

Phippsburg Congregational Church, UCC
Open and Affirming: All are Welcome Here!
February 17, 2019: Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
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

'Minuet and Air from Water Music' George F. Handel

Call to Worship

Light grows. Creatures stir. Snow seeps into soil.

Branches creak. Sap runs. Birds sing new songs.

Between ice and isolation, a new day dawns.

And we are awake, not dead! Survival itself is worth praise!

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

***Hymn:** All Beautiful the March of Days Pilgrim Hymnal 456

Gathering Prayer & The Lord's Prayer:

Almighty & Loving God, you have placed us in this landscape.

You know every stump and stone. You give shape to every season. But we draw different maps with our own minds and hearts. We carve our own paths. We blast through your sacred spaces. Some times we choose blessings. Some times it's more comfortable to curse. Help us make sense of how we should live and move, so that our maps more closely resemble yours. With Jesus, 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!

Lectionary Reading: Psalm 1 KJV 430/CEB 415/MSG 782

Time for All God's Children

***Hymn:** Like a Tree Beside the Waters (NCH 313) 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: *'Air'* Gerre Hancock

***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: Luke 6:17-26 KJV 755/CEB 785/MSG 1618

Message: "The Plain Truth" Rev. Holly S. Morrison

***Closing Hymn:** We Meet You, O Christ Insert

***Benediction**

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

Postlude: *'Trumpet in Dialogue'* Louis N. Clerambault

Cover Art: "Olive Trees" Vincent van Gogh, 1889

Thanks to today's service participants:

Organist: Ann Hartzler Lay Reader: Nancy Chandler

Head/Asst. Deacons: Brad Hart / George Langbehn & Sandra Stenquist

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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 2/17 *Worship 10 AM*

Tues 2/19 *Choir Practice, 6:00 PM*

Thurs 2/14 *Tai Chi, 10-11 AM*

Sun 2/24 *Worship 10 AM*

PASTOR'S HOURS FOR 2/17-2/23: Mon: Day off / Tues: Office 12-9 PM / Wed: Office/Visits by appt / Thurs: Office 11-5 PM / Fri: Office/Visits by appt / Sat: Work from home. Holly can be reached as needed: (207)504-0107 / revcelt@gmail.com **Amanda's Hours:** Tues & Thurs 11-2 PM

BATH AREA FOOD BANK UPDATE

The Bath Area Food Bank has reported they are supporting homeless teens. They are filling backpacks for these youth so that they will have food to travel with them to homes where they stay short term. One very specific need is Canned Pasta, such as Spaghettios or canned beef stew. Many hosts are willing to let them "couch surf" if they arrive with their own food. There will be a donation box in the Narthex. Thank you!

PILGRIM LODGE

Pilgrim Lodge, owned and operated by the Maine Conference of the United Church of Christ, is a seasonal retreat center and summer camp located on Lake Cobbosseecontee in West Gardiner, Maine. Registration is now open for summer programs. You can check out the 2019 program poster on the kiosk in the LTMH. Opportunities for all ages!

<https://www.pilgrimlodge.org/camps/>

Sixth Sunday of Epiphany



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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James F. D. Martin, 1992 Tune: Hyfrydol

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nurtured by your loving care,
We, O God, your sons and daughters,
your enduring witness bear.
In each passing generation
may your voice of love be heard.
Bless, we pray, this congregation
with your holy, living Word.
2. Like a tree beside the river,
drawing life from holy streams,
Fill us with your love forever;
recreate our hopes and dreams.
Through the storms of life sustain us
by the wisdom of your grace.
May the changing of the seasons
find us in your warm embrace.
3. We, beside the living waters,
drink from your eternal life,
Give to all, your sons and daughters,
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Living God, most glorious,
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By the hope of timeless promise
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