

**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  
March 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** “My Savior First of All”                      John Sweney/arr. Lyndell Leatherman

**Introit** “In This Quiet Moment” (Larry Mayfield)                      Choir

**Call to Worship/Invocation/Lord’s Prayer**    Darlene Davis

One: In this holy season, gather us in Holy God, that we may worship as your people,  
**Many: May we lift up our voices and listen in to the speaking of the Spirit.**

One: May we find strength and blessing on this journey,

**Many: And be reminded of God’s presence in us and among us,**

One: This day and always. Let us pray: Gracious and Holy God, we gather as your faithful people, knowing that we often have difficulty in following the path you lay out for us. When the future feels uncertain, you guide us forward if only we take the time to discern your presence, even into surprising places. Bless us with the grace we need to be attuned to your way, letting go of our habit of fearfulness. We pray in the name of 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** “In the Cross of Christ I Glory” NCH #193  
(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 121    Deb Morgan

**Scripture**                      John 3:1-17

**Message** “Encounters with Jesus: Nicodemus”

**Anthem** “Part of the Plan” (Natalie Sleeth)

Choir

**Mission Moment**

Christine Bartlett

**Offering**

**Offertory:** “Jesus Lover of My Soul” Joseph Parry/arr. Marty Parks

**\*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 “Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face” NCH #336 v. 1 &

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Story, Prayer and Consecration

Sharing of the Elements

Music “Let Us Break Bread Together” Spiritual arr. Cindy Berry

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Pastoral Prayer

**\*Hymn** “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” Pilgrim #8  
(words can be found on the Announcements page)

**\*Blessing**

\*“Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name” (Edward Hopkins)  
Congregation

Choir &

*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”

Lloyd Larson

**Fellowship**

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

**Service information:**

Call and Invocation written by Pastor Reisert

**Greeter, In-person:** Ron Bansmer

**Greeter, Zoom:**

**Worship Assistant:** Cynthia McGuire

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Pastor Susan's podcast: <https://anchor.fm/susan-reisert>

### **Old South Staff:**

The Rev. Susan M Reisert, Pastor and Teacher  
Director

Mr. Bradley Krueger, Music

Ms. Cynthia McGuire, Administrative Assistant

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*; Michael Pierce, *Cynthia's brother*; 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**

Meets Tuesdays at Noon. We will discuss the previous Sunday's scripture, as well as the Lenten devotional, "Henri Matisse and the Colors of Lent." Next week, our meeting will move to Thursday (still at noon; still hybrid), 3/16. The change is only for next week.

#### **LENT**

**Devotional**— is available, in a paper version, and a digital version. Paper copies are available on the table near the entrance. If you need the digital version, email the church office.

**Worship Theme:** “Encounters with Jesus” Today: Nicodemus. Next week: the Samaritan Woman

**Meetings this Week:** Tuesday: Bible Bunch at Noon (hybrid)

**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.

**REMINDER**– Next week, it’s time to “spring forward.” Don’t forget to change your clocks!

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## **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 March:** Pilgrim Lodge

**BREAD OF LIFE DINNER DELIVERY**– The next one is this week: Tuesday, March 7th. Please drop off your item(s) by 4:30.

**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 March 5, 2023:**

### **In the Cross of Christ I Glory**

**New Century #193**

1 In the cross of Christ I glory, towering over the wrecks of time;  
All the light of sacred story gathers 'round its head sublime.

2 When the woes of life o'ertake me, hopes deceive, and fears annoy,  
Never shall the cross forsake me: Lo! It glows with peace and joy.

3 When the sun of bliss is beaming light and love upon my way,  
From the cross the radiance streaming adds more luster to the day.

4 Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure, by the cross are sanctified;  
Peace is there that knows no measure, joys that through all time abide.

5 In the cross of Christ I glory, towering o'er the wrecks of time;  
All the light of sacred story gathers 'round its head sublime.

### **Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face**

1 Here, O my Lord, I see you face to face; here would I touch and handle things unseen;  
Here grasp with firmer hand th' eternal grace, And all my weariness upon you lean.

5 We have no help but yours, nor do we need another strength than yours to lean upon.  
It is enough, O Lord, enough indeed; our faith is in your might, your might alone.

### **Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee**

1 Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;  
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, Opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, Drive the dark of doubt away;  
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day.

2 All thy works with joy surround thee, Earth and heaven reflect thy rays,  
Stars and angels sing around thee, Center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
Chanting bird and flowing fountain, Call us to rejoice in thee.

3 Thou art giving and forgiving, Ever blessing, ever blest,  
Well-spring of the joy of living, Ocean depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother, All who live in love are thine;  
Teach us how to love each other, Lift us to the joy divine.

4 Mortals, join the happy chorus Which the morning stars began;

Father love is reigning o'er us, Brother love binds man to man.  
Ever singing, march we onward, Victors in the midst of strife,  
Joyful music leads us sunward In the triumph song of life.