

**Phippsburg Congregational Church, UCC**  
*Open and Affirming: All are Welcome Here!*  
**July 15th, 2018: Eighth 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**

**Musical Intriort and Lighting of the Altar Lights**                      **Bell Choir**  
*'Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty'*                      Hal H. Hopson

**Call to Worship:**

**We are part of God's family.**

Men: Fathers and sons, husbands, brothers & uncles, grandpas too!

Women: Mothers, daughters, wives, sisters & aunts, & yes, grandmas!

**We are part of God's family**

Wiser: Sharing traditions, serving with honor, listening, holding on.

Foolish: Letting loose, naming injustice, daring to dream and dance.

**Adopted with love, we gather. We all belong. Praise God!**

**\*Opening Hymn:** Lord of the Dance                      Hymn Binder

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

**O God, sustain us in the complexity of our humanity**

**as you sustained David-- playing the harp of youth,**

**throwing stones at giant problems,**

**loving our friends beyond wisdom, dancing worship,**

**mourning children, breaking our hearts in psalms, and**

**longing for warmth in our old bones.**

**We pray with Jesus, who came from that same wild family:**

**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:** 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19    KJV254/CEB242/MSG393

**Time for All God's Children**

**Special Music from the Bell Choir**

*Finale from Act 1 of 'The Magic Flute'*    W. A. Mozart

**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:** *Duo on 'God, the Father, We Glorify You'*    A. Giamanco

**\*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:** Ephesians 1:3-14    KJV863/CEB892/MSG1612

**Message:** Dancing Fools

Rev. Holly S. Morrison

**\*Closing Hymn:** "Dance like David Danced"

**When the Spirit of the Lord moves in my heart**

**I will dance like David danced. (2x)**

**I will dance, I will dance,**

**I will dance like David danced (2x)**

**\*Benediction** (NOTE: Associate & Covenant Members, our Summer Annual Meeting will commence right here, immediately following the benediction. Your participation is respectfully requested. Friends of the church are also welcome, though exempt from voting.)

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

**Postlude:** *Fanfare on 'God, the Father, We Glorify You'*    A. Giamanco

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

Organist: Ann Hartzler      Lay Reader: Brad Hart

Head Deacon: Ann Bradbury      Assistant Deacons: Brad Hart

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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. 7/15      Summer Annual Mtg (after worship) 10:00 AM*  
*Thurs. 7/19      Bell Choir Practice 9:00 AM*  
*Wed. 7/25      Church Council Mtg. 4:00 PM*  
*Thurs. 7/26      Summer Vespers service: 7:00-7:45 PM*  
*Tues. 7/31      Bowdoin International Student Concert 2:00 PM*  
*Sun. 8/12      Blessing of the Fleet, Ridley's Landing 12:30 PM*

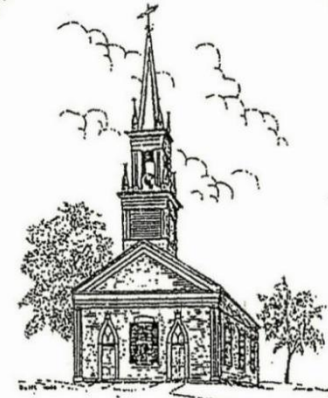
**Pastor's Hours July 16-22:**

Mon: work from home / Tues: office/visits 10-4 / Wed: day off /  
Thurs: office/visits 10-4 / Fri & Sat: Clergy Continuing Education  
Please contact Holly as needs arise: 207-504-0107/revcelt@gmail.com

**Evaluating Our Shared Ministry**

It's pastoral evaluation time again—evaluations are available today for pick-up & will be mailed to any members not present today. Note that evaluations are due by August 5<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your participation!

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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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