

Phippsburg Congregational Church, UCC

Open and Affirming: All are Welcome Here!

February 4, 2018: Fifth Sunday of Epiphany

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

Andante from Concerto in F Major *George F. Handel*

Call to Worship *(from Psalm 147)*

Praise the Lord! How good it is to sing of God's beautiful grace!

Rebuilder of broken places and hearts, Gatherer of outcasts!

Creator of stars, Giver of names to every one, Good beyond measure!

Who lifts the downtrodden and casts the wicked down.

God, who fills heaven with clouds and waters the thirsty earth

Who gives animals their food, who hears even the raven's cry.

God delights not in muscle or speed, but in our full attention.

God meets our hope with steadfast love. Praise God!

***Hymn:** O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing Pilgrim Hymnal #223

Prayer of Confession

God, I hate to bother you. I don't want to make a fuss. You know me. You know my intentions and the extent of my energy. You know how I've tried to follow & serve you, within my limits.

Yet you invite me, here in my grief and weariness, to more. I confess I'm suspicious. I confess I have trouble with this love you seem to throw around so freely. I confess your dreams are bigger than mine, and sometimes that scares me. Hear my fear. Heal me, so I can join you in service, in freedom, and in love. Amen.

Words of Assurance

The Lord's Prayer

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: Isaiah 40:21-31 KJV 539 /CEB 553 /MSG 975

Time for All God's Children

***Hymn:** Oh Christ, the Healer, We Have Come (NCH 175) 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: *Air from Water Music Suite* *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.**

Prayer of Dedication

Gospel Reading: Mark 1:29-39 KJV 731 /CEB 762 /MSG 1378

Message: Kick Off Rev. Holly S. Morrison

Sacrament of Communion

Prayer of Thanksgiving:

Light of the World, thank you. We have tasted your promises.

We have taken your gifts into our bodies. Now we bear your love!

***Hymn:** You Are Salt for the Earth, O People Insert

Benediction

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

Postlude: *Finale from Fireworks Suite* *George F. Handel*

Thanks to today's service participants:

Organist: Ann Hartzler Lay Reader: Fred Hartman

Head / Asst Deacons: Kathy Totten / Mare Hartman

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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. Feb 4: Worship 10 AM
PCC Annual Meeting, 11:30 AM*
- Mon. Feb 5: Restorative Yoga: 6 PM, LTMH*
- Wed. Feb 7: Tai Chi: 10:30 AM, LTMH*
- Sat. Feb 10: CONCERT: State Street Jazz Band, 7:30 PM*
- Sun. Feb 11: Mardi Gras: Potluck and Game Night, 4-7 PM*
- Wed. Feb 14: An Ash Wednesday Valentine*

PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS FOR JANUARY 29 -- FEBRUARY 3:

Monday: Day Off / Tue & Wed: Office & Visiting / Thurs: In office 10 AM – 4 PM /
Fri & Sat: working from home, reachable by phone/email.

Please contact Holly as needs arise: 207-504-0107/revcelt@gmail.com

MARDI GRAS POTLUCK & GAME NIGHT:

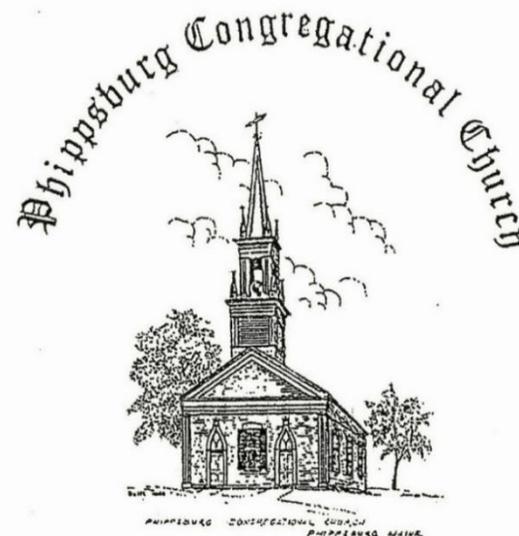
Join us Sunday, Feb 11, from 4-7 PM for some Mardi Gras Madness before Lent begins! Meal starts at 4, Games start at 5 PM. Bring a Dish and a Game to share!

SERMON REPLAY AVAILABLE ON CHURCH WEBSITE!

If you missed a week, or just want to hear the sermon again, visit www.phippsburgucc.org/sermons. Most weeks list both the sound file and a text version of the sermon.

AN ASH WEDNESDAY VALENTINE:

Love is what Jesus was all about—and he loved to eat with friends. Come warm body and soul with a hearty soup and bread supper at 5:45, stay for worship at 6:30 PM. There might be chocolate.



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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 S. Morrison, pastor & teacher
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O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come

TUNE: TALLIS CANON

1. Christ, the healer, we have come
to pray for health, to plead for friends.
How can we fail to be restored
when reached by love that never ends?
2. From every ailment flesh endures
our bodies clamor to be freed.
Yet in our hearts w would confess
that wholeness is our deepest need.
3. In conflicts that destroy our health
we recognize the world's disease;
Our common life declares our ills.
Is there no cure, O Christ, for these?
4. Grant that we all, made one in faith,
in your community my find
The wholeness that, enriching us,
shall reach and prosper humankind.

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