

***Phippsburg Congregational Church, UCC***

*Open and Affirming: All are Welcome Here!*

**March 4, 2018: Third 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**

*Prelude on Bethany*

*Franklin Ashdown*

**Call to Worship: Psalm 19** (Responsive Reading)

Insert

**\*Hymn:** Morning Has Broken

Pilgrim Hymnal 38

**Prayer of Confession**

**We come here to honor you, God. This building holds our history. The walls echo with generations of prayer. But prayers can reach you from any place: a prayer rug, a Wailing Wall, a forest path, a bomb shelter, a hospital bed. Forgive us for mixing up our ediface and your holiness. Forgive us when we care more for structures than for your Spirit. Help us to seek and honor your presence in all places, and in traditions besides our own.**

**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!**

**Lectionary Reading:** 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 KJV841/CEB870/MSG1565

**Time for All God's Children**

**\*Hymn:** Inspired by Love and Anger

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:** *Christ, Thou Lamb of God*

*Georg F. Kauffmann*

**\*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:** John 2:13-22

KJV 781/CEB 810/MSG 1458

**Message:** Altarcations

Rev. Holly S. Morrison

**\*Communion Hymn: Let Us Break Bread Together Pilgrim Hymnal 288**

**Sacrament of Communion**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Benediction**

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

**Postlude:** *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

*Martha Sobaje*

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

Organist: Ann Hartzler Lay Reader:

Head / Asst Deacons: Brad Hart / Julie Peacock & Berenice Knight

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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. March 4: Worship 10 AM*  
*Lenten Lunch, 11:30 AM*  
*Hospitality Committee Mtg, 11:30 AM*
- Mon. Mar 5: Restorative Yoga, 6-7:30 PM, LTMH*
- Wed. Mar 7: Tai Chi: 10:30 AM, LTMH*
- Fri. Mar 9: Lectionary Bible Study, 12-2 PM, LTMH*  
*CONCERT: Jimmy Jo & The Jumbol'ayus, 7 PM*
- Sat. Mar 10: Deacons' Retreat, 11-3 PM, 1774 Inn*
- Fri. Mar 16: Community Song Circle & Potluck, 5-8 PM*
- Thurs. Mar 29: Tenebrae / Service of Shadows: 7 PM*
- Sun. April 1: Easter Sunrise Service, 6:15 AM*  
*Easter Sanctuary Service: 10:00 AM*

### PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS FOR MARCH 4 – MARCH 10

Mon: Day Off / Tues: Work from home / Wed: Office&Visits 10-4 PM / Thurs: Office 10-4 PM / Fri: Office 10-2 PM / Sat: Office&Deacons' Retreat 10-4 PM  
Please contact Holly as needs arise: 207-504-0107/revcelt@gmail.com

### LENTEN LUNCHESES: 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 (Copies available at the Mustard Seed Bookstore in Bath.)

**MARCH MACARONI MADNESS BEGINS!** Please bring Pasta or Mac 'n Cheese for the Bath Area Food Bank special collection effort. Should you prefer, you may write a check to PCC with 'Bath Area Food Bank' in the memo line.

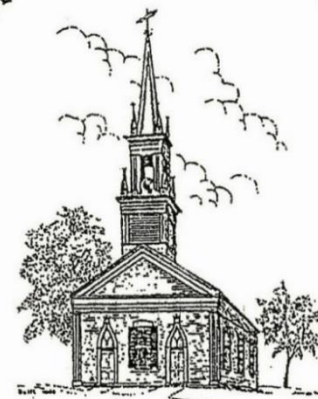
### LENT IS FOR HEIFERS:

Two ways to contribute to this global mission partner during the Lenten season:

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.

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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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**PSALM 19** (Common English Bible, adapted)

Heaven declares God's glory; the sky proclaims God's handiwork.

**One day gushes the news to the next,  
and one night informs another what needs to be known.**

Of course, there's no speech, no words—their voices can't be heard—but their sound extends throughout the world;

**their words reach the ends of the earth.**

God has made a tent in heaven for the sun.

**The sun's like a groom coming out of a honeymoon suite;  
like a warrior, it thrills at running its course.**

It rises in one end of the sky; its circuit is complete at the other.

**Nothing escapes its heat.**

The Lord's Instruction is perfect, reviving one's very being.

**The Lord's laws are faithful, making foolish people wise.**

The Lord's regulations are right,gladdening the heart.

The Lord's commands are pure, giving light to the eyes.

**Honoring God is the proper path, lasting forever.**

**The Lord's judgments are true and righteous!**

They are more desirable than gold—than tons of pure gold!

They are sweeter than honey—dripping off the honeycomb!

**No doubt about it: your servant is enlightened by them;  
there is great reward in living the way God has laid out.**

But can anyone know what they've accidentally done wrong?

**Clear me of any unknown sin.**

**Save your servant from willful sins.**

Don't let them rule me. Then I'll be blameless;

I'll be innocent of great wrongdoing.

**Let the words of my mouth  
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be pleasing to you, God,  
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