

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

May 20, 2018: Pentecost Sunday

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

"Shall We Gather at the River"

Vocal Choir

Call to Worship (from Psalm 104:24-35)

Riverside and seaside, we marvel at God's glorious Creation:

Earth and ocean teeming with wondrous life!

You, O God, are the source of all we need:

The wind in our sails, the whale's food, all from your hands!

From dust to surging life and back again, dismay and delight,

Your rhythm rolls, your Spirit moves: returning and renewing!

The earth trembles. Mountains smoke at your touch.

Such power! Moved by God's Spirit, let us sing praise!

***Opening Hymn:** Come, Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove (vs.1-3) PH 238

Gathering Prayer & The Lord's Prayer:

The Tower of Babel's long gone. The gold idols are melted down.

Still, we love our marble halls, our neon & concrete, our flashy towers.

Yet You, O God, work in shadows & broken-open hearts.

COME, HOLY SPIRIT! Fire that leads us through wilderness, Rush of Power in wild wings and prophetic words, Holy Breath that brings life back to a bleached battlefield of bones--

COME HOLY SPIRIT! Touch the varied textures of all our lives.

Reveal Yourself in our discovery and delight in each other. Consume the attitudes and customs that divide us.

COME HOLY SPIRIT! Refresh us and guide us toward understanding. We pray with Jesus, who opened the Way:

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: Ezekiel 37:1-14 KJV 638 / CEB 661 / MSG 1183

Time for All God's Children

Special Music: *"Spirit of the Devine"* Chip Simpson

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: *"Sweet, Sweet Spirit"* words and music by Doris Akers

***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 2:1-21 KJV 801 / CEB 830 / MSG 1494

Message: *"Bone-fire"* Rev. Holly S. Morrison

***Closing Hymn:** On Pentecost They Gathered (NCH 272) Insert

Benediction

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

Postlude: *"Every Time I Feel"*

Thanks to today's service participants:

Organist: Wm. S. Gilman Lay Reader: Stuart DeVan

Head / Asst Deacons: Berenice Knight / Laurie Simpson & Kathy Totten

Thanks to the Vocal Choir and Chip Simpson for sharing their musical gifts

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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 20:* *Worship 10 AM – Pentecost Sunday*
Mon. May 21: *Church Council 3:30-5:00 PM*
 Gentle Yoga, 6-7:30 PM, LTMH
Tues. May 22: *Choir Practice, 6 PM*
Th. May 24: *Bell Choir Practice, 9-10 AM*
Fri. May 25: *Lectionary Bible Study 12:00-2:00 PM*
Sat. May 26: *CONCERT: Natalie Haas, Maeve Gilchrist,*
 Yann Falquet, Nic Gareiss, 7:30 PM
Sun. May 27: *Worship 10 AM (final 10 AM service)*

STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH OFFERING

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

REMINDER: SUMMER WORSHIP TIME

June 3rd will be our first 9:00 AM worship service, with a special incentive to attend: Sophie Wilson will be preaching that Sunday! (Worship services will start at 9:00 AM June through August.)

Pastor's Office Hours May 20-26:

Mon: Ofc 12-6 / Tues: local visits 10-4 / Wed: Day Off / Thurs: Office 10-4
Fri: Office 9-noon, Bible Study 12-2 / Sat: Work from home
Please contact Holly as needs arise: 207-504-0107 / revcelt@gmail.com

Festival of Pentecost



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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