

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 26, 2023
No matter who you are, no matter where you are on life's journey,
you are welcome here.

Announcements/Joys & Concerns

Welcome

Prelude “Be Thou My Vision” arr. Lloyd Larson

Introit “Come, Now Is the Time to Worship” Doerksen/arr. Harlan Choir

Call to Worship/Invocation/Lord’s Prayer Deb Morgan

One: Gather us in, Holy God, as we continue our journey through this Lent.

Many: Hold us in the mystery of your embrace and calm our fears and anxieties.

One: Be among us, that we may feel assured of your presence,

Many: Even as we consider what is ahead in this season,

One: Trusting that you are with us. Let us pray:

Many: Gracious and Merciful God, you breathe life into our weariness and our despair. As we gather this day, to listen, to sing and to praise, may we be reminded of your wondrous love. Even in times of deep grief, you hold us close. Help us to be open to the warmth of your Spirit, and help us to be more aware of what it means to be Your people. We pray in the name of the Holy One, who 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** “On a Hill Far Away” NCH#195

(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 130 p. 573 Ron Bansmer

Scripture John 11:1-45 p. 104

Message “Encounters with Jesus: Mary, Martha and Lazarus”

Anthem “When Jesus Wept” William Billings Choir

Mission Moment Wendy Wells

Offering

Offertory: “Will You Come and Follow Me?” arr. C.E. Walz

***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** “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation” Pilgrim#263
(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 “Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy” B.F. White/arr. Tracy McKibben

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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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*; Family of Ernest McPherson; 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."

HOLY WEEK

Sunday, April 2– Palm/Passion Sunday, with Communion. Worship at 10:00

Thursday, April 6– Maundy Thursday Soup & Sandwich Potluck (see the sign up) and Service, with Communion, in the Parish House, 5:30pm

Friday, April 7– Good Friday Service, in the Parish House, Noon

Easter! April 9

Breakfast, starting at 8:00am in the Parish House (see the sign up)

Worship with Choir and Bells, 10:00

ALL SERVICES ARE HYBRID

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

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. The Sign Up has been posted.

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

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: April 9. Send to Wendy at the above address, or place in the offering plate. Please mark your check clearly for Hannaford.

HYMNS FOR March 26, 2023:

On a Hill Far Away

NCH #195

1 On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross, the emblem of suffering and shame;
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best for a world of lost sinners was slain.

Refrain:

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross, till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross, and exchange it someday for a crown.

2 Oh, that old rugged cross, so despised by the world, has a wondrous attraction for me;
For the dear Lamb of God left the glory of heaven to bear it to cold Calvary. *Refrain*

3 In that old rugged cross, which bore Love so divine, a wondrous beauty I see,
For upon that old cross Jesus suffered and died to pardon and sanctify me. *Refrain*

4 To the old rugged cross I will ever be true, its shame and reproach gladly bear;
When God calls me someday to my home far away, there God's glory forever I'll share.
Refrain

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

Pilgrim #263

1 Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone,
Chosen of the Lord and precious, Binding all the Church in one;
Holy Zion's help forever, And her confidence alone.

2 To this temple, where we call thee, Come, O Lord of hosts, today!
With thy wonted loving kindness Hear thy people as they pray;
And thy fullest benediction Shed within its walls away.

3 Here vouchsafe to all thy servants What they ask of thee to gain:
What they gain from thee forever With the blessed to retain,
And hereafter in thy glory Evermore with thee to reign.

4 Laud and honor to the Father, Laud and honor to the Son,
Laud and honor to the Spirit, Ever Three and ever One;
One in might, and One in glory, While unending ages run.