

Phippsburg Congregational Church, UCC

Open and Affirming: All are Welcome Here!

May 13, 2018: Seventh 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

Prelude on *Amazing Grace*

Charles Callahan

Call to Worship (from Psalm 1)

Turn away from the wicked, side-step sin's dead-end road,

And God shall bring you joy!

Not with the cynics and mockers, but in better company:

Study God's way. Let Scripture lead you!

And you'll be like a tree at the riverside,

Budding in spring, fruiting in season,

Rooted in Holy Love, prospering in praise!

***Opening Hymn:** Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak PH 397

Gathering Prayer & The Lord's Prayer:

God of beginnings, we come to you on this morning, when the world is fresh and full, the birds sing of renewal, and the waking trees preach resurrection. We tremble between these Easter messages and the echoing tombs of memory, the hollows of pain and regret. Carry us over the threshold, Jesus! We pray with you:

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 17:6-18 KJV 796 / CEB 825 / MSG 1483

Time for All God's Children

***Hymn:** Breathe On Me, Breath of God Pilgrim Hymnal 233

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: Setting of *Amazing Grace* David Maxwell

***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 1:15-17, 21-26 KJV 801 / CEB 830 / MSG 1493

Message: "Calling the Odds" Rev. Holly S. Morrison

***Closing Hymn:** God of the Women Insert

Benediction

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

Postlude: Postlude on *Amazing Grace* Charles Callahan

Altar flowers, in loving memory of their mom, Edna, are given by her twins, Helene Thomas and Bob Pflaum. "Happy Birthday and Mother's Day in heaven."

Thanks to today's service participants:

Organist: Ann Hartzler Lay Reader: Sue Mack
Head / Asst Deacons: Berenice Knight / Laurie Simpson & 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 13: Worship 10 AM
Mon. May 14: Restorative Yoga, 6-7:30 PM, LTMH
Tues. May 15: Buildings & Grounds Mtg 2:00-3:00 PM
Choir Practice, 6 PM
Th. May 17: Bell Choir Practice, 9-10 AM
Fri. May 18: Lectionary Bible Study 12:00-2:00 PM
Sun. May 20: PENTECOST: wear red to celebrate the Holy Spirit!
Special Offering: Strengthen The Church
Mon. May 21: Church Council 3:30-5:00 PM

STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH + PENTECOST SUNDAY: MAY 20TH

Our special Strengthen the Church Offering will be taken to support the expansion and growth of UCC local congregations.

SPRING CLEANING in the MEETING HOUSE:

Thanks to Linda Totman and all who showed up to help the Meeting House sparkle! It's worth celebrating both the building's heavy use, and those who care for it!

Pastor's Office Hours May 13-19:

Mon: Work from home / Tues: local visits 10-4 / Wed: Day Off / Thurs: Office 10-4 / Fri: Ofc 9-noon, Bible Study 12-2 / Sat: Work from home
Please contact Holly as needs arise: 207-504-0107 / revcelt@gmail.com

Seventh Sunday of Easter



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