

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 12, 2023**

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

**Announcements/Joys & Concerns**

**Welcome**

**Prelude** “The Love of God” arr. Marty Parks

**Introit** “In This Quiet Moment” Larry Mayfield

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

Leader: Darlene Davis

One: As we gather for worship this day, grant us your blessing, O God.

**Many: Help us to discern anew Your presence among us,**

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One: That we may follow as You lead. Let us pray: Gracious and Holy God, may we feel Your guiding hand upon us, each of us and all of us together. May we feel the assurance of Your presence and the strength of Your love. Be with us, O God, as we encounter a familiar story, seeking a new awareness of the lessons that Jesus taught. In the name of Jesus the Christ 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** “Immortal, Invisible, God only Wise” Pilgrim #7  
(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 5:21-37

**Message** “Context and Meaning”

**Anthem** “Rescue”

Lauren Daigle

Torrey Gimpel

## **Mission Moment**

### **Offering**

**Offertory:** “Reflection”

Mark Hayes

**\*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** “Come, O Fount of Every Blessing”

NCH#459

(words can be found on the Announcements page)

### **Blessing**

“Savior Again to Thy Dear Name” Edward Hopkins      Choir and 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 Have Decided to Follow Jesus” Folk Melody from India/arr. Lloyd Larson

### **Fellowship**

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

### **Service information:**

Call and Invocation adapted from ucc.org.

**Greeter, In-person:** Galen Davis

**Greeter, Zoom:** Alice Johnson

**Worship Assistant:** Ron Bansmer

### **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**– the topic “Season of Light.” Scripture passages are below.

**This week, our session moves to THURSDAY at Noon!**

Feb 16, Season of Light, Matt 5:21-37

Feb 21-- off

Feb 22-- Ash Wednesday

Feb 28-- Lenten Bible Bunch begins

## **POST-ANNUAL MEETING INFORMATION**

Many thanks to everyone who stayed after worship last Sunday, for a “we seek to . . . “ discussion, as part of the process to articulate an updated mission statement. We’ll have some follow up information soon.

Many thanks as well to everyone who contributed to the VERY tasty potluck lunch. It was a delicious feast. Thank you.

## **MEETINGS this week:**

Bible Bunch, THURSDAY, Feb 16, Hybrid

## **SHROVE TUESDAY, ASH WEDNESDAY & LENT**

Shrove Tuesday PANCAKES are back! Tuesday, Feb 21. Come by the parish house anytime between 5:00 and 6:30. If you are planning to attend, please sign up, so that Pastor Susan can plan accordingly.

Ash Wednesday– Zoom service only at 5:00. Use the Worship link. More info next week. If you would be willing to come to the parish house to show the service on the big monitor, please let Pastor Susan know asap.

Lenten Devotional materials will be available next week.

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

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

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

**HYMNS FOR February 12:**

**Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise      Pilgrim #7**

1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

2 Un resting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

3 To all, life thou givest to both great and small;  
In all life thou livest, the true life of all;  
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,  
And wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.

4 Great Father of glory, pur Father of light,  
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
All praise we would render; O help us to see  
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

**Come, O Fount of Every Blessing      NCH #459**

1 Come, O Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing your grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of endless praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount; I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unfailing love.

2 Here I pause in my sojourning, giving thanks for having come,  
Come to trust, at every turning, God will guide me safely home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God,  
Came to rescue me from danger, blessed body, precious blood.

3 O to grace how great a debtor daily I am drawn anew!  
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to you.  
Prone to wander, I can feel it, wander from the love I've known:  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for your very own.