

Phippsburg Congregational Church, UCC

Open and Affirming: All are Welcome Here!

February 24, 2019: Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

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

'Partita on Ach Wie Nichtig, Ach Wie Flüchtig' Georg Böhm

Greetings and Announcements

Lighting of the Altar Lights

Call to Worship *(from the Iona Community)*

We gather in your presence, God,

In our need, and bringing with us the needs of the world.

We come to you, for you come to us in Jesus,

And you know, from experience, what human life is like.

We come with our faith and our doubts;

We come with our hopes and with our fears.

We come as we are, because you invite us to come,

And you have promised never to turn us away.

***Hymn:** Oh Splendor of God's Glory Bright (vs 1,2,4) Pilgrim Hymnal 39

Gathering Prayer & The Lord's Prayer:

Imperfect and unsure, we begin.

We pray the prayer before the prayer,

Testing our trust, inching out along the high wire of faith.

Hold us, God. Meet our "maybe" with your loving "YES."

Coax us toward courage and the boldness

to be, to believe, and to begin again.

Now, with your help, 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: Psalm 37:1-9 KJV442 /CEB432 /MSG821

Time for All God's Children

***Hymn:** Come and Find the Quiet Center 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: *'Gigue'* Edward Beals

***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 6:27-38 KJV 756/CEB789 /MSG1618

Message Rev. Holly S. Morrison

***Closing Hymn:** Eternal God, Whose Power Upholds PH 294

***Benediction**

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

Postlude: *'Fuge'* Dietrich Buxtehude

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Thanks to today's service participants:

Organist: Ann Hartzler Lay Reader: Carol Langbehn
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 2/24 *Worship 10 AM*
Tues 2/26 *Choir Practice, 6:00 PM*
Wed 2/27 *Church Council Mtg, 4:00 PM*
Thurs 2/28 *Tai Chi, 10-11 AM*
Fri 3/1 *Restore & Renew Yoga, 5:30-7 PM, LTMH*
Sun 3/3 *Worship 10 AM*
 Concert: EVIE LADIN & KEITH TERRY, 4:00 PM
Sat 3/9 *Time Change Reminder: Spring Ahead one hour*

PASTOR'S HOURS FOR 2/24-3/2: Mon: Day off / Tues: Office 11-3 PM / Wed: Office 2-5 PM / 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. 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!

Böhm's Partita (the prelude) is based on a Lutheran hymn. A loose translation of the hymn is:

*Oh how fleeting
Is our early being.
'Tis a mist in wintry weather
Gathered in an hour together
And as soon dispersed in ether.*

Seventh Sunday of Epiphany



Prayer Before the Prayer

I want to be willing to forgive
But I dare not ask for the will to forgive
In case you give it to me
And I am not yet ready
I am not yet ready for my heart to soften
I am not yet ready to be vulnerable again
Not yet ready to see that there is
humanity in my tormentor's eyes
Or that the one who hurt me
may also have cried
I am not yet ready for the journey
I am not yet interested in the path
I am at the prayer before
the prayer of forgiveness ...
*-Desmond & Mpho Tutu,
The Book of Forgiving*

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