

Welcome to  
Old South Congregational Church, United Church of Christ  
Hallowell, Maine  
Hybrid Worship (In-person: Parish House)

**10:00 am– Announcements and Community Joys & Concerns**

**10:10 am– Worship begins**

**January 15, 2023**

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

**Announcements/Joys & Concerns**

**Welcome**

**Prelude** “Almighty Love” William Billings/arr. Tracey Craig McKibben

**Introit** “Be Still and Know That I Am God” Ps. 46/Anon Choir

**Call to Worship/Invocation/Lord's Prayer**

Leader: Warren Bartlett

One: We gather this day, seeking light and love.

**Many: We gather this day, seeking wisdom and blessing.**

One: We gather this day, trusting that as we gather, the Spirit will be in our midst.

**Many: May we open our hearts and our minds anew, that we may discern the Way.**

One: May we be renewed and strengthened to be the people God calls us to be. Let us pray: Holy and Gracious God, bless us with your light and your love, your wisdom and your blessing. As we worship this day, may we be drawn closer to You and to each other, connected by and supported by our faith. Bless us with eyes to see and ears to hear, that we may discern the path you lay out for us. May we be about your holy work, today and in the days ahead. In the name of the Holy One, we pray, the One who taught us to pray together:

**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.**

**\*Hymn and Lighting of Candles** “Christ for the World We Sing!” Pilg #295  
(words can be found on the Announcements page)

[During the hymn, those attending in person are invited to come forward and to light one of the votive candles at the front of the sanctuary. Those on Zoom may light a candle and keep it close by during the service.]

**Scripture** John 1:29-42

**Message** “On Mission, and Statements”

**Anthem** “Sing a New Song” Stan Pethel Choir

**Mission Moment** Christine Bartlett

**Offering**

**Offertory:** “A Wordless Hymn” John Turner

**\*Doxology** (Pilgrim #515)

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**Pastoral Prayer**

Silence, Prayer, Response

**\*Hymn** “I Love to Tell the Story” NCH #522  
(words can be found on the Announcements page)

**Blessing**

“God Be With You” Thomas Dorsey/Artelia Hutchins Chancel Choir

**Postlude** “Sunshine in My Soul” arr. Terry Osman

**Fellowship**

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

**Service information:**

Call and Invocation written by Pastor Reisert.

**Greeter, In-person:** Galen Davis **Greeter, Zoom:** Alice Johnson

**Worship Assistant:** Cynthia McGuire

**Hospitality (3rd Sunday):** Cynthia McGuire

**More Info/Contact Info**

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Pastor Susan’s podcast: <https://anchor.fm/susan-reisert>

**Old South Staff:**

The Rev. Susan M Reisert, Pastor and Teacher

Mr. Bradley Krueger, Music Director

Ms. Cynthia McGuire, Administrative Assistant

Ms. Marcy Fullmer, Sexton

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS!**

**BIBLE BUNCH**– Is taking another week off. We'll start up again on January 24, with the topic "Season of Light." Scripture passages are below.

Jan 24, Season of Light, Matt 4:12-23

Jan 31, Season of Light, Matt 5:1-12

Feb 7, Season of Light, Matt 5:13-20

Feb 14, Season of Light, Matt 5:21-37

Feb 21-- off

Feb 22-- Ash Wednesday (details tbd)

Feb 28-- Lenten Bible Bunch begins

## **ANNUAL MEETING INFORMATION. IMPORTANT!**

Our annual meeting this year will be in TWO parts– January 22 and February 5. Both meetings will take place after worship. After taking care of the usual business on January 22, we'll work on a new mission statement. The last one was adopted in 2001. It's time for a new one. The new mission statement will help guide us as we make decisions on next steps for the congregation.

Both meetings will be hybrid, with an Annual Meeting Zoom link (look for it in the News&Notes this week– use the same link for both sessions). Both meetings will involve soup/chili potlucks, for those who attend in person (we'll spread out in the parish house, to reduce possible covid transmission). A sign up is available today.

**ANNUAL REPORTS** are now available. You may pick one up on the table in the parish house.

## **MEETINGS this week:**

Worship Team, Tuesday, 1/17 at 3:30, on Zoom (link is in the News&Notes)

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## **NEWS&NOTES**

Are you receiving the church email that's sent out on Tuesdays and Thursdays? If not, send an email to the church office and we'll add you to the list!

The News&Notes will keep you up-to-date on everything that's happening at Old South. And, it provides important Zoom links and, occasionally, a fun quiz.

## **OUTREACH NEWS**

**Outreach Fund Focus for January:** Relief for Ukraine (through the U.C.C.)

**BREAD OF LIFE DINNER DELIVERY**– The next one will be Tuesday, Feb. 7th.

## **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: Today, January 15. Send to Wendy at the above address, or place in the offering plate. Please mark your check clearly for Hannaford.

### **HYMNS FOR January 15:**

#### **Christ for the World We Sing!**

1 Christ for the world we sing! The world to Christ we bring  
With loving zeal: The poor, and them that mourn, The faint and overborne,  
Sinsick and sorrow worn, Whom Christ doth heal.

2 Christ to the world we sing! The world to Christ we bring  
With fervent prayer: The wayward and the lost, By restless passions tossed,  
Redeemed at countless cost From dark despair.

3 Christ for the world we sing! The world to Christ we bring  
With one accord: With us the work to share, With us reproach to dare,  
With us the cross to bear, For Christ our Lord.

4 Christ for the world we sing! The world to Christ we bring  
With joyful song: The newborn souls, whose days, Reclaimed from error's ways,  
Inspired with hope and praise, To Christ belong.

#### **I Love To Tell the Story**

1 I love to tell the story of unseen things above.  
Of Jesus' radiant glory, of Jesus' endless love.  
I love to tell the story, because I know it's true;  
It satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.

##### *Refrain*

I love to tell the story; and when I am in glory  
I'll tell the old, old story of Jesus' endless love.

2 I love to tell the story; mor wonderful it seems  
Than all the golden visions of all our golden dreams.

I love to tell the story, I tell it now to you  
Because I want to share it, because I know it's true. *Refrain*

3 I love to tell the story; it's pleasant to repeat  
What seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet.  
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard  
The message of salvation from God's own holy Word. *Refrain*

4 I love to tell the story, for those who know it best  
Seem hungering and thirsting to hear it, like the rest.  
And when I sing in glory, I know the new, new song  
Will be the old, old story that I have loved so long. *Refrain*