

Phippsburg Congregational Church, UCC

Open and Affirming: All are Welcome Here!

October 15, 2017: Nineteenth 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

Thank We All Our God

George Lachenauer

Call to Worship

Come to the feast!

Piano: Not now. Can't you see I'm busy, really busy?

Organ: Not now. I have people to see and things to do!

Come to the banquet. Everyone's invited!

Piano: Seriously? You can't mean me.

Organ: I'm not sure I belong. Ask someone else.

Come to the party. God wants you there!

God wants me there? ME?

God wants you, welcomes you. Come!

Here we come, God, ready or not!

***Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts**

Pilgrim Hymnal 352

Gathering Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

The world calls us to famine. In our neighbors' homes, in storm-hit & wartorn places around the world, people are starving.

The world calls us to grief. The news names the dead & dying, stirring fear that we'll forget, or grow numb to others' pain.

Dear God, some days hunger and grief are all we know. Yet You offer us hope. You offer us love. Over and over, you declare that we are part of your family, welcome at your feast. Help us to believe—and share the Good News—of Your death-defying, all-inclusive love! 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!**

Epistle Reading: Philippians 4:1-9

KJV 869 /CEB 898 /MSG 1623

Time for All God's Children

***Hymn: Lord I Want to Be a Christian**

Pilgrim Hymnal 353

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: Meditation on "In the Garden"

Murray Bradshaw

***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: Matt. 22:1-14

KJV 722 /CEB 753 /MSG 1362

Message: Party Clothes

Rev. Holly Morrison

***Closing Hymn: Amazing Grace**

Hymn Binder

Benediction

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

Postlude: Fuge

Dietrich Buxtehude

Thanks to today's service participants:

Organist: Ann Hartzler Lay Reader: Brad Hart

Head/Asst Deacons: Laurie Simpson, Julie Peacock, Chip Simpson

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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.

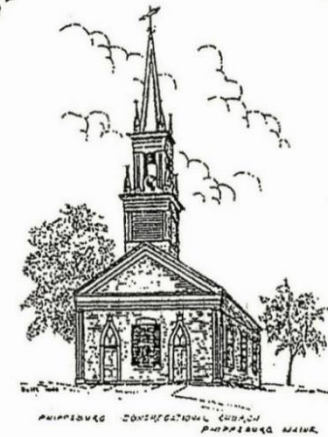
CALENDAR

- Mon. Oct. 16 Lectionary Bible Study, 1:30-3 PM, LTMH
Gentle & Yin Yoga, 6 PM, LTMH*
- Tues. Oct. 17 Vocal Choir Practice, 6 PM
Deacon's Meeting, 7 PM*
- Wed. Oct 18 Tai Chi, 10:30 AM, LTMH*
- Thurs. Oct 19 Handbell Choir Practice, 9 AM
Book Group, 1:30-3 PM*
- Fri. Oct. 20 Concert: Martin Grosswendt & Susanne
Salem-Schatz, 7:30 PM
Maine Conference Retreat, Bangor*
- Sat. Oct. 21 Maine Conference Annual Mtg, Bangor*
- Sun., Oct. 22: Worship 10:00 AM
Cong. Mtg: 2018 Budget Review/Approval*

OFFICE HOURS FOR OCTOBER 15-21:

Because of the Maine Conference Annual Meeting, Holly will be in the office only on Thursday, from 10 AM to 4 PM. Holly can be reached by phone or email as needs or concerns arise: (207)504-0107 / revcelt@gmail.com.

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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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