

**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

February 5, 2023

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

Announcements/Joys & Concerns

Welcome

Prelude “I Love to Tell the Story *with* Jesus Loves Me” Marty Parks

Introit “In This Quiet Moment” Larry Mayfield Choir

Call to Worship/Invocation/Lord's Prayer

Leader: Don Reutershan

One: In these wintry days, of cold, snow and ice, we gather together in the warmth of God's presence and love.

Many: We gather to hear again and to feel anew the encouraging words of Jesus.

One: We gather to rediscover our way as followers of Jesus as we also explore new paths of discipleship.

Many: Gather us in, holy God, strengthen us and inspire us, that we share your love with friends and strangers.

One: 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** “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us” Pilg #327
(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 5:13-20

Message “Salt, Light and Righteousness?”

Anthem “Let All the People Praise Thee” Natalie Sleeth Choir & Congregation

The congregation's text is on the back side of the announcements page. Please join us!

**Mission Moment
Offering**

Christine Bartlett

Offertory: "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee" arr. Jeff Bennett

***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.*

Communion

Introduction and Invitation

Communion Hymn NCH #332 "As We Gather at Your Table" (verses 1 & 2)

Story, Prayer and Consecration

Sharing of the Elements

Music "He Leadeth Me" arr. Lisa Hoekstra

Prayer of Thanksgiving

***Hymn** "This Little Light" NCH #524
(words can be found on the Announcements page)

Blessing

"Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name" Edward Hopkins Choir & Congregation

*Savior, again to thy dear name we raise
With one accord our parting hymn of praise;
We stand to bless thee ere our worship cease,
Then, lowly kneeling, wait thy word of
peace. Amen.*

Postlude "I Love Thee" Patti Drennan

Fellowship

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

Service information:

Call and Invocation written by Pastor Reisert.

Greeter, In-person: Darlene Davis

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Old South Staff:

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Mr. Bradley Krueger, Music Director
Ms. Cynthia McGuire, Administrative Assistant
Ms. Marcy Fullmer, Sexton

ANNOUNCEMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS!

BIBLE BUNCH– “Season of Light.” Scripture passages are below.

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

POST-ANNUAL MEETING INFORMATION

We will gather today after worship to continue our discussion on a new mission statement, while we enjoy a potluck lunch. Please join us!

MEETINGS this week:

Tues, 2/7:

Outreach Team at 10:30 (on Zoom; link will be in the Tuesday News&Notes)

Bible Bunch at Noon (hybrid)

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 February: Relief for Ukraine (through the U.C.C.)

BREAD OF LIFE DINNER DELIVERY– is this Tuesday! Many thanks to everyone who signed up. Please deliver your item(s) to the parish house by 4:30pm. The parish house will be open from 9:00 - 4:30.

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 February 5, 2023:

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Pilgrim #327

1 Savior, like a shepherd lead us, Much we need thy tender care;
In thy pleasant pastures feed us, For our use thy folds prepare.
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus, thou hast bought us, thine we are;
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus, Thou hast bought us, thine we are.

2 We are thin; do thou befriend us; Be the guardian of our way;
Keep thy flock; from sin defend us; Seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus, Hear thy children when they pray;
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3 Early let us seek thy favor; Early let us do thy will;
Blessed Lord and only Savior, With thy love our bosoms fill.
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus, Thou hast loved us, love us still;
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus, Thou hast loved us, love us still.

O God, Our Help In Ages Past (*join in with the choir's anthem*)

1 O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home.

2 Before the hills in order stood, Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting thou art God, To endless years the same.

As We Gather at Your Table

NCH #332

1 As we gather at your table, as we listen to your word,
Help us know, O God, your presence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
Nourish us with sacred story till we claim it as our own;
Teach us through this holy banquet how to make Love's victory known.

2 Turn our worship into witness in the sacrament of life;
Send us forth to love and serve you, bringing peace where there is strife.
Give us, Christ, your great compassion to forgive as you forgave;
May we still behold your image in the world you died to save.

This Little Light

NCH #524

1 This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

2 Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.

Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

3 All....through the night, I'm gonna let it shine.
All....through the night, I'm gonna let it shine.
All....through the night, I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.