

***Phippsburg Congregational Church, UCC***

*Open and Affirming: All are Welcome Here!*

**March 24, 2019: Third Sunday of Lent**

*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**

*“Chorale on ‘Alas Did My Savior Bleed’”*

Carson Cooman

**Greetings and Announcements**

**Lighting of the Altar Lights**

**Call to Worship**

Bright as sunshine on snow, God's love greets us each morning

**Welcome as a warm mug, a hot meal, a kind smile**

“Awaken! Stir and sing!” call the small birds, on the wing

**Let us, too, rush to gather, praising our marvelous God**

More beautiful than this morning! Even more full of miracles!

**More enduring than maples, sweeter than sap boiled down!**

**\*Hymn:** A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Pilgrim Hymnal 363

**Psalter Reading from Psalm 63**

My God, I thirst for you body and soul,

as in a weary land where there is no water.

**I've glimpsed your glory. I praised you then and I praise you  
now, for your steadfast love is better than life itself**

You satisfy me like the richest feast. Your name's on my lips.

**At night, laying awake, I meditate on you, for you have been  
my help.**

In the darkest hour, I remember: you are always there for me!

**In the shadow of your wings, I sing for joy.**

**My soul clings to you; your hand upholds me!**

**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!**

**Hebrew Scripture Reading:** Isaiah 55:1-9

KJV549 /CEB566 /MSG1140

**Time for All God's Children**

**\*Hymn:** The Lord is Rich and Merciful

Pilgrim Hymnal 328

**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:** *“Reflection on ‘Repton’”*

Carson Cooman

**\*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:** Luke 13:1-9

KJV765 /CEB795 /MSG1635

**Message:**

Rev. Holly S. Morrison

**\*Closing Hymn:** O God in Whom All Life Begins (NCH 401)

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**Benediction**

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

**Postlude:** *“Postlude”*

Armond Vernet

*Cover image: “The Gardener and the Fig Tree,” Dungarvan, Ireland*

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

Organist: Ann Hartzler      Lay Reader: Kevin Connors

Head/Asst. Deacon: Sandy Stenquist / 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 3/24      *Worship 10 AM*  
Tues 3/26      *Choir Practice, 6:00 PM*  
Wed 3/27      *Church Council, 4:00 PM*  
Thurs 3/28      *Tai Chi, 10-11 AM*  
Sun 3/31      *Worship 10 AM*  
                    *CONCERT: Carrie Newcomer, 4:00 PM*  
Sun 4/7      *Spring Meeting Midcoast Assoc., 2:30-4:00 PM,*  
                    *Bath Neighborhood UCC*  
                    *CONCERT: Alasdair Fraser & Natalie Haas, 4:00 PM*

**PASTOR'S HOURS FOR 3/24-3/30:** Mon: Day off / Tues: Office 11-3 / Wed: Church Council 4-6 / Thurs: 11-5 / Fri & Sat: Work from home. Holly can be reached as needed: (207)504-0107 / revcelt@gmail.com      **Amanda's Hours:** Tues & Thurs 1-3:30 PM

**EASTER FLOWERS:** The Flower Committee will purchase Easter lilies. If you wish to donate a lily, you may give \$10 to Beth Brewer by April 7th. Or you may bring a spring flower of your choice to church on Easter Sunday.

**FARM FRESH FUNDRAISER: Eggs on Sale for Lent**

Delicious eggs from Holly & Sue's farm for sale now through Easter: suggested donation \$5/dozen. All funds will go to Heifer Project International. (Empty cartons needed!)



# Third Sunday of Lent



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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