

Phippsburg Congregational Church, UCC

Open and Affirming: All are Welcome Here!

September 2, 2018: Celebrating the Earth

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

Give Me Your Tired, Your Poor

Irving Berlin

Call to Worship:

We gather in the image of our Creator

Who convened a community of love

We gather in the name of our Redeemer

Who reconciles all Creation

We gather in the presence of the Life Giver.

Who inspires new life and renews it.

***Opening Hymn:** All Things Bright and Beautiful Pilgrim Hymnal 478

Prayer of Confession *(see insert)*

Words of Assurance

The Lord's Prayer

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, and the power, and 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: Job 28:1-12 KJV421 /CEB404 /MSG665

Time for All God's Children

***Hymn:** For the Beauty of the Earth (1-5) Pilgrim Hymnal 66

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: *America the Beautiful* Tune: Samuel Ward, lyr.: Katharine Bates

***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: Matthew 8:26-34 KJV709 /CEB739 /MSG1341

Message Rev. Holly S. Morrison

The Sacrament of Communion *(our table is open to all, regardless of belief or background. A GF option is in the cup on each bread plate.)*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

***Communion Hymn:** Touch the Earth Lightly Insert

***Benediction**

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

Postlude: *Come, Labor On* Jane L. Borthwick

Thanks to today's service participants:

Organist: Helene Thomas Lay Reader: Paula Palmer

Head/Assistant Deacons: Brad Hart / Kathy Totten & 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. 9/2 Worship 10 AM
Fri. 9/7 Committee 2019 Budgets Due
Sun. 9/9 Worship 10 AM
3rd Annual "Pastor's Pasture Picnic" 3-6 PM
(see insert for directions)
Tues. 9/11 Deacon's Mtg, Lighting options walk-thru, 7 PM
Wed. 9/12 Budget & Finance Mtg, 10 AM

PASTOR'S HOURS FOR 9/9-9/16:

Mon: Work from Home / Tue: Ofc & visits 10-3 / Wed: Day Off /
Thurs: Office 10-3 / Fri: Office 12-6 / Sat: Wedding 2PM
Holly can be reached by phone or email as needed: (207)504-0107 /
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COMMITTEE BUDGETS DUE

Please send your 2019 committee budgets to the office by Sept 7th so we can prepare for our church budget meeting in October. Thank you.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED: Could you give one hour, one Sunday a month? We need 3 more teachers to make for a strong rotation. Full curriculum provided. Male teachers especially needed. Please contact Holly if you can!

SEPTEMBER BOOK GROUP: BRAIDING SWEETGRASS, Robin W. Kimmerer
This award-winning book has been called, "a hymn of love to the world."
Dr. Kimmerer's work emerges from both her scientific training and her indigenous wisdom as a member of the Potawatomi Nation. (Please indicate your preferred meeting time on sign-up sheet on LTMH kiosk.)

EARTH SUNDAY



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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Prayer of Confession

(adapted from the Lutheran World Federation)

... And so we confess. God of mercy and justice,

We confess our overuse of transportation,

the need for speed overriding the healing of the earth's fever.

We confess our hyper-consumption of food and energy,

producing meat and electronics on demand, but too often exhausting and poisoning the backyards of the poorest.

We confess our soaps, our cosmetics, our synthetic clothes,

ignoring that their unseen, plastic microbeads run into our streams and oceans, now residing in fish, and probably in some of us.

We confess our junk, the piles of what we throw away,

the sewage smelling of our lack of concern.

We confess our mindset,

too often concentrating on our ability to buy rather than asking what we really need, what our world needs.

We confess our unfaithfulness, not loving you with our whole heart and strength and mind,

not loving our human and non-human neighbors as ourselves, **not caring for the creation you have given us as a gift.**

Turn us from our sinful practices

to life that is really living, giving ourselves away, following Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Third Annual "Pastor's Pasture" Picnic at Tir na nOg Farm (Holly & Sue's farm) 44 Leighton Road, Pownal, Maine

DIRECTIONS FROM I-295 SOUTHBOUND: (carpool if possible!)

Watch for exit signs to "Bradbury Mountain / Freeport / Durham."

TAKE EXIT 22. At end of exit ramp, **turn LEFT onto Mallett Drive** & proceed to "T" in road.

TURN LEFT onto Route 125 / Pownal Road.

Road will soon curve sharply to right. Continue about 5 miles 'til you reach Pownal Center: intersection with blinking red light, gas station on your left and Cong. church on right (across intersection). Proceed straight through intersection. You'll pass a cemetery on your left & elementary school on your right, followed by a big dip in the road. Shortly afterwards, (around curve, beyond crest of hill) you'll come to an unmarked intersection (sign says Lawrence Rd).

TURN LEFT onto (unpaved) Lawrence Road.

When road forks, **take RIGHT (upper) fork. This is Leighton Road.** Proceed about 0.5 miles, around curve & down small hill. Look for black mailbox: "Tir na nOg Farm, 44 Leighton Road." (You'll see an old red Cape-style house and two shingled buildings, one with an orange metal roof. You've arrived at the farm!)

WHERE TO PARK: Park in front of the old red house, on the front lawn, or along the driveway.

WHAT TO BRING: Lawn chairs and picnic foods/drinks. We'll provide the campfire, grill, tables, and hot dogs!

(Please note that we have free-range chickens and uneven ground. Wear close-toed shoes and leave your dogs at home. Thank you!)