

**Phippsburg Congregational Church, UCC**  
*Open and Affirming: All are Welcome Here!*  
**October 7, 2018: World Communion 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**

*"Chorale Prelude on 'Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring'"* Robert Lau

**Call to Worship:** *(John L. Bell, Scotland)*

Thanks be to you O God, that we have risen this day,

**To the rising of this life itself.**

Be the purpose of God between us and each purpose,

**The hand of God between us and each hand.**

The pain of Christ between us and each pain,

**The love of Christ between us and each love,**

Beloved of the waifs, beloved of the naked,

**Draw us to the shelter house of the Savior of the poor.**

**\*Opening Hymn:** In Christ there is no East or West (vs 1,2,4) PH 414

**Prayer of Confession** *(see insert)*

**Words of Assurance** *(see insert)*

**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!**

**Gospel Reading:** Mark 10:13-16

KJV 741/CEB771 /MSG1391

**Time for All God's Children**

**\*Hymn:** I Come with Joy (NCH349)

Insert

**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:** *"Meditation on 'Be Thou My Vision'"*

Robert Lau

**\*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**

**Psalm Reading:** Psalm 26

KJV438 /CEB426 /MSG710

**Communion Meditation**

Rev. Holly S. Morrison

**The Sacrament of Communion** *(our table is open to all, regardless of belief or background. A GF option is in the cup on each bread plate.)*

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

*(from workers in community soup kitchens in the shanty towns of Peru)*

**God, food of the poor; Christ our bread. Give us a taste of the tender bread from your creation's table; bread newly taken from your heart's oven, food that comforts and nourishes us. A loaf that makes us human, joined hand in hand, working and sharing. A sacrament of your body, a warm loaf that makes us a family; your wounded people.**

**\*Communion Hymn:** Let us Talents and Tongues Employ Hymn Binder

**\*Benediction**

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

**Postlude:** *"Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now"*

J.S. Bach

COVER IMAGE: "Ode to Joy," He Qi, China

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

Organist: Sharon Bond Lay Reader: Helene Thomas

Head/Assistant Deacons: Laurie Simpson/ Berenice Knight & Julie Peacock

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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. 10/7 *Worship 10 AM—World Communion Sunday*

Tues. 10/9 *Buildings & Grounds Mtg, 2 PM*

*Vocal Choir Practice, 6 PM*

*Deacons Mtg, 7 PM*

Thurs. 10/11 *Tai Chi, 10-11 AM*

Fri. 10/12 *Book Group 12-2 PM—Braiding Sweetgrass*

Sat. 10/13 *CONCERT: Joe Penland, 7:30 PM*

Sun. 10/14 *Worship 10 AM*

*Congregational Mtg after Worship Re: 2019*

*Budget, Potluck Lunch*

**PASTOR'S HOURS FOR 10/8-10/14:** Mon: Work from Home / Tue: Office & visits 10-9 / Wednesday: Day Off / Thursday: Office 10-2 / Friday: Office 12-6 / Sat: Work from Home. Holly can be reached by phone or email as needed: (207)504-0107 / [revcelt@gmail.com](mailto:revcelt@gmail.com)

**WARM HEARTS, WARM HANDS:** We are gathering warm winter clothing for our New Mainer neighbors. Please bring new or gently-used hats, coats, boots, sweaters, scarves, and gloves/mittens for ages 12-adult to the Meeting House, to help our new arrivals face their first Maine winter!

**BOOK GROUP:** BRAIDING SWEETGRASS, Robin Wall Kimmerer

This award-winning book has been called, "a hymn of love to the world."

This week, we'll be discussing the essays, "Maple Sugar Moon" and "Witch Hazel." Friday, 12-2 PM, Linden Tree Meeting House

**POTLUCK MEAL SIGN UP:** Sign-up sheet for potluck contributions for our lunch meeting on October 14<sup>th</sup>. Please check with Helene or Sandy for more info.

# WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

We must close the meeting, my people!

This is merely a resting place, a place of transit,  
where humanity and God pause before taking to the road again.  
Go, my people, you are ready to set sail, your country is not here.  
You are a wayfaring people, strangers, never rooted in one place,  
pilgrims moving towards an abiding city further on.  
Go forth, my people, go and pray further off. Love will be your song  
and life your celebration. Go, you are the house of God,  
stones cut according to the measure of God's love.  
You are awaited, my people, and I declare to you,  
Word of God. I am going with you.

—*The United Congregational Church of Southern Africa*

**Rev. Holly S. Morrison, pastor & teacher**

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**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *(Barbara de Souza, Brazil, abridged)*

Jesus, you came to call the humble and the little ones,  
Christ you came to call the pure in heart,  
Jesus, you came to call women and men to serve, not to be served,  
Christ, you came to teach us love,

**We ask you forgiveness for failing to follow what you taught.**

God, forgive our intolerance, our authoritarianism, our self-indulgence,  
self-sufficiency, our lack of community feeling. Forgive our privilege and  
arrogance, which has caused so much suffering.

**God have mercy upon us.**

God, Father and Mother of all people who claim to be about love, yet face  
unfaithfulness, disrespect, indifference, and exploitation, forgive our  
omissions, our willingness to accept these injustices, and have mercy  
upon us.

**Christ have mercy upon us.**

God, who is revealed to us throughout history as a God who hears the  
clamor of the poor and oppressed of the blind, the sick, who showed  
yourself in the face of Christ who cured the woman with the hemorrhage  
of blood, who gave sight to the blind, sound to the deaf, remove the mask  
that hides our egotism so that we, reconciled with you and all our  
brothers and sisters, can begin to live a new life, one that reflects your  
love, and sense of justice and equality.

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**God, our God, God of all humankind, have compassion for us,  
your sons and daughters; forgive us for our sins. Accept our  
confession of these sins of omission and lack of love, and lead us  
to eternal life. Hear us, O God who created women and men in  
your image. Amen**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE** *(Detlev Knoche, Germany)*

In Christ our hope is new every day and there is no condemnation. Rise  
up and live as free people of God.

**Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will to all.**

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