

Phippsburg Congregational Church, UCC

Open and Affirming: All are Welcome Here!

September 23, 2018: Celebrating the Mountains

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

"Jesus on the Mountain Peak"

Harold Stover

Call to Worship:

We look to the hills seeking God's help

Mighty boulders and deep forests, sliding glaciers and deep snow

With wildlife we join in praising God

Gliding eagle, mysterious moth, jumping mouse & leaping trout

For love, bold and strong as a mountain's heart

Garnet and granite, volcanic lava & abundant ore

Praise, people, praise!

Sing, mountains, sing!

***Opening Hymn:** High O'er the Lonely Hills

Pilgrim Hymnal 42

Gathering Prayer & The Lord's Prayer (*Baha'i prayer by Baha 'U' Lla'h*)

**Blessed be the spot, and the house, and the place, and the city,
and the heart, and the mountain, and the refuge, and the cave,
and the valley, and the land, and the sea, and the island,
and the meadow where mention of God hath been made,
and God's praise glorified.**

**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!**

Lectionary Reading: Psalm 48:1-11

KJV447 /CEB438 /MSG734

Time for All God's Children

***Hymn:** I to the Hills will Lift Mine Eyes

Pilgrim Hymnal 85

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: "*Pavanne for the Healing of the Earth*"

Alan Wingard

***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 16:9-15

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Message

Rev. Holly S. Morrison

***Closing Hymn:** I Sing the Mighty Power of God

Pilgrim Hymnal 68

***Benediction**

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

Postlude: "*Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*"

Clay Christiansen

Thanks to today's service participants:

Organist: Ann Hartzler Lay Reader: Chip Simpson

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. 9/23 *Worship 10 AM – Celebrating the Mountains*
Tues. 9/25 *Choir Practice, 6 PM*
Wed 9/26 *Church Council Mtg., 4 PM*
Fri. 9/28 *Book Group 12-2 PM*
Sun. 9/30 *Worship 10 AM – Blessing the Animals*

PASTOR'S HOURS FOR 9/24-9/30:

Mon: Day Off / Tue: Office 10-3 / Wed: Ministry mtg. 10-2, Church Council 4-5:30PM / Thurs: Office 10-2 / Fri: Book Group 12-2 /
Sat: Work from Home. Reach Pastor Holly by phone or email as needed: (207)504-0107 / revcelt@gmail.com

ALL GOD'S CRITTERS GOT A PLACE IN THE CHOIR...

And you can be part of the joyful noise! No experience necessary. Ability to read music a plus. Vocal choir meets on Tuesdays at 6 PM in the Meeting House. Bell choir will start in October.

TAI CHI RETURNS OCTOBER 4TH: The fall Tai Chi session begins on Thursday, October 4th, from 10—11 AM, and continues on Thursdays at 10 through December before taking a break for the holidays. Classes are free to the public, and no prior experience is necessary to join. Wear loose-fitting clothing and bring water. Let the temple bells ring forth!

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Christian Education is offered for kids ages 3 & up during the 2nd half of each Sunday worship service. Thanks to Sandy & Berenice for kicking off the school year with special "Season of Creation" lessons during September!

COVER IMAGE: Leonard Knight has been building Salvation Mountain for over fifteen years. Using his unique method of "splooching" to paint manmade mounds of clay and straw, Mr. Knight simply wants to spread the good news that "God is Love." Every inch of Salvation Mountain represents Mr. Knight's experience of the living God, the Trinity.
<http://www.salvationmountain.us>

CELEBRATING THE MOUNTAINS



My help is in the mountain where I take myself to heal
The earthly wounds that people give to me.
I find a rock with the sun on it and a stream where the water runs gentle
And the trees which one by one give me company.
So I must stay for a long time until I have grown from the rock and
The stream is running through me and I cannot tell myself from one tall tree.
Then I know that nothing touches me nor makes me run away.
My help is in the mountain that I take away with me.

Earth cure me. Earth receive my woe.
Rock strengthen me. Rock receive my weakness.
Rain wash my sadness away. Rain receive my doubt.
Sun make sweet my song. Sun receive the anger from my heart.

--Nancy Wood

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