

Welcome!
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 26, 2023 1st Sunday of Lent

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

Announcements/Joys & Concerns

Welcome

Prelude “Give Me Jesus” Mark Hayes

Introit “In This Quiet Moment” Larry Mayfield Choir

Call to Worship/Invocation/Lord's Prayer Warren Bartlett

One: Holy One, we gather for worship at the beginning of this holy season.

Many: Hold us together in the mystery of your embrace,

One: And help us to encounter, once again, the story of Jesus,

Many: As he taught, prayed, healed and loved.

One: Be among us this day, Holy God, that we may follow in faith. Let us pray: Gracious and Merciful God, we are aware of the many temptations of this life, temptations that appear to offer so much, yet deliver so little. As we gather in worship at the start of our Lenten journey, may we find renewal in our trust and hope in the life and message of Jesus. Strengthen us anew, Holy God, that we may resist the flimsy temptations of this time and trust in the way that you lay out for us. We lift up this prayer in the name of Jesus the Christ, 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** “Beneath the Cross of Jesus” NCH #190

(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.]

Psalm Reading Psalm 32 p. 506 Cynthia McGuire

Scripture Matthew 4:1-11 NT p.3

Message “Encounters with Jesus: Satan”

Anthem “Supplication” Linda Steen Spevacek Choir

Mission Moment Christine Bartlett

Offering

Offertory: “Peaceful Piano #9” 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** “Be Thou My Vision” Pilgrim #391
(words can be found on the Announcements page)

Blessing

Response “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 “Saints Bound for Heaven (with Promised Land)” Lloyd Larson

Fellowship

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

Service information:

Call and Invocation written by Pastor Reisert

Greeter, In-person: Ron Bansmer

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Ms. Cynthia McGuire, Administrative Assistant

Mr. Bradley Krueger, Music
Ms. Marcy Fullmer, Sexton

PRAYER LIST *Please notify us of any updates !*

Alexandra, *recovering from car accident, Cynthia's cousin*; Tim B, *heart attacks, requested by Tina*; Family of Phyllis Blake, *mother-in-law to Warren's nephew, Paul*; Jeff C. & wife Lucy, *radiation treatments for cancer, friend of the Bartletts*; Rev. Leslie Chatfield, *pastor of Rangeley Congregational Church, cancer*; Dick Cook, *Alzheimer's Disease*; family of Debbie Cronk; Family of Dorothy Davis, *Galen's mother*; family and friends of Chase Fossett; Torrey Gimpel, *continuing struggles with vertigo*; family and friends of Jane & Harmon Harvey; Alicia & son, *Tina's friend, difficult situation*; Jeff, *Johnsons' hairdresser, cancer*; Alice Johnson, *health issues*; Cathy, *Darla's daughter, health issues*; Connie K, *Warren's cousin, cancer*; family of Connie Lachance, *Cynthia's friend*; Alta Liscomb, *health issues*; Lisa Lord, *health issues*; Maxwell family, *Susan's parents, aging issues*; Anne Makucin, *Bob McGuire's sister, chronic myeloid leukemia*; family of Betty Jean Maybury, *Cynthia's cousin*; Bud & Hilda Merckens, *former pastor, health issues*; Nikki, *Becky's cousin, cancer*; Samantha Nowlin, *Riley's mother, depression & grief*; Lynne P, *friend of Bob McGuire, cancer*; Pam Payne, *Cynthia's cousin, heart disease and cancer*; Bob & Carola Randall, *health issues*; Maxine Roak, *Cynthia's aunt, dementia*; Christie Souza; Ann Stinson, *friend of Cynthia, multiple myeloma*; Nona Thompson, *Cynthia's friend, lymphoma*; David Vanasse, *Cynthia's cousin, health issues*; Family of Donna Vanasse, *Cynthia's cousin*; Family and friends of Emmitt Van Buskirk, *friend of Johnsons*; Kathy Weeks, *Cynthia's friend, cancer*; Kristy Wolfington and family, *cancer*.

Also:

those who are homeless, hungry, isolated; caregivers; children and youth struggling with life issues; victims of gun violence; those affected by COVID by illness, job loss, health care workers & more; patience, for those working in and attending schools; the people of Afghanistan, Haiti, Turkey & Syria; people affected by natural disasters here and abroad; the People of Ukraine; the divisions in our nation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS!

BIBLE BUNCH

Feb 28-- Lenten Bible Bunch begins again at Noon. Hybrid (in the parish house and on Zoom). We will discuss the previous Sunday's scripture, as well as the Lenten devotional, Matisse and the Colors of Lent.

LENT

Devotional— is available, in a paper version, and a digital version. Paper copies are available on the table near the entrance. The digital version was attached to the News&Notes the previous two Tuesdays.

Worship Theme: "Encounters with Jesus" Today: Satan. Next week, it's Nicodemus.

Meetings this Week: Monday, 2/27, Worship Team (on Zoom); Tuesday, 2/28, Bible Bunch at Noon (hybrid) and Oversight at 4:30 (on Zoom)

WORSHIP LOCATION— we will stay in the parish house through Sunday, March 12, so that we may better accommodate the Outreach program that day and to allow that program to be a hybrid event.

NEWS&NOTES

Are you receiving the church email that's sent out on Tuesdays & Thursdays? If not, send an email to the church office. We'll add you to the list! The News&Notes will keep you up-to-date on that's happening at Old South. It provides Zoom links and, occasionally, something amusing.

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.

PILGRIM LODGE PROGRAM & PRESENTATION— Liz Charles McGough, the PL Director, will join us on Sunday, March 12. Following worship, we'll have a potluck lunch and then a presentation, with Q & A. Please plan to join us for this special Sunday, to learn more about all of the programming that Pilgrim Lodge offers.

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 26:

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

New Century Hymnal #190

1 Beneath the cross of Jesus I gladly take my stand,
The shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land;
A home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,
From the burning of the noontide heat, and the burden of the day.

2 Upon the cross of Jesus within my mind I see
The very dying form of One who suffered there for me;
And from my grieving heart with tears two wonders I confess—
The wonders of Christ's glorious love and my unworthiness.

3 I take, O Cross, your shadow for my abiding place;

I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of Christ's face;
Content to let the world go by, to know no gain or loss,
My sinful self my only shame, my glory all the cross.

Be Thou My Vision Pilgrim #391

1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Nought be all else to me save that thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

3 Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

4 High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.