

Phippsburg Congregational Church, UCC
Open and Affirming: All are Welcome Here!
August 27, 2017: Twelfth 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

*Partita** on Dennis*

Franklin Ashdown

Call to Worship

What can we say in church?

We can talk about goodness, about gore and glory.

We can talk about hardship and hunger and hope.

What names can we use in church?

Bible names. Foreign names. A hundred names for God.

Names of the weary. Names of the wounded. Our names.

After we turn off our phones, who can we call in church?

We can call on God. We can call on each other.

We can call ourselves to account. We can answer God's call.

We can call ourselves Children of God!

***Opening Hymn:** God of Abraham and Sarah Insert

Gathering Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

If it had not been for you, God, we would not be here. From busy schedules and aching quiet, you call us to gather and worship. You disrupt our grief. You interfere with our routines. You pry us off dead center, nudging us back towards hope and light and life.

May we be moved, God—called into courage, creativity, persistence, and compassion. May we follow You with our whole selves, all that we are & all that we yet may be. 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!**

Hebrew Scripture Reading: Exodus 1:8-20 KJV 44/CEB 41/MSG 83

Time for the Young at Heart

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: *Song of Peace*** *Rachel Laurin*

***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: Romans 12:1-8 KJV 837/CEB 866/MSG 1557

Message: Blessed Conspiracy Rev. Holly Morrison

***Closing Hymn:** Forward Through the Ages Pilgrim Hymnal 383

Benediction

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

Postlude: *Partita - Movement #11*** *George Böhm*

****Musical Note:** *Today's music are Partitas from different composers. A Partita is a collection of musical pieces or a suite of dances, based on an original melody.*

Thanks to today's service participants:

Organist: Ann Hartzler Lay Reader: Tina Tucker
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

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| <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> | <i>FALL WORSHIP TIME: 10:00 AM (one service)</i>
<i>Seasons of Creation: "Forest Sunday"</i> |
| <i>Sun. Sept. 10</i> | <i>Seasons of Creation: "Land Sunday"</i>
<i>UCC Midcoast Association Fall Meeting:</i>
<i>3:00 Business meeting, Edgecomb UCC</i>
<i>4:00 Installation of Rev. Josh Fitterling</i> |
| <i>Sun. Sept. 17</i> | <i>Seasons of Creation: "Wilderness Sunday"</i>
<i>2nd Annual "Pastor's Pasture Picnic" 3-6 PM</i> |

OFFICE HOURS FOR AUGUST 27- SEPTEMBER 2:

This week, Holly will be in the office Tuesday and 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

2nd ANNUAL PASTOR'S PASTURE PICNIC: SAVE THE DATE! Sept. 17th



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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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