

Phippsburg Congregational Church, UCC

Open and Affirming: All are Welcome Here!

April 29, 2018: Fifth 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

“Still, Still With Thee”

Mendelssohn, adapted

Call to Worship

In the garden and the town, along highways and wilderness roads,

You are the vine and we are the branches.

With the weeping widow and the giggling toddler,

You are the vine and we are the branches.

With wealthy and poor, secure and anxious, aching and renewed,

You are the vine and we are the branches.

Ubuntu! I am because you are! Let us worship together!

***Opening Hymn:** All People That On Earth Do Dwell (NCH 7) Insert

Gathering Prayer:

God, you know how our garden grows: in mud and grit, poor soil topped with layers of rot and regret. There are branches broken, and dreams uprooted. We can't control all that fails or thrives.

So help us out, God—our ground needs your grace. Our mistakes and miseries need pruning. Will you help us heap up the dead wood and light the fire, so we can warm up to hope? We pray in the name of Jesus, who got his hands dirty for us:

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!

Gospel Reading: John 15:1-8

KJV 794 / CEB 824 / MSG 1481

Time for All God's Children

***Hymn:** Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

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: “Reverence”

B.F. Frick

***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

Lectionary Reading: Acts 8:26-40

KJV 808 / CEB 837 / MSG 1505

Message: “Sweet Chariot”

Rev. Holly S. Morrison

***Closing Hymn:** Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Pilgrim Hymnal

Benediction: Out of the chariot into the water:

Look what Love can do!

Broken by life, blessed by God's Spirit:

Look what Love can do!

Included, renewed, refilled with joy:

Beloved, we go: to share love, branch out & bear fruit!

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

Postlude: “With a Voice of Praise”

E.T. Van Woert

Thanks to today's service participants:

Organist: Wm. S. Gilman

Lay Reader: Ann Bradbury

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 29: Worship 10 AM
Multicultural Potluck, Bath Senior Ctr, 4:30-6 PM*
- Mon. Apr 30: Spring Cleaning, 10 AM-12 Noon, LTMH
Restorative Yoga, 6-7:30 PM, LTMH*
- Tues. May 1: Choir Practice, 6 PM*
- Wed. May 2: Tai Chi, 10:30 AM, LTMH*
- Fri. May 4: Lectionary Bible Study (if enough interest – contact
Pastor Holly if you would like to attend), 12-2 PM*
- Sat. May 5: CONCERT: Steve Katz, 7:30 PM*
- Sun. May 6: Worship 10 AM*

HOPE IN HARD TIMES: TRUE STORIES from MAINE TELLERS!

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!

(Please see sign-up sheet on kiosk in Meeting House.)

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

LAST EGGSIT: Today is the final Sunday of our fundraiser for Heifer Project International. We have already surpassed last year's total! Thanks to all who contributed, either through egg purchases or Lenten giving calendars. (If you have spare cartons, we can still use them.)

SPRING CLEANING in the MEETING HOUSE: April 30, 10 AM-Noon

Blow the dust off and help the Linden Tree Meeting House welcome a new season! Bring your favorite cleaning gear—we'll meet tomorrow, from 10 AM to noon. All helping hands welcome.

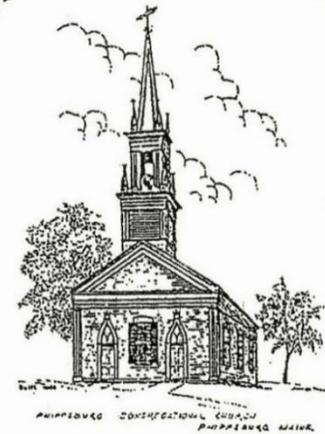
Pastor's Office Hours April 29-May 5:

Mon: Day Off / Tues: local visits 10-4 / Wed: Office & Visits 11-3 /

Thurs: Office 10-3 / Friday & 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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