

Phippsburg Congregational Church, UCC

Open and Affirming: All are Welcome Here!

April 22, 2018: Fourth Sunday of Easter & Earth Day

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

For the Beauty of the Earth

Clay Christiansen

Call to Worship

Maker of all things bright and beautiful

Maker of mud and dust and trees damaged by wind

We praise You

And we wonder about the pain, the grief, the ugliness.

So we gather here

While bulbs push their green points up through the soil

While storm and sea-rise threaten those on the edges

While fish gasp for air in sullied oceans

While people thirst in towns with no safe water to drink

One: We gather to worship

ALL: Feeling the lack of those not present--

All the other lambs of your flock--

We gather to praise you, o Remembering One,

God of all things wise and wonderful,

Resurrected Lord!

***Opening Hymn:** All Things Bright and Beautiful Pilgrim Hymnal 478

Gathering Prayer: An Earth Day Psalm

Insert

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!

Lectionary Reading: 1 John 3:16-24 KJV 901 / CEB 931 / MSG 1689

Time for All God's Children

***Hymn:** The King of Love My Shepherd Is Pilgrim Hymnal 80

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: *Air* Gerry Hancock

***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: John 10:11-18 KJV 789 / CEB 819 / MSG 1473

Message: "Shepherding" Rev. Holly S. Morrison

***Closing Hymn:** We Cannot Own The Sunlit Sky (NCH 563) *Insert*

Benediction

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

Postlude: *Postlude on Italian Hymn* Albert Travis

Thanks to today's service participants:

Organist: Ann Hartzler Lay Reader: Wayne Beach

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 22: Worship 10 AM

Mon. Apr 23: Restorative Yoga, 6-7:30 PM, LTMH

Tues. Apr 24: Choir Practice, 6 PM

*Community Conversations on Homelessness, Pt 4
(at The Neighborhood UCC, Bath) 7 PM*

Wed. Apr 25: Tai Chi, 10:30 AM, LTMH

Church Council Mtg, 3:30-5 PM, LTMH

Fri. Apr 27: Lectionary Bible Study, 12-2 PM, LTMH

Sat. Apr 28: CONCERT: Jimmy Jo & the Jumbol'Ayus, 7:00 PM

Sun. Apr 29: Worship 10 AM

Multicultural Potluck, Bath Senior Ctr, 4:30-6 PM

HOPE IN HARD TIMES: TRUE STORIES from MAINE STORYTELLERS!

May 6th, 3-5 PM at the Carpenter's Boat Shop, Pemaquid: The Midcoast Association of UCC Churches invites you to an inspiring afternoon of storytelling—at the site of an exciting local mission! (Registration is free, but space is limited. Please see sign-up sheet on kiosk in LTMH.)

NOTE: this event is the official Spring Meeting for the Association.

PEW CARDS: Pew cards are a great way to communicate your prayer concerns to the Pastor. Just fill out the card in the pew and hand to a Deacon on your way out.

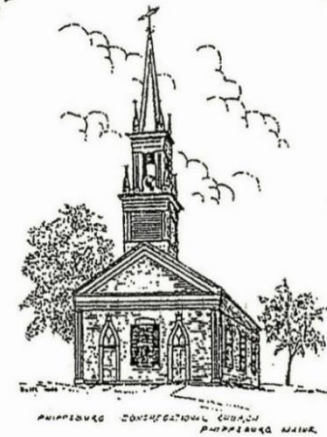
Pastor's Office Hours April 22-28:

Mon: Day Off / Tues: local visits / Wed: Office 10-5 / Thurs: Office 10-2 /

Fri: Office 10-2, Bible study 12-2 / Sat: work from home

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

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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 S. Morrison, pastor & teacher

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