

Phippsburg Congregational Church, UCC

Open and Affirming: All are Welcome Here!

November 18, 2018: Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Please silence all electronic devices. Thank you!

** indicates times when you're invited to rise in body or spirit*

Prelude & The Ringing of the Church Bell

'Hymn and Chorale on Now Thank My Soul' J.S. Bach/J. Pachelbel

Greetings & Announcements

Stewardship Moment

Centering Prayer & Lighting of the Altar Lights

Call to Worship:

Creator of history, we look back with thankfulness

So many gifts! So many blessings! So many seeds sown!

Creator of this day, we look around with amazement

So many gifts! So many blessings! Such a harvest of grace!

Creator of our future, we look with wonder, for what might yet be...

Gifted and blessed, we gather, to be the change our world needs!

***Opening Hymn:** "God of Grace and God of Glory" PH #366

Gathering Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Gracious God, Eternal Source of all good gifts, we open our hands, feeling each emptiness & ache, and the power of the work we've done. Take our hands, God. We open our minds, too, full of facts and fiction, quests and questioning, empowered to rise to the challenges of faithful living. Holy Wisdom, receive the gift of our minds. We open our hearts, feeling the surge of joy, the pain of grief, the stretch-marks of living into love, as You call us. Take our hearts, God, and all the gifts we have, that the treasure of your Kingdom may be shared, and in the sharing, increased a thousand-fold.

In the name of Jesus, our gracious Lord, we pray:

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: 1 Samuel 2:1-10 KJV223 /CEB211 /MSG348

Time for All God's Children

A Gift of Music: "We Gather Together" Belles & Bouys

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: 'Let All Things Now Living' Robert Powell

***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 13:1-8 KJV744 /CEB774 /MSG1396

Message Rev. Holly S. Morrison

***Closing Hymn:** "Here I Am, Lord" Hymn Binder

***Benediction**

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

Postlude: 'St. George's Windsor' Martha Sobaje

Thanks to today's service participants:

Organist: Ann Hartzler Lay Reader: Sally Grey

Head/Asst. Deacon: George Langbehn / Bill Gilman

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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. 11/18 *Worship 10 AM*
Tues. 11/20 *Vocal Choir Short Rehearsal, 6 PM*
Thurs. 11/22 *Thanksgiving Day*
Fri. 11/23 *NO Book Group*
Sun. 11/25 *Worship 10 AM*

PASTOR'S HOURS FOR 11/18-11/24: Hours by appointment this week. Holly can be reached as needed: (207)504-0107 / revcelt@gmail.com

SPECIAL THANKS TO BELL REFURBISHMENT DONORS

The beautiful sound of our bells has been restored! We offer thanks to an anonymous donor, and to John & Sharon Bond, who contributed to the restoration in honor of Sharon's mother, Melrose Lynch.

GRACE STREET MINISTRIES WINTER GEAR DRIVE

We are once again gathering winter gear for Maine's homeless people through Grace Street Ministries. Coats, boots, toiletries, warm socks, scarves, mittens, hats and backpacks. Add them to the donation box in the Meeting House. Thanks!

POINSETTIAS FOR THE CHURCH

If you would like to honor or remember someone with poinsettias, please sign on the sheet in the Narthex. Cost per plant \$10. (Flower Committee will purchase from Longfellow's.) Flowers will be displayed in church starting Dec 16th, the 3rd Sunday of Advent. Please give money to Ann Bradbury by Dec 1st.

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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.

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