

***Phippsburg Congregational Church, UCC***

*Open and Affirming: All are Welcome Here!*

**June 17, 2018: Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

*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 in F Major*

Johann S. Bach

**Call to Worship:**

Come, wanderers and wonderers—to worship the God of Love:

**Love revealed in weeds and rough roads, in fire and flood,**

**In every generation. Love is Love is Love!**

Love that shows up with calloused hands, in worn workboots,

**In between shepherds and prophets and kings: here we are.**

**Let us be about God's business: the business of Love!**

**Renewal of Vows with George & Carol Langbehn**

**Congregational Response:**

Source of Love, you have blessed us and bound us together.

Thank you for all the ties that bind our hearts in love. Help us

to celebrate & honor our vows. Reawaken our joy for the

partners at our sides—and may even grief be a reminder of

how much love we have known. In all our living, and in love

still unfolding, Dear God, may we know Your love, Your

Grace, Your Shalom. Amen.

**\*Hymn:** This Is My Father's World

Pilgrim Hymnal 485

**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!**

**Hebrew Scripture Reading:** 1 Samuel 15:34–16:13

**Time for All God's Children**

**Special Music:** Etude (Donald E Allure)

Belles & Bouys

**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:** *Blessed Jesus, We Are Here*

Johann S. Bach

**\*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:** Mark 4:26-34

**Message:** Pick of the Litter

Rev. Holly S. Morrison

**\*Closing Hymn:** Come to Tend God's Garden (NCH 586)

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**\*Benediction**

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

**Postlude:** *Sleepers, Awake!*

Johann S. Bach

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

Organist: Ann Hartzler Lay Reader: George Langbehn

Head Deacon: Kathy Totten Assistant Deacons: George Langbehn

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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. 6/24*      *Worship service 9:00 AM*  
*Wed. 6/27*      *Church Council mtg. 4:00 PM*  
*Thurs. 6/28*     *Summer Vespers service: 7:00-7:45 PM*  
*Sun. 7/1*        *Worship service 9:00 AM*  
*Mon. 7/2-7/9*   *Pastor Holly on vacation*  
*Sun. 7/8*        *Worship service with guest preacher 9:00 AM*  
*Tues. 7/10*     *Finance Committee mtg. 10:00 AM*  
                    *Buildings & Grounds mtg. 2:00 PM*  
                    *Board of Deacons mtg. 7:00 PM*  
*Thurs. 7/12*    *Summer Vespers service: 7:00-7:45 PM*  
*Sat. 7/14*      *Church Yard Sale & Lobster [rolls] On The Lawn*  
*Sun. 7/15*      *Summer Annual Mtg (after worship) 10:00 AM*

Pastor's Hours June 17-23:

Mon: work from home / Tues: local visits 10-4 / Wed: day off /  
Thurs: office 10-12, mtgs 12-8 / Fri: office hours by appt. / Sat: work from home



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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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