

**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 22, 2023**

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

**Announcements/Joys & Concerns**

**Welcome**

**Prelude** “He Leadeth Me”      Wm. Bradbury/arr. Lisa Hoekstraa

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

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

Leader: Darlene Davis

One: Gather us in, Holy and Loving God, and speak to us– to each of us and all of us.

**Many: May we hear your words of love and hope.**

One: May we be strengthened by your grace and your blessing.

**Many: May we be renewed as your church, as your beloved, faithful people.**

One: Inspire us and show us the way, Gracious God, today and always. Let us pray: Merciful God, we lift up our praise and our wonder, as we gather together in faith. Help us to be open to your voice, so often small and vulnerable, whispering to us the way of hope and joy. Be among us, speaking to us and offering us the love that only can provide. For this we pray, and we continue with the words Jesus 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 & Lighting of Candles** “We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding” NCH#182  
(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**      Matthew 4:12-23

**Message**      “One Thing Leads to Another”

**Anthem** “Let Us Love One Another” Arnold B. Sherman      Choir/C. McGuire, flute

**Mission Moment**      Christine Bartlett

**Offering**

**Offertory:** “Something for Thee”      Robert Lowry/arr. Donna Krieger

**\*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**      “Jesus Calls Us, O’er the Tumult” Pilgrim #322  
(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:** Roger and Erroll      **Greeter, Zoom:** Alice Johnson

**Worship Assistant:** Ron Bansmer

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**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**– We start up a new series this week, 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 today, 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. The link can be found in the News&Notes. 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).

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

### **MEETINGS this week:**

Tuesday at Noon, Bible Bunch– in the parish house and on Zoom:

**Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86876745098?pwd=ajl2SEpDeWR5alpGWE10eFREQXI2Zz09>

**Meeting ID: 868 7674 5098**

**Passcode: 824333**

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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: February 12. Send to Wendy at the above address, or place in the offering plate. Please mark your check clearly for Hannaford.

### **HYMNS FOR January 22:**

#### **We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding**

**NCH #182**

1 We have come at Christ's own bidding to this high and holy place,  
Where we wait with hope and longing for some token of God's grace.  
Here we pray for new assurance that our faith is not in vain,  
Searching like those first disciples for a sign both clear and plain.

2 Light breaks through our clouds and shadows, splendor bathes the flesh-joined Word,  
Moses and Elijah marvel as the heavenly voice is heard.  
Eyes and hearts behold with wonder how the Law and Prophets meet:  
Christ with garments drenched in brightness, stand transfigured and complete.

3 Strengthened by this glimpse of glory, fearful lest our faith decline,  
We, like Peter, find it tempting to remain and build a shrine.  
But true worship gives us courage to proclaim what we profess,  
That our daily lives may prove us people of the God we bless.

#### **Jesus Calls Us, O'er the Tumult**

**Pilgrim #322**

1 Jesus calls us, o'er the tumult Of our life's wild, restless sea;  
Day by day his sweet voice soundeth, Saying, "Christian, follow me."

2 As of old, Saint Andres heard it By the Galilean lake,  
Turned from home and toil and kindred, Leaving all for his dear sake.

3 Jesus calls us from the worship Of the vain world's golden store,  
From each idol that would keep us, Saying, "Christian, love me more."

4 In our joys and in our sorrows, Days of toil and hours of ease,  
Still he calls, in cares and pleasure, "Christian, love me more than these."

5 Jesus calls us; by thy mercies, Savior, may we hear thy call,  
Give our hearts to thine obedience, Serve and love thee best of all.