

***Phippsburg Congregational Church, UCC***

*Open and Affirming: All are Welcome Here!*

**April 15, 2018: Third Sunday of Easter**

*Please silence all electronic devices. Thank you!*

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

**Gathering Music & The Ringing of the Church Bell**

**Greetings and Announcements**

**Centering Prayer**

**Prelude and Lighting of the Altar Lights**

*Arietta*

*Samuel Wesley*

**Call to Worship (based on Luke 24:36b-48)**

**The Risen Christ came, saying, "Peace be with you!"**

**His words against all our fear, all our distress.**

**"Why do doubts rise in your hearts? Touch and see..."**

**Love embodied in hands and feet, in flesh and bone!**

**Jesus showed up hungry for fish and friendship.**

**Bring your hunger, too. Come, be a witness!**

**\*Opening Hymn: The Day of Resurrection**

*Pilgrim Hymnal 192*

**Gathering Prayer & The Lord's Prayer**

**Wounded and Renewing God, we come to you, dragging the tangled debris of old concerns, wearing the scratches of everyday irritations, edging our way around anticipated aches.**

**Did you tell us—and did we listen—that New Life takes work? Help us disentangle what holds us back, end self-inflicted harms, and entrust our future more fully to you. This 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, & 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!**

**Lectionary Reading: 1 John 3:1-7**

*KJV 900 / CEB 931 / MSG 1688*

**Time for All God's Children**

**\*Hymn: Jesus Loves Me**

*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: My Shepherd Will Supply My Need**

*John Barr*

**\*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.**

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Gospel Reading: Luke 24:36b-48**

*KJV 778 / CEB 808 / MSG 1452*

**Message: "Touch and See"**

*Rev. Holly S. Morrison*

**\*Closing Hymn: Thine Is The Glory**

*Pilgrim Hymnal 193*

**Benediction**

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

**Postlude: Offertoire**

*Cesar Franck*

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

*Organist: Ann Hartzler      Lay Reader: Betsey Morse*

*Head / Asst Deacons: Sandy Stenquist / Ann Bradbury & Dottie White*

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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. Apr 15: Worship 10 AM*  
*Mon. Apr 16: NO Restorative Yoga, Resumes 4/23*  
*Tues. Apr 17: Choir Practice, 6 PM*  
*Deacons' Mtg (rescheduled), 7 PM*  
*Wed. Apr 18: Tai Chi, 10:30 AM, LTMH*  
*Fri. Apr 20: Lectionary Bible Study, 12-2 PM, LTMH*  
*Sun. Apr 22: Worship 10 AM*  
*Wed. Apr 25: Church Council Mtg, 3:30-5 PM, LTMH*  
*Sat. Apr 28: CONCERT: Jimmy Jo & the Jumbol'Ayus, 7:00 PM*

**EGGCITING NEWS:** Your egg purchases have already raised over \$300 for Heifer Project International... and we're not done! Eggs will be available in the Meeting House through the end of April, with 100% of profits going directly to HPI. (If you have spare egg cartons, we can use them!)

### HOPE IN HARD TIMES: TRUE STORIES from MAINE TELLERS!

May 6<sup>th</sup>, 3-5 PM at the Carpenter's Boat Shop, Pemaquid: The Midcoast Association of UCC Churches invites you to an inspiring afternoon of storytelling—at the site of an exciting local mission!

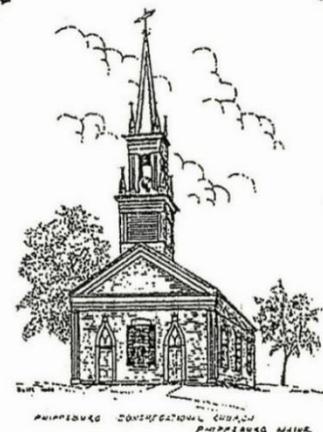
Come see how the Boatshop builds lives and communities, as well as wooden boats. (Registration is free, but space is limited. Please see sign-up sheet on kiosk in Meeting House.)

*NOTE: this event is the official Spring Meeting for the Association.*

### Pastor's Office Hours April 15-21:

Mon: Day Off / Tues: Ofc & Visits 12-6 / Wed: Ofc. & Visits 11-3 / Thurs: Ofc 10-3 / Fri: Bible study 12-2 / Sat: work from home  
Please contact Holly as needs arise: 207-504-0107/revcelt@gmail.com

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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.

**Rev. Holly S. Morrison, pastor & teacher**

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