Lay Reader: Kathy Totten

Head / Asst Deacons: Sandy Stenquist / Ann Bradbury & Dottie White

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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. Apr 8: Worship 10 AM, Poetry Sunday

Mon. Apr 9: Restorative Yoga, 6 PM, LTMH

Tues. Apr 10: Buildings & Grounds Mtg, 2 PM

Choir Practice, 6 PM

Deacons' Mtg, 7 PM

Wed. Apr 11: Tai Chi: 10:30 AM, LTMH

Fri. Apr 13: Lectionary Bible Study, 12-2 PM, LTMH

Sat. Apr 14: CONCERT: Don & Cindy Roy, 7:30 PM

Sun. Apr 15: Worship 10 AM

PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS FOR APRIL 8– APRIL 14

Mon: Day Off / Tues: Office & mtgs 12-8:30 PM /

Wed: Office & visits 10 AM-4 PM / Thurs: Office 10-3 /

Fri: Office 10-12, Bible Study 12-2 PM / Sat: Work from home

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

SAVE THE DATE! APRIL 29TH MULTICULTURAL POTLUCK DINNER:

Bath Senior Citizens Center, 45 Floral Street, 4:00-6:30 PM

You, your family and friends are invited to share a meal with immigrants new to our communities and enjoy delicious foods from around the globe.

Hosted by: The Midcoast New Mainers Support Group.

RSVP: joannesusanrosenthal@gmail.com FMI call: 207-841-6188

We look forward to breaking bread with many of you on April 29th!

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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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