

Phippsburg Congregational Church, UCC
Open and Affirming: All are Welcome Here!

February 18, 2018: First Sunday of Lent

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

Variations on a Pentatonic Hymn

William Gudger

Call to Worship (from Psalm 25)

Show me your ways, O God

Guide and Guardian, I want to watch my steps. Teach me!

Shame's not the map I need now. Lead me in life-giving ways

Your truth has logged many miles. Your love is the road itself.

I'll try to live close to the ground. I'll watch for your signs.

From now on, every road will lead to God!

***Hymn:** Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days Pilgrim Hymnal 153

Gathering Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Creator of all things, you have shaped this world. You have filled it with wonders and wilderness. You have provided habitats as diverse as your creatures, places and tasks and gifts for every one.

It's hard to choose, with such abundance. It's hard to resist the temptations laid before us. It's hard to discern our proper place. Help us listen with your love. Here between wild beasts and angels, privilege and pain, in this testing time, bind us back into covenant with all creation, and with you. We pray with Jesus:

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: Genesis 9:8-17

KJV 6/ CEB 6/ MSG 28

Time for All God's Children

***Hymn:** Touch the Earth Lightly (NCH 569)

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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: *Contemplation on Hendon*

Dennis Janzer

***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: Mark 1:9-15

KJV 732/ CEB 761/ MSG 1377

Message: The Trouble with Rainbows

Rev. Holly S. Morrison

***Hymn:** O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

Pilgrim Hymnal 399

Benediction

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

Postlude: *Preludium*

Franz Tunder

Thanks to today's service participants:

Organist: Ann Hartzler Lay Reader:

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 18: Worship 10 AM
Lenten Lunch Series begins, 11:30 AM*
Mon. Feb 19: NO Restorative Yoga, resumes Feb 26th
Tues. Feb 20: Choir Potluck, 5 PM at the Bailey-Connors house
Wed. Feb 21: Tai Chi: 10:30 AM, LTMH
Fri. Feb 23: Lectionary Bible Study, 12-2 PM, LTMH
Sat. Mar 10: Deacons' Retreat, 1774 Inn

PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS FOR FEBRUARY 18 – 24

Monday: Day Off / Tue: Office 10-12 PM, 12-4 Midcoast Assoc Mtg, Waldoboro /
Wed: Office 9-2 PM / Thurs: Work from home / Fri: Office 10-12 PM, Bible Study
12-2 PM / Sat: working from home, reachable by phone/email.
Please contact Holly as needs arise: 207-504-0107/revcelt@gmail.com

LENTEN LUNCHEs: Sundays, Feb 18-March 18 11:30-1 PM

Gather in the Meeting House after worship for soup, bread, & spiritual exploration. We'll be using Eric Elnes' book, "Gifts of the Dark Wood: Seven Blessings for Soulful Sceptics and Other Wanderers." (Copies @ Mustard Seed.)

FEBRUARY FOOD FLURRY: This month, we're gathering canned goods for the Bath Area Food Bank. Most needed: *Canned goods* including soup, pasta, spaghetti sauce, chicken, tuna, & baked beans.

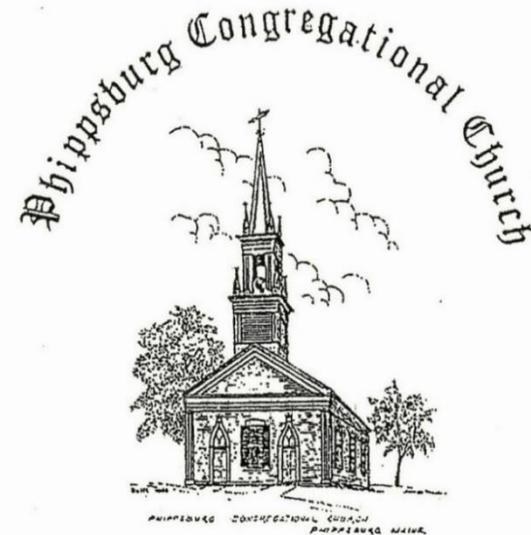
LENT IS FOR HEIFERS:

Two ways to contribute to this global mission partner during the Lenten season:
"Fill the Ark" giving calendars and egg sales.

Giving Calendars: Daily invitations to learn and give—pick up calendars and coin-boxes in the narthex, return boxes at Easter.

Eggs 'til Easter: Pick up farm-fresh eggs in the Meeting House—suggested donation \$5/dozen. All proceeds from egg sales will once again be donated to Heifer Project International.

LENT MADNESS! A light-hearted way to move through the season, with brackets and daily "battles" based on the Calendar of Saints. Loaded with fascinating history! Go to: www.LentMadness.org.



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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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