

Phippsburg Congregational Church, UCC

Open and Affirming: All are Welcome Here!

July 22nd, 2018: Ninth 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

Setting of 'Land of Rest'

Wilbur Held

Call to Worship: (Thom M. Schuman)

Neighbors and newcomers, families and strangers,

We gather in this place built by God's steadfast love.

Strugglers and stragglers, pilgrims almost at the end of the journey,

Each of us is seeks to follow Jesus, the compassionate One.

Builders of bridges in fractured communities,

Those who stand on either side of walls of fear,

The Spirit of faithfulness calls us to live as one people –

God's people!

***Opening Hymn:** O Christ, the Great Foundation

Insert

Gathering Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Beloved God, you are the beginning and end of every journey.

You promise us a place in your heart, a place to call home.

We aren't sure—are we renters? Caretakers? Just passing through?

Can we fix the roof, feel safe, and also shelter each other?

Do we dare proclaim, "I am part of the household of God?"

Help us to come home to you, and be part of your welcome-home.

We pray with Jesus, our brother:

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: 2 Samuel 7:1-13 KJV255/CEB242/MSG394

Time for All God's Children

***Hymn:** One Holy Church of God Appears Pilgrim Hymnal #266

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: *O Waly Waly*

Martha Sobaje

***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 2:12-22

KJV864/CEB893/MSG1613

Message: Construction Crew

Rev. Holly S. Morrison

***Closing Hymn:** All Are Welcome

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***Benediction**

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

Postlude: *Setting of 'Foundation'*

Wilbur Held

Thanks to today's service participants:

Organist: Ann Hartzler Lay Reader: George Langbehn

Head Deacon: Ann Bradbury Assistant Deacons: George Langbehn

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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. 7/22 Worship 9 AM
Wed. 7/25 Church Council Mtg. 4:00 PM
Thurs. 7/26 Summer Vespers service: 7:00-7:30 PM
Tues. 7/31 Bowdoin International Student Concert 2:00 PM
Sun. 8/12 Blessing of the Fleet, Ridley's Landing 12:30 PM

Kennebec Early Music Festival Concert Series

Wed. 8/15 6:15 PM Lecture, 7:00 PM Concert
Fri. 8/17 6:15 PM Lecture, 7:00 PM Concert
Sat. 8/18 6:15 PM Lecture, 7:00 PM Concert

Pastor's Hours July 23-29:

Mon: work from home / Tues: office/visits 10-4 /
Wed: Church Council 4-5:30 PM / Thurs: office/visits 12-7:30 PM /
Fri: 12-4 PM / Sat: work from home, available by phone/email
Please contact Holly as needs arise: 207-504-0107/revcelt@gmail.com

EVALUATING OUR SHARED MINISTRY

It's pastoral evaluation time again-- evaluations were sent out this week, and your thoughtful responses are requested. Note that evaluations are due by August 5th. Thank you for your participation!

A BIG THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who helped with our Church Yard Sale and Lobster Roll Lunch, particularly Sandy Stenquist, Marcia Beach, and the rest of the lunch crew, and Susanne Hart, Lynn True, and the rest of our stalwart yard sale helpers! Your combined efforts raised over \$2,000 towards our ministries and missions. A great time was had by all! This is a huge annual undertaking and your help is greatly appreciated.

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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we bear Christ's own impression, the sign of second birth:
One holy people gathered in love beyond our own,
by grace we were invited, by grace we make you known.
3. Where tyrants' hold is tightened, where strong devour the weak,
where innocents are frightened, the righteous fear to speak,
There let your church awaking attack the powers of sin
and , all their ramparts breaking, with you the victory win.
4. This is the moment glorious when Christ who once was dead
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The Sovereign of creation a new dominion brings,
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