

Welcome to
Old South Congregational Church, United Church of Christ
Hallowell, Maine
Hybrid Worship (In-person: Sanctuary), 10:00am
July 10, 2022

No matter who you are, no matter where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

Announcements/Joys & Concerns

Welcome

Prelude "Morning Song" (Gordon Young / arr. Douglas Wagner)

Call to Worship/Invocation/Lord's Prayer Ron Bansmer

One: Welcome, friends, to this time of worship and praise,

Many: As we gather as God's holy people,

One: Seeking love and hope, strength and courage,

Many: That we may be renewed and refreshed, eager to share God's blessings with others.

One: Let us pray:

Holy and Merciful God, in the midst of this summer season, we are surrounded by the beauty and bounty of your creation, and we are grateful. Fill us with joy and help us live more fully as your joyful people, assured of your love for us and strengthened to be about your holy work and ministry. Be among us this day, we humbly pray, as we continue in prayer, speaking the words that Jesus taught his followers to pray:

Many: 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Special Music "Now Thank We All Our God" (#419, The New Century Hymnal)

Warren, Christine, Judith and Willow

Bartlett

Scripture Colossians 4:10-18

Sermon Women of the Early Church: Nympha

***Hymn "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"** **Pilgrim #8**

1 Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day.

2 All thy works with joy surround thee, Earth and heaven reflect thy rays,

Stars and angels sing around thee, Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain, Call us to rejoice in thee.

3 Thou art giving and forgiving, Ever blessing, ever blest,
Well-spring of the joy of living, Ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother, All who live in love are thine;
Teach us how to love each other, Lift us to the joy divine.

4 Mortals, join the happy chorus Which the morning stars began;
Father love is reigning o'er us, Brother love binds man to man.
Ever singing, march we onward, Victors in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us sunward In the triumph song of life.

Mission Moment

Christine Bartlett

Offering

Offertory: "Blessed Assurance" (Phoebe Knapp / Nigel Williams)

***Hymn "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" New Century #42**

1 O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
The glories ever echoing the triumphs of God's grace!

2 My gracious Savior and my God, assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of your name.

3 Jesus! The name that calms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease
Is music in the sinner's ears, is life, and health, and peace!

4 Glory to God, and love and praise be ever, ever given
By all the saints in every age, the church in earth and heaven.

Blessing

Postlude "Postlude on 'Hyfrydol'" (Rowland Huw Pritchard / David Lasky)

Fellowship

***Please stand, if you are able**

Greeter, In-person: Darlene Davis **Greeter, Zoom:** Harmon Harvey

Worship Assistant: Warren and Christine Bartlett

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Ms. Marcy Fullmer, Sexton

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Sermon (and anything else) discussion: Tuesday, 7/12, at 11:00, in person (parish house)

Outreach Fund Focus for July: Relief for Ukraine (through the United Church of Christ)

SUPPORT the Ministry of Old South:

1. Checks may be sent to the church PO Box 508, Hallowell, ME 04347 or directly to Wendy Wells: Wendy Wells, 9 Densmore Court, Hallowell, ME 04347
2. Online giving (credit card) is available through the Maine Conference. Please find the link on our webpage: <https://oldsouthhallowell.org/>

HANNAFORD PROGRAM: Next deadline: July 10. Send to Wendy at the above address, or place in the offering plate. Please mark your check clearly for Hannaford.