

Phippsburg Congregational Church, UCC

Open and Affirming: All are Welcome Here!

October 28, 2018: Reformation 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 on Ein Feste Burg' Johann S. Bach/Johann Pachelbel

Call to Worship

God stands, a mighty fortress. God moves like winds of change.

Reforming, reshaping, bringing new life!

God burns like a candle in darkness. God roars like the wild sea

Reforming, reshaping, bringing new life!

God troubles the waters. God stirs the pot. God shakes it up!

Reforming, reshaping, bringing new life!

Maker of mystery, Changer of history, we worship You!

***Opening Hymn:** "A Mighty Fortress is our God" Pilgrim Hymnal #363

Gathering Prayer (Rev. Bonnie Tarwater) & The Lord's Prayer

Ever-calling God, we give thanks that you have gathered us into your church and graced us with your faithful presence.

We ponder our history, ancient and still developing, and marvel at the many expressions of your church.

Grant us vision to be a part of a new reformation for the Church that will bring ever more joy and justice to the world.

Continue to gather us, the diverse lot of us, into Jesus' vision, that your faithful people may be one in you.

This we pray: 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

Hebrew Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 31:27-34 KJV582 /CEB604 /MSG1080

Time for All God's Children

***Hymn:** "Dear Lord & Father of Mankind" vs. 1-3 Pilgrim Hymnal #341

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: *'Prelude on St. Peter'*

Murray Bradshaw

***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: John 8:31-36

KJV787 /CEB817 /MSG1470

Sermon:

Rev. Holly S. Morrison

***Closing Hymn:** In the Midst of New Dimensions

Hymn Binder

***Benediction**

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

Postlude: *'Toccata on Now We Thank Our God'*

Carlos Staszkeski

Thanks to today's service participants:

Organist: Ann Hartzler Reader: Wayne Beach

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. 10/28 *Worship 10 AM*
Tues. 10/23 *Vocal Choir Practice, 6 PM*
Thurs. 10/25 *Bell Choir Practice, 9 AM*
 Tai Chi, 10-11 AM
Fri. 11/2 *Book Group resumes, 12-2 PM*
Sat. 11/3 *Daylight Savings Time Ends – TURN CLOCKS BACK*
Sun. 11/4 *All Saints Day Worship 10 AM*
Sat. 11/17 *CONCERT: Sandy River Ramblers*

PASTOR'S HOURS FOR 10/28-11/4: Office hours by appointment. Holly can be reached by phone or email as needed: (207)504-0107 / revcelt@gmail.com

2019 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN: Our 2019 campaign is underway. Please return pledge cards by 11/18. Thanks!

MUSIC THAT MOVES YOU: Favorite hymns will be featured in worship from now through Thanksgiving. If you missed out on last week's hymn-gathering, there's still time! Use the index cards in your pew to write: 1) a favorite hymn title from our hymnal, hymn binder, or elsewhere 2) your name, and 3) why that hymn matters to you. Give cards to a deacon and your hymns will be added to our main list. Keep listening--yours might show up next Sunday!

FESTIVAL OF ALL SAINTS: Nov. 4th, we will celebrate "the great cloud of witnesses." We will be lighting candles for the saints and naming the beloved ones we've lost in the last year. If you would like someone's name included in our list, please send names to the church office by November 1st.

DAWNLAND: This new Maine-based documentary tells the story of Indigenous child removals through the nation's first-ever government-endorsed Truth and Reconciliation Commission, which investigated the devastating impact of Maine's child welfare practices on the Wabanaki people. It's a hard story, but worth watching. Look for it on PBS Nov. 5th or go to <https://upstanderproject.org/dawnland/> for local screenings.

FALL BACK: Remember to set your clocks back one hour on Saturday night!

REFORMATION 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.

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