

**Phippsburg Congregational Church, UCC**  
*Open and Affirming: All are Welcome Here!*

**April 7, 2019: Fifth 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**

*Voluntary on 'Come Down, O Love Divine'*

John G. Barr

**Greetings and Announcements**

**Lighting of the Altar Lights**

**Call to Worship** (Psalm 126, adapted)

When God restored our fortunes, we were like dreamers

**Our mouths filled with laughter and shouts of joy**

From everywhere, people said: look what God has done for them!

**Yes, look! God has done great things for us, and we rejoiced!**

Once again, God: restore us, like a scorched mountain blooming,

**Like deserts full of wildflowers, rivers gushing after ice-melt!**

May those who sow in tears, reap with shouts of joy

**Those who go out weeping, bearing seeds for sowing,  
shall come home rejoicing, carrying their sheaves.**

**\*Hymn:** "Gather Us In"

Hymn Binder

**Prayer of Confession**

**Piano Side:** Winds thrash the waves, echoing our anger

**Organ Side:** Free from ice, land and sea come painfully awake

**Melt the ice in our souls, O God.**

**Piano:** Even though thawing hurts. Even though we resist pain

**Organ:** And cherish our own, unwilling to name and witness others.

**Melt the ice in our hearts, O God.**

**Piano:** In spite of our rigid fears, our failures of fellowship

**Organ:** Our close-regulated compassion, our weighing of worthiness

**Help us empty ourselves, so your love can pour through.**

**Words of Assurance**

**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 43:16-21 KJV /CEB /MSG

**Time for All God's Children**

**\*Hymn:** "Anything Is Possible," by Chip Simpson Hymn Binder

**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:** *Nocturne* Felix Mendelssohn

**\*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:** John 12:1-8 KJV /CEB /MSG

**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**

**\*Closing Hymn:** "Let Us Break Bread Together" PH 288

**\*Benediction**

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

**Postlude:** *Recessional in C* Josef Haydn

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

Organist: Sharon Bond      Lay Reader: Nancy Chapman

Head/Asst. Deacon: Laurie Simpson / Ann Bradbury

Ushers: Jean Flink & Larry Garside

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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 4/7      Worship 10 AM  
Spring Meeting Midcoast Assoc., 2:30-4:00 PM,  
Bath Neighborhood UCC  
CONCERT: Alasdair Fraser & Natalie Haas, 4:00 PM*

*Tues 4/9      Budget & Finance Committee Mtg, 10:00 AM  
Building & Grounds Committee Mtg, 2:00 PM  
Choir Practice, 6:00 PM  
Deacons Mtg, 7:00 PM*

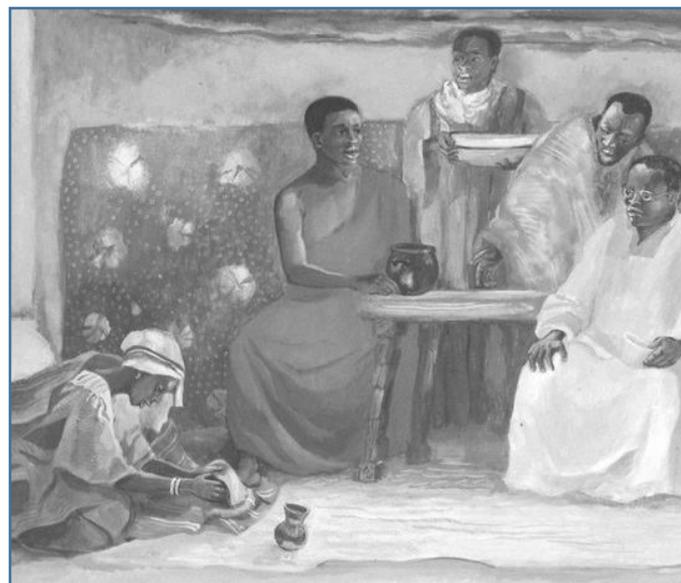
*Thurs 4/11      Tai Chi, 10-11 AM*

*Sun 4/14      Worship 10 AM, Passion/Palm Sunday*

**PASTOR'S HOURS FOR 4/7-4/13:** Mon: Day off / Tues: Office 11-3 PM /  
Wed: Office/Service 5-7:30 PM / Thurs: Office 11-5 PM / Fri & Sat: Work  
from home. Holly can be reached as needed: (207)504-0107 /  
revcelt@gmail.com      **Amanda's Hours:** Tues & Thurs 11-2 PM

**Midcoast Association Spring Meeting:** Neighborhood UCC, Bath  
2:30: Gathering prayer & brief business meeting  
3:00: Ecclesiastical Council to consider Holly Reid for ordination  
All are invited to attend and participate!

# Fifth Sunday of Lent



Said Judas to Mary, "Now, what will you do  
with your ointment so rich and so rare?"  
"I'll pour it all over the feet of the Christ,  
and I'll wipe it away with my hair."

"O Mary, O Mary, O think of the poor.  
This ointment, it could have been sold,  
And think of the blankets and think of the bread  
You could buy with the silver and gold."

"The poor of the world are my body," said Christ,  
"To the end of the world they shall be.  
The bread and the blankets you give to the poor,  
You'll know you have given to me."

– from "Said Judas to Mary" by Sydney Carter

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