

***Phippsburg Congregational Church, UCC***

*Open and Affirming: All are Welcome Here!*

**September 9, 2018: Celebrating the People of the Earth**

*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**

*"Serenade"*

Franz Schubert

**Call to Worship:**

Peoples from every corner of creation,

**Celebrate with all creatures on Earth!**

Young and old across the planet,

**Rejoice in the day that God has made!**

Native people of every land,

**Help us sense the spirit deep in each land!**

People of ever color in every place,

**Celebrate with us the diversity of creation!**

All humanity on Planet Earth,

**Praise God for our planet home.**

Sing, peoples, sing!

**Sing, creation, sing!**

**\*Opening Hymn:** All People That on Earth Do Dwell      Pilgrim Hymnal 4

**Psalm Reading: Psalm 8 (adapted from NRSV & The Message)**

O God, how glorious your name is, throughout the earth!

**Your glory stretches above the heavens!**

Babies babble your name in joy; toddlers shout songs

**That drown out your enemies and make the vengeful hush.**

When I look at the heavens, the work of your hands,

**Stars and moon like the sky's own jewelry,**

What are humans? Why do you bother with us?

**Yet you've made us a little lower than God,**

**Shining with leftover light from Eden's dawn!**

You entrusted us with your handmade world,

**Put the sheep and cows and other beasts in our care,**

The fine-feathered birds, the fish with glittering scales,

**The seals and whales who sing in the ocean deeps.**

**O God, how glorious your name is, in all the earth!**

**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, and the power, and 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:** Genesis 1:26-28      KJV 1 /CEB 1 /MSG 20

**Time for All God's Children**

**\*Hymn:** Hope of the World (verses 1-3)      Pilgrim Hymnal 398

**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: "Air"**      G. Giordani

**\*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 Reading:** Mark 10:41-45      KJV741 /CEB772 /MSG1393  
Philippians 2:1-8      KJV867 /CEB896 /MSG1621

**Message**      Rev. Holly S. Morrison

\*Closing Hymn: We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky (NCH563)

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\*Benediction

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

Postlude: "Voluntary in F"

Robert Lau

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

Organist: Sharon Bond      Lay Reader: Wm. S. Gilman

Head/Assistant Deacons: Brad Hart / Kathy Totten & 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**

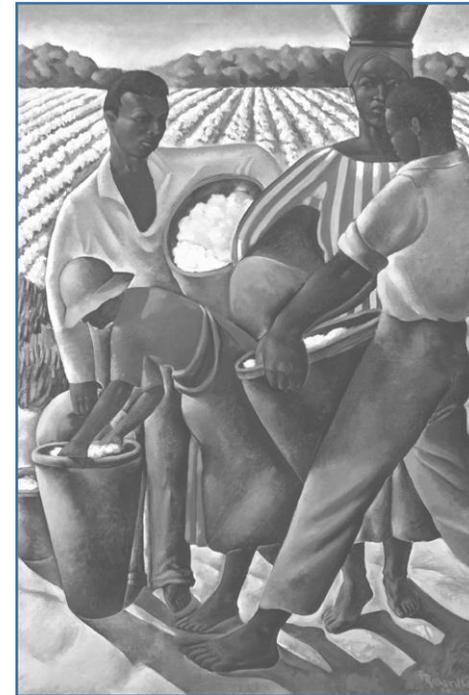
- Sun. 9/9      3<sup>rd</sup> Annual "Pastor's Pasture Picnic" 3-6 PM  
Tues. 9/11    Deacon's Mtg, Lighting options walk-thru, 7:00 PM  
Wed. 9/12    Budget & Finance Mtg, 10:00 AM  
Fri. 9/14     Book Group, 12-2 PM (Bring a bag lunch)  
Tues. 9/18    Building & Grounds Mtg., 2 PM  
Sat. 9/22     CONCERT: Noah Haidu, jazz piano, 7:30 PM  
Wed. 9/26    Church Council Mtg, 4:00 PM

**PASTOR'S HOURS FOR 9/9-9/16:**

Mon: Work from Home / Tue: Office & visits 10-3 / Wednesday: Day Off / Thursday: Office 10-3 / Friday: Office 12-6 / Sat: Work from Home. Holly can be reached by phone or email: (207)504-0107 / revcelt@gmail.com

**FALL BOOK GROUP: Starting Friday, Sept. 14, noon-2 PM** Bring a bag lunch and join our discussion of BRAIDING SWEETGRASS by Robin W. Kimmerer. This award-winning book has been called, "a hymn of love to the world." Dr. Kimmerer's work emerges from both her scientific training and her indigenous wisdom as a member of the Potawatomi Nation. (Copies available at church, \$19 each, or at Gulf of Maine Bookstore.)

# PEOPLE of the EARTH SUNDAY



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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**Third Annual “Pastor’s Pasture” Picnic: Sept. 9, 2018  
3-6 PM at Tir na nOg Farm (Holly & Sue’s farm)  
44 Leighton Road, Pownal, Maine**

**DIRECTIONS FROM I-295 SOUTHBOUND:** (carpool if possible!)

Watch for exit signs to “Bradbury Mountain / Freeport / Durham.”

**TAKE EXIT 22.** At end of exit ramp, **turn LEFT onto Mallett Drive** & proceed to “T” in road.

**TURN LEFT onto Route 125 / Pownal Road.**

Road will soon curve sharply to right. Continue about 5 miles ‘til you reach Pownal Center: intersection with blinking red light, gas station on your left and Cong. church on right (across intersection).

Proceed straight through intersection. You’ll pass a cemetery on your left & elementary school on your right, followed by a big dip in the road. Shortly afterwards, (around curve, beyond crest of hill) you’ll come to an unmarked intersection (sign says Lawrence Rd).

**TURN LEFT onto (unpaved) Lawrence Road.**

When road forks, **take RIGHT (upper) fork. This is Leighton Road.**

Proceed about 0.8 miles, around curve & down small hill. Look for black mailbox on right-hand side: “Tir na nOg Farm, 44 Leighton Road.” (You’ll see an old red Cape-style house and two shingled buildings, one with an orange metal roof. You’ve arrived at the farm!)

**WHERE TO PARK:** in front of the old red house, on front lawn, or along driveway.

**WHAT TO BRING:** Lawn chairs and picnic foods/drinks. We’ll provide the campfire, grill, tables, and hot dogs!

(Please note that we have free-range chickens and uneven ground. Wear close-toed shoes and leave your dogs at home. Thank you!)

**About the Cover Art:** “Earle Richardson depicted his fellow African Americans working barefooted in a southern cotton field, but the artist denied demeaning stereotypes to stress the dignity of his subjects ...the three youthful figures have a monumental aspect, using their impressive strength to handle heavy baskets of cotton. Only one older woman bends over her task. The workers’ quiet pride transcends their identity as manual laborers. They stand at the front of the painting, where they confront the viewer as equals... ready for a better life.”  
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