

Phippsburg Congregational Church, UCC

Open and Affirming: All are Welcome Here!

January 13, 2019: The Baptism of Christ

Please silence all electronic devices. Thank you!

** indicates times when you're invited to rise in body or spirit*

Prelude & The Ringing of the Church Bell

'Prelude and Chorale on Amazing Grace' Charles Callahan

Greetings and Announcements

Lighting of the Altar Lights

Call to Worship (*Bishop Cyprian of Carthage, 252 C.E., adapted*)

Many are the lightbeams from the one light.

Our one light is Jesus.

Many are the branches of the one tree.

Our one tree is Jesus.

Many are the gifts, given in love.

Love is the spirit of Jesus

Many are the members; the body is one.

We are one in Jesus.

***Hymn: "Arise, Your Light Has Come"** (NCH164) Insert

Gathering Prayer & The Lord's Prayer:

Lord, what are you doing at the river? There is mud, here, muck and broken glass. This water carries things we'd rather not name: poison and bilge, all the sins we try to wash away, the dirt from our dirty laundry, flowing downstream.

What are you saying? That you came for this? That you came for us? The news washes over us, clear as mud... and so 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

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: Isaiah 43:1-3a KJV /CEB /MSG

Time for All God's Children

***Hymn: "Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers"** Pilgrim Hymnal 241

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: 'Adagio' Charles Callahan

***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: Luke 3:15-17,21-22 KJV /CEB /MSG

Message Rev. Holly S. Morrison

***Closing Hymn: "I Am The Light of the World"** Hymn Binder

***Benediction**

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

Postlude: 'Postlude on Amazing Grace' Charles Callahan

COVER IMAGE: "The Baptism of Christ," Gilt bronze, Lorenzo Ghiberti, 1427

Thanks to today's service participants:

Organist: Ann Hartzler Lay Reader: Phyllis Bailey

Head/Assistant Deacons: Kathy Totten / Ann Bradbury & Brad Hart

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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 1/13 *Worship 10 AM*
Tues 1/15 *Budget & Finance Mtg, 10 AM*
 Deacons' Mtg, 7 PM
Wed 1/16 *Church Council Mtg, 4 PM*
Thurs 1/17 *Tai Chi 10-11 AM*
Sun 1/20 *Worship 10 AM*
 Annual Reports Due
Fri 1/25 *Book Group wrap-up, 12-2 PM*
Sun 2/3 *Annual Mtg after Church Worship*

PASTOR'S HOURS FOR 1/13-1/19: Mon-Thurs: Office hours by appointment / Fri: 10-3 / Sat: Work from Home. Holly can be reached as needed: (207)504-0107 / revcelt@gmail.com

Amanda's Hours: Tues & Thurs 10-3 PM

ANNUAL REPORTS DUE: Please deliver committee/group reports to the church office by **JAN. 20** so we can compile & distribute annual reports prior to the congregation's Annual Meeting on February 3rd. Thank you!

It's JAMUARY! This month, we will gather donations of peanut butter and Jam for the Bath Area Food Bank. Please bring PB or other nut butters and jam to church and leave them on the blue bench in the narthex/entryway. Sandy Stenquist will be coordinating this effort; please contact her with any questions. Thank you!

THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST



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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