

***Phippsburg Congregational Church, UCC***  
*Open and Affirming: All are Welcome Here!*

**May 6, 2018: Sixth 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**

*Sortie*

*Franklin Ashdown*

**Call to Worship (from Psalm 98)**

**Sing to the Lord a new song! God has done great things!**

**With harps and horns and voices, make a joyful noise!**

**Let the sea roar, and all that fills it!**

**Let the hills sing together for joy!**

**Our God comes with the force of justice!**

**With righteousness and fairness and steadfast love!**

**Let us sing in the presence of the Lord!**

**\*Opening Hymn:** Praise to God, Your Praises Bring (vs 1-4) PH 458

**Prayer of Confession:**

**Wellspring of Love, we confess we don't always tap into you.**

**Eight glasses a day and all that—we're busy. You know that, right? We can't take so much in. We can't carry it around everywhere. Water is inconvenient.**

**Yet who said baptism was easy? We forget—people have faced death for this, and have found new life. People have given up old ways and have been renewed. Your Living Water continues to rise up & splash out, refreshing and changing everything it touches. Help us to honor the sacredness of water, to take its healing power seriously. Help us to celebrate this gift of Love, and keep it flowing!**

**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!**

**Gospel Reading:** John 15:9-17 KJV 794 / CEB 824 / MSG 1481

**Time for All God's Children**

**\*Hymn:** There's a Wideness in God's Mercy Pilgrim Hymnal 101

**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:** *Restore in Us*

*Harold Stover*

**\*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 10:44-48 KJV 811 / CEB 840 / MSG 1509

**Message:** "Water Them In"

Rev. Holly S. Morrison

**Sacrament of Communion**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**\*Closing Hymn:** At the Font We Start Our Journey (vs 1-2, 4) Insert

**Benediction**

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

**Postlude:** *Recessional on Ein Feste Burg*

*Franklin Ashdown*

**Thanks to today's service participants:**

Organist: Ann Hartzler      Lay Reader: Bill Haggett

Head / Asst Deacons: Berenice Knight / Brad Hart & Kathy Totten

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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. May 6:    Worship 10 AM*

*Mon. May 7:   Restorative Yoga, 6-7:30 PM, LTMH*

*Tues. May 8:   Buildings & Grounds Mtg, 2 PM*

*Choir Practice, 6 PM*

*Deacons' Mtg, 7 PM*

*Wed. May 9:   Tai Chi, 10:30 AM, LTMH*

*Th. May 10:    Bell Choir Practice, 9-10 AM*

*Fri. May 11:   Lectionary Bible Study, (tentative) 12-2 PM*

*Sun. May 13:   Worship 10 AM*

**HOPE IN HARD TIMES: TRUE STORIES from MAINE TELLERS!**

Today, 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!

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

**HAND BELL CHOIR SEEKING NEW MEMBERS**

No prior experience necessary, ability to read music is helpful. Practice are Thursday mornings from 9-10 AM. FMI contact Bill Gilman (389-1369).

**SERMON REPLAY AVAILABLE ON CHURCH WEBSITE**

If you missed a week, or just want to hear the sermon again, visit [www.phippsburgucc.org/sermons](http://www.phippsburgucc.org/sermons).

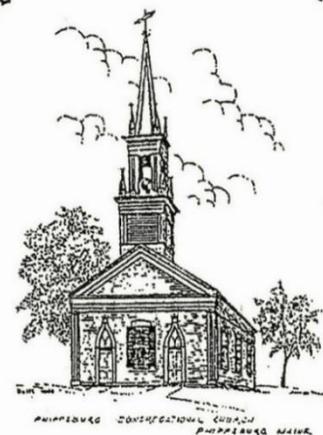
**Pastor's Office Hours May 6-May 12:**

Mon: Day Off / Tues: local visits 10-4 / Wed: Ofc. & Visits 10-3 /

Thurs: Ofc 10-4 / 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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