

Phippsburg Congregational Church, UCC

Open and Affirming: All are Welcome Here!

April 21, 2019: Festival of the Resurrection

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 Intrada on Lancashire"

Kevin Hildebrand

Greetings and Announcements

Bell Choir Introit: *"The Angelus"*

Charles Ground

Lighting of the Altar Lights

Gospel Proclamation:

One: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

ALL: Christ is risen indeed! (3 times)

One: The light of Christ, rising in glory, shall banish all darkness from our hearts and minds. The Savior has been raised and walks among us.

ALL: Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

Call To Worship: *(from Psalm 118)*

O give thanks to God, for God is good;

God's steadfast love endures forever.

God is my source of strength; God has become my salvation.

We shall not die, but we shall live, and tell the deeds of our Savior!

This is the day that the Lord has made;

let us rejoice and be glad in it!

***HYMN:** "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

(See Insert)

Gathering Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

We know about endings, God: the death that comes for all,

the cathedral on fire, its spire a burning spear,

the crushing wrath of every Empire, fueled by fear.

And so we gather here: to stand in the ashes, or at the tomb,

To lay our grief and questions down at the cross

And open ourselves to a fresh hope, a liberating word

That even this burning, pain-filled world may be renewed.

We pray with our Risen Lord:

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!

Scripture Reading: Acts 10:34-43 KJV 811/CEB840 /MSG1721

Time for All God's Children

Bell Choir Anthem: *"Jubilate Amen"*

Dmitri Bortniansky

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: *Vocal Choir: "Alleluia of the Bells"* Ralph E. Marryott

***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 20:1-18

KJV799 /CEB828 /MSG1698

Easter Drama: "The Real Last Temptation of Christ"

***Closing Hymn:** "Up From the Grave He Arose"

Hymn Binder

Benediction

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

Postlude: *"Fugue-Finale on Lancashire"*

Kevin Hildebrand

Thanks to today's service participants:

Organist: Ann Hartzler Lay Reader: Chip Simpson

Head Deacon: Ann Bradbury

Resurrection Players: Stuart DeVan & Holly Morrison

Sunday School/Childcare: Sandy Stenquist

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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 4/21 Worship 10 AM – Easter Sunday

Mon 4/22 Earth Day

Tues 4/23 Choir Practice, 6:00 PM

Wed 4/24 Church Council, 4:00 PM

Thurs 4/25 Tai Chi, 10-11 AM

Sat 4/27 Church Yard Revival, 9 AM

Sun 4/28 Worship 10 AM – Poetry Sunday

OUR EASTER DRAMA was created by Rev. Stephen Carnahan, pastor at High Street United Church of Christ in Auburn, Maine. It is used with his permission (and our appreciation.)

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING: Thank you to all who contributed to this annual United Church of Christ offering, which supports disaster-response efforts and other global mission needs. We raised \$539!

CHURCH YARD REVIVAL: Volunteers are needed for yard work and other light jobs for this clean-up day. Saturday, April 27 @ 9:00 AM. Many hands make for light work, so please bring yourself and your friends!

POETRY SUNDAY, NEXT SUNDAY, April 28: You are invited to bring a poem that speaks to the theme of new life or resurrection. They will be shared during the service.