

***Phippsburg Congregational Church, UCC***  
*Open and Affirming: All are Welcome Here!*  
**June 24, 2018: Fifth 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**

*Voluntary on 'Brother James' Air' Franklin D. Ashdown*

**Call to Worship:** *(Psalm 9:9-14, translated by Eugene Peterson)*

God's a safe-house for the battered, a sanctuary during bad times.

**The moment you arrive, you relax;  
you're never sorry you knocked.**

Sing your songs to God, tell these stories to everyone you meet:

**How God tracks down killers yet keeps an eye on us,  
registers our suffering, every whimper and moan.**

Be kind to me, God; I've been kicked around long enough.

**Once you've pulled me back from the gates of death,  
I'll write the book on Hallelujahs;**

I'll be the song leader in the streets;

**we'll fill the air with salvation songs.**

**\*Hymn:** O, God, Our Help In Ages Past Insert

**Gathering Prayer & The Lord's Prayer**

Dear God, it's hard enough getting out of bed, rising and stretching, putting something healthy in our mouths, getting here. It's hard enough being human, being civil, being kind. Yet, our neighbors are hungry. Our siblings are stuck. And there are children crying, and checkpoints on our roads, and boats being turned away from every port. Help us get out of bed, God. Help us find the courage and strength and stamina to be more than kind. We pray with Jesus:

**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 17:32-49 KJV / CEB / MSG

**Time for All God's Children**

**\*Hymn:** He Who Would Valiant Be Pilgrim Hymnal 371

**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:** *Offertory on Danby Franklin Ritter*

**\*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**

**New Testament Readings:** 2 Corinthians 6:1-13 KJV / CEB / MSG  
Mark 4:35-41 KJV / CEB / MSG

**Message:** An Acceptable Time Rev. Holly S. Morrison

**\*Closing Hymn:** Put Your Hand In The Hand Hymn Binder

**\*Benediction**

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

**Postlude:** *Praise Him with Trumpets Richard Blake*

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

Organist: Sharon Bond      Lay Reader: Carol Langbehn  
Head Deacon: Kathy Totten      Assistant Deacons: George Langbehn  
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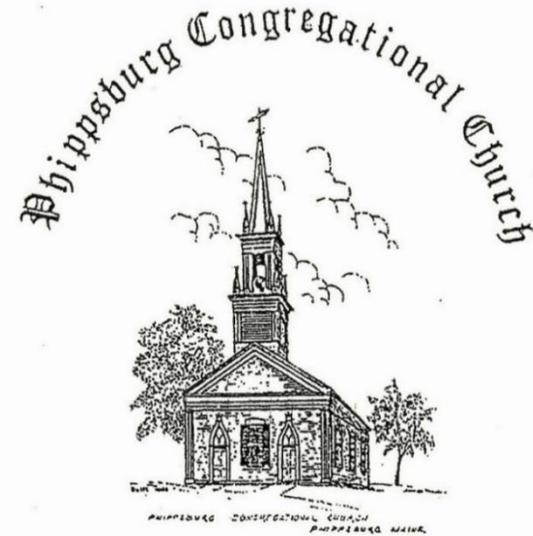
**Welcome to the Phippsburg Congregational Church!** Please sign our guest book in the narthex and stay for refreshments and fellowship in the Linden Tree Meeting House following the service. No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here. **Need a Large-print bulletin, 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 24-30:

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.

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