

***Phippsburg Congregational Church, UCC***

*Open and Affirming: All are Welcome Here!*

**October 22, 2017: Twentieth 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**

*Aria from Goldberg Variations*

*Johann S. Bach*

**Call to Worship (from Psalm 96)**

O sing to the Lord a new song! Sing to the Lord, all the earth!

**Piano: Bless all that's holy. Sing about salvation every day!**

**Organ: Tell God's glory among the nations: everyone, everywhere!**

(Bigger than Elvis. Bigger than the Taj Mahal!) Such glory!

**Piano: Spread the word. God rules, the world shall not be moved;**

**Organ: Let the sea roar & the trees sing, and the fields wave & dance!**

For God is coming to judge, with fairness and truth

**Restore the balance! Let your glory shine out in all the earth!**

**Sing, o sing to the Lord!**

**\*Opening Hymn:** Holy, Holy, Holy

Pilgrim Hymnal 251

**Gathering Prayer and The Lord's Prayer**

Is it worth it? God, we wander in wilderness, unsure if we'll ever see you. We try to do what you want, but it's a hard path. We do good things without fuss, yet the questions creep in & resentment comes along for the ride.

Are we worth it? God, you see all sides of us, our best and worst. You know how much we offer you, and how much goes to Caesar. We try to get the balance right, yet sometimes we lay awake, pondering what you think of us.

We wonder—and here, in worship, we seek your face. We long to catch a glimpse of your glory. Shine on us, Holy One! 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 33:12-23 KJV 73/CEB 68/MSG 122

**Time for All God's Children**

**\*Hymn:** Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise 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:** *Minuet from Partita in B<sup>b</sup> Major* *Johann S. Bach*

**\*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:** 1 Thess. 1:1-9 KJV 872 /CEB 901 /MSG 1632

**Message:** Glory Rev. Holly Morrison

**\*Closing Hymn:** My Eyes Have Seen the Glory Insert

**Benediction**

**Members:** please stay for a budget approval meeting after the benediction.

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

**Postlude:** *Prelude in C<sup>#</sup> Major* *Johann S. Bach*

**Thanks to today's service participants:**

Organist: Ann Hartzler      Lay Reader: George Langbehn  
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.

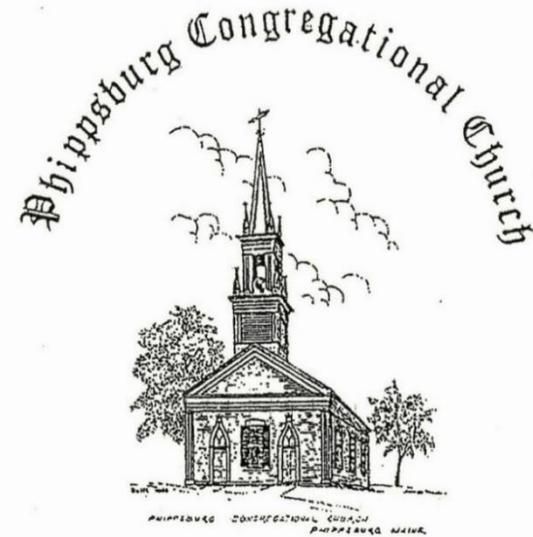
**Need a Large-print bulletin, bible, or hearing-assist device?** Please ask one of our deacons for these.

**CALENDAR**

- Sun., Oct. 22: Cong. Mtg: 2018 Budget Review/Approval*  
*Mon., Oct. 23: Lectionary Bible Study 1:30-3 PM, LTMH*  
*Gentle & Yin Yoga, 6 PM, LTMH*
- Tues. Oct. 24: Vocal Choir Practice, 6 PM*  
*Church Council Mtg., 7 PM*
- Wed., Oct. 25: Tai Chi, 10:30 AM, LTMH*
- Thurs., Oct. 26: Handbell Choir Practice, 9 AM*  
*Book Group: 1:30-3 PM, LTMH*
- Sun., Oct. 29: Worship 10 AM: 500<sup>th</sup> anniv. of Reformation!*  
*Mon., Oct. 30: "FarmChurch:" Visit w/ UCC President & ME*  
*Conf. Earthcare team at Holly's farm, 9-11 AM*

**PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS FOR OCTOBER 23-28:**

Due to Maine Conference events, 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.

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**Rev. Holly Morrison, pastor & teacher**

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