

**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 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 “Just As I Am” Wm. Bradbury/Timothy Cooper

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

Call to Worship/Invocation/Lord's Prayer Ron Bansmer

One: Holy and Eternal God, you gather us in that we may learn anew what it means to be your people.

Many: Hold us again, Loving God, in the mystery of your grace.

One: Breathe upon us your Spirit, that we may live as You would have us live,

Many: And love as You would have us love.

One: That we may participate in the building up of your kin-dom,

Many: in our families, communities and world.

One: Bless us, O God, and inspire us, that we may share Your love and goodness. Let us pray: Gracious and Merciful God, we pray for your blessing to be upon us as we gather for worship this day. May we drink deeply of your grace and your wisdom. May we become newly aware of the ways that we build up your kin-dom, while we also consider the ways through which we interfere with your ways of righteousness. Hold us close to you as we pray as Jesus taught us to pray together: **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** “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” Pilgrim #177
(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 95 p. 550 Don Reutershan

Scripture John 4 p. 94

Message “Encounters with Jesus: The Samaritan Woman”

Anthem “Many Gifts, One Spirit” Allen Pote Choir

Mission Moment Christine Bartlett

Offering

Offertory: “Meditation in A Minor” John Turner

***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** “When, like the Woman at the Well” NCH #196
(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 “Love Lifted Me” Howard Smith/arr. Jina Park

Fellowship

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

Service information:

Call and Invocation written by Pastor Reisert

Greeter, In-person: Galen Davis

Greeter, Zoom:

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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 !*

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*; Alta Liscomb, *health issues*; Lisa Lord, *health issues*; Maxwell family, *Susan's parents, aging issues*; Anne Makucin, *Bob McGuire's sister, chronic myeloid leukemia*; 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, health issues*; 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 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 today, in order to better accommodate the Outreach program and to allow the 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 March: Pilgrim Lodge

BREAD OF LIFE DINNER DELIVERY– The next one is Tuesday, April 4.

PILGRIM LODGE PROGRAM & PRESENTATION– Liz Charles McGough, the PL Director, is with us today, 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.

REQUEST HYMNS FOR THE HYMN SING ON APRIL 23rd: The sign-up is on the wall in the parish house.

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: TODAY, 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 12, 2023:

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Pilgrim #177

1 When I survey the wondrous cross On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss, And pour contempt on all my pride.

2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, Save in the death of Christ, my God;
All the vain things that charm me most I sacrifice them to his blood.

3 See, from his head, his hands,, his feet, Sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

4 Were the whole realm of nature mine, That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all.

When, like the Woman at the Well

NCH #196

1 when, like the woman at the well, I lived with broken dreams,
Christ came to me, good news to tell, of ever-living streams.

2 Christ knew my heart, my wayward ways, yet gave me hope, not fear.
The God I once thought far away, I could approach, draw near.

3 I learned I could forever live and worship God aright,
Could trust the power the Spirit gives to guide me in truth's light.

4 Each day I lift my cup above, and I again receive
The living water of God's love, revealed for my belief.

5 Since now I am in grace immersed, set free, forgiven, whole,
I share with those who are athirst the well-springs of my soul!