

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 19, 2023

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

Announcements/Joys & Concerns

Welcome

Prelude “Fairest Lord Jesus” Silesian Melody/Jonathan Lee

Introit “In This Quiet Moment” Larry Mayfield Choir

Call to Worship/Invocation/Lord's Prayer

Leader: Bonnie Nielson

One: In the glory of your light and love, O God, we gather for worship.

Many: Be with us and among us, O Holy One, and help us to perceive your glory.

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Many: May we experience your blessings and know more fully that we are your holy people.

One: Let us pray: O God of great light, gather us together this day and shower upon us your love and your grace. May we open our hearts and minds to ancient lessons, discovering a new awareness of your ever-unfolding story, understanding that we, too, have a part to play in sharing your love among ourselves and with others. 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** “Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above” Pilgrim 20
(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 17:1-9

Message “The Way of Transformation”

Anthem “Praise the Lord” Natalie Sleeth Choir

Mission Moment Christine Bartlett

Offering

Offertory: “A Song of Peace” Matt Schinske

***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** “We Have Come at Christ’s Own Bidding” NCH #182
(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 “Be Thou My Vision” arr. Tracey McKibben

Fellowship

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

Service information:

Call and Invocation adapted from ucc.org.

Greeter, In-person: **Greeter, Zoom:**

Worship Assistant: Christine and Warren Bartlett

Hospitality (3rd Sunday):

More Info/Contact Info

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Pastor Susan’s blog: hopeinthewilderness.com

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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–

Is off this week, as we will observe the beginning of Lent on Wednesday (see more info below)

Feb 28-- Lenten Bible Bunch begins. On 2/28, we will decide on our focus for Lent. The choices are: 1. The previous Sunday's scripture and sermon, or 2) The Lenten devotional, "Henri Matisse and the Colors of Lent," published by the Salt Project.

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. Instructions for the service will be included in the Tuesday News&Notes. 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 are available today. This year, we will use "Henri Matisse and the Colors of Lent," published by the Salt Project. A few paper copies are available today. We will also email the devotional, with the Tuesday News&Notes, including a version that can be easily accessed and read on an e-reading device.

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 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: 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 19:

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

Pilgrim #20

1 Sing praise to God who reigns above, The God of all creation,
The God of power, the God of love, The God of our salvation;
With healing balm my soul he fills, And every faithless murmur still:
To God all praise and glory.

2 What God's almighty power hath made, His gracious mercy keepeth;
By morning glow or evening shade His watchful eye ne'er sleepeth;
Within the kingdom of his might, Lo! All is just and all is right:
To God all praise and glory.

3 Then all my gladsome way along, I sing aloud thy praises,
That men may hear the grateful song My voice unwearied raises;
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart, Both soul and body bear your part:
To God all praise and glory.

4 O ye who name Christ's holy name, Give God all praise and glory;
All ye who own his power, proclaim Aloud the wondrous story!
Cast each false idol from his throne, The Lord is God, and he alone:
To God all praise and glory.

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, stands 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.

