

Phippsburg Congregational Church, UCC
Open and Affirming: All are Welcome Here!
August 20, 2017: Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
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
Allegro Maestoso from Water Music *George F. Handel*

Call to Worship

Who has come to worship here?

Voice A: Are you talking to us?

Voice B: Is this the right time? The right place?

Are you talking to us?

What shall we do in this gathering?

Voice A: Can I be myself among you?

Voice B: Are my questions as welcome as my faith?

All are welcome here. There is room for questions.

There is room for doubt. There is room for everyone.

Let us seek God together, in challenge and in praise!

***Opening Hymn:** Gather Us In Hymn Binder

Gathering Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Creator of Families—could you have given us a harder gift?

Even with sun & sand, lighthouses & lobster, the visits wear us out.

Our efforts to connect—and disconnect—are not always full of grace.

Help us, O God, to recognize our place in your family, and the startling array of siblings who share your blessing and a home in your heart. With our brother 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 133 KJV 481 /CEB 483 /MSG 815

Time for the Young at Heart

***Hymn:** Kum Ba Yah Hymn Binder

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 from Water Music* *George F. Handel*

***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: Matt. 15:21-28 KJV 716/CEB 746/MSG 1352

Message: Nevertheless, She Persisted Rev. Holly Morrison

***Closing Hymn:** "She Came To Jesus" Insert

Benediction

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

Postlude: *Andante from Organ Concerto in F* *George F. Handel*

Thanks to today's service participants:

Organist: Ann Hartzler Lay Reader: Bob Reyes

Head/Asst Deacons: Mare Hartman/Ellen Parker, 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

<i>Sun. Aug. 20</i>	<i>9:00 Regular service</i> <i>10:00 Fellowship time</i> <i>10:30 Praise & Prayer from Iona Abbey</i> <i>12:30 Blessing of the Fleet</i>
<i>Tuesday Aug. 22</i>	<i>Church Council Meeting 7:00 PM</i>
<i>Sun. Aug. 27</i>	<i>9:00 Regular service</i> <i>10:00 Fellowship time</i> <i>10:30 Praise & Prayer from Iona Abbey</i>
<i>Sun. Sept. 3</i>	WORSHIP TIME: 10:00 AM

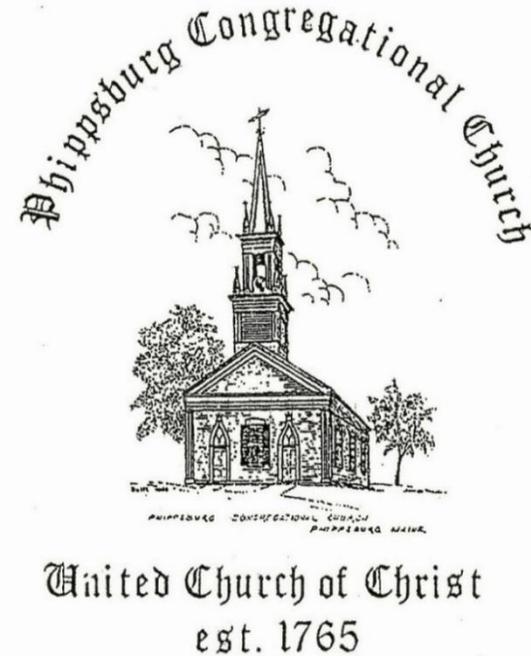
OFFICE HOURS FOR AUGUST 20-27:

This week, Holly will be in the office Thursday from 10 AM to 4 PM. (Other hours by arrangement.) Holly can be reached by phone or email as needs or concerns arise: (207)504-0107 / revcelt@gmail.com.

SEPTEMBER WORSHIP: SEASONS OF CREATION

Celebrate the gifts of the earth—and our call to care for Creation! This year's themes include Forest, Land, Wilderness, and River. If you have favorite hymns, songs, poems, or quotes to share on any of these themes, please send them to the church office: pccoffice1@gmail.com

FLOWERS: Today's flowers are given by Betsey and John Morse in memory of Jane Morse, who died August 22nd, 2016.



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.

Rev. Holly Morrison, pastor & teacher

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