

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

May 5, 2019: Third Sunday of Easter

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

"Concerto for Signor Meck" Johann G. Walther

Lighting of the Altar Lights

Call To Worship: *(from Psalm 30)*

I will praise you God, for you have lifted me up!

I cried to you for help, and you have healed me

For what profit is there in death?

What good is it, if I hit the ground?

Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness?

You have turned my mourning into dancing

You have taken my sackcloth and clothed me with garments of joy!

My soul will not be silent. I will give thanks to you forever!

***Hymn:** "Alleluia, Alleluia, Hearts to Heaven" Pilgrim Hymnal 180

Prayer of Confession

On the road to Phippsburg—or Damascus—
Feet walking a sandy shore or fingers flying on a keyboard,
We get overzealous, God. We assume, we judge, we condemn.
When you appear, we do not always see you.
Let the scales fall from our eyes. Give us a taste of heaven.
In beachside barbecues and other commonplace encounters
Turn us from anger, despair, and judgment
Back to your promise of grace, resurrection, and abundant life.

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!**

Scripture Reading: Acts 9:1-6 KJV808/CEB1336 /MSG1506

Time for All God's Children

***Hymn:** "Joy Dawned Again On Easter Day" Pilgrim Hymnal 188

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:** "Chorale on Blessed Jesus, We are Here" Johann S.
Bach

***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 21:1-19 KJV800/CEB1322/MSG1454

Message: Rev. Holly S. Morrison

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

Prayer of Thanksgiving

***Hymn:** "You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore" Hymn Binder

Benediction

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

Postlude: "Festive Postlude How Firm a Foundation" Franklin Ashdown

Thanks to today's service participants:

Organist: Ann Hartzler Lay Reader: George Langbehn

Deacons: Brad Hart, Julia Peacock

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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. 5/5 *Worship 10:00 AM- Communion Service*
Tues. 5/7 *Choir Practice – 6:00 PM*
Thurs. 5/9 *No Tai Chi Class- will resume in the Fall! (see below)*
Thurs. 5/9 *Thresholds Conference, 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM*
Sat. 5/11 *Concert: "Songs & Chanteys" with Dave Peloquin and Jerry Bryant celebrating Herman Melville- 7:30 pm*

Pastor's Hours for May 5 to May 11: By appointment: Holly can be reached as needed: [207-504-0107/ revcelt@gmail.com](mailto:207-504-0107/revcelt@gmail.com). Marilyn's Hours:

Tues. 12-4 pm, Thurs. 10-12 pm.

Summer Church Events: Help get the word out! The Phippsburg Rec. Dept. flyer for June- August will be going to press on May 15th. If you have a church-related event coming up, please get all details to the church office by MONDAY, MAY 13. Email: PCCoffice1@gmail.com.

Easter Eggs Available Through May 5: Our egg sale to benefit Heifer Project International will end this Sunday. Suggested donation \$5.00.

Tai Chi Summer Break: Bob Pring generously offers free Tai Chi classes in our Meeting House on a seasonal basis. Thanks Bob-see you again this fall!

Thresholds Conference May 9, 8-3 pm, USM Campus, Hannaford Hall "Living and Caregiving Through End of Life," Series of conversations with Hospice of Southern Maine. Register & Info at 207-289-3643.

Concert: May 11: Sea Chanteys with Dave Peloquin & Jerry Bryant, 7:30 pm
Tickets at BrownPaperTickets.com or at door \$15, in advance \$12

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See You (John 21:4)

How often in my labors,
the must and the can't and the so what of it,
does the Changed One appear,
glory of heaven crammed into the ill-fitting
costume of a passer-by,
and I fail to see?
I've read poems like this, so I know—
and still
I look and think, "No, not that one."
And my nets remain empty.

Beloved, open my eyes to see you.

—Steve Garnaas-Holmes, *Unfoldinglight.net*

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