

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  
April 2, 2023

**Palm/Passion Sunday with the Sacrament of Communion**

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

**Announcements/Joys & Concerns**

**Welcome**

**Prelude** “With Palms Before Him Went”      Douglas Wagner

**Introit** “The Palms” (Jean Baptiste Fauré)      Cynthia McGuire, clarinet

**Call to Worship/Invocation/Lord’s Prayer**      Ron Bansmer

One: Lent began in the wilderness; it concludes in Jerusalem.

**Many: We now come near to the end of one story. Another will soon begin.**

One: We have followed Jesus this far.

**Many: Today we remember how he faced betrayal, falseness, rejection and torment.**

One: And we witness, once more, that he taught and walked in love through every step of the journey. Let us pray:

**Many: O God, your name be praised, for in Jesus Christ you come to visit and redeem your people. Help us to understand Christ’s rule, strongest among the oppressed, among the victims, among the hurt and broken ones. Help us to understand Christ’s triumph revealed when love speaks the healing and freeing word. May we sing with faithful voice: Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in God’s name to visit and redeem God’s people! 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**      “All Glory, Laud, and Honor” Pilgrim#155  
(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 21:1-11      p. 23

Christine Bartlett

**Anthem** “Let There Be Praise” (Arr by Ed Lojeski)

**Poem** *The Poet Thinks About the Donkey* by Mary Oliver

## **Mission Moment**

### **Offering**

**Offertory:** “Fairest Lord Jesus” arr. Charles Maggs Old South Ringers

**\*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.*

### **The Passion According to Matthew**

“My Song Is Love Unknown,” verse 1, NCH#222

Matthew 27:11-23

“My Song Is Love Unknown,” verse 2, NCH#222

Matthew 27:24-37

“My Song Is Love Unknown,” verse 3, NCH#222

Matthew 27:38-50

“My Song Is Love Unknown,” verse 4, NCH#222

Matthew 27:51-56

“My Song Is Love Unknown,” verse 5, NCH#222

**Poem** *Holy Week* by Ann Weems

### **The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

Invitation

Hymn #332 NCH “As We Gather at Your Table” (verses 1 and 2)

Prayer of Consecration

Sharing of the Elements

Music “Calvary’s Love” (Greg Nelson and Phill McHugh; arr by Mark Hayes) choir

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**\*Hymn** “O Sacred Head Now Wounded” Pilgrim#170  
(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** “

## Fellowship

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

### Service information:

Invocation adapted from *Touch Holiness: Resources for Worship*, edited by Ruth Duck and Maren Tirabassi.

*The Poet Thinks About the Donkey* by Mary Oliver, *Devotions*

*Holy Week* by Ann Weems, *Kneeling in Jerusalem: Poetry for Lent and Easter*

**Greeter, In-person:** Daniel O'Neill  
**Worship Assistant:** Cynthia McGuire

**Greeter, Zoom:**

### More Info/Contact Info

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### 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*; 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." We will meet this coming Tuesday, but then the group will take a 3-week break. Our next series will begin Tuesday, May 2.

### **HOLY WEEK**

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 (use the Worship link)

### **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 April:** 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 4/30:** 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 April 2, 2023:**

#### **All Glory, Laud, and Honor**

#### **Pilgrim #155**

1 All glory, laud, and honor To thee, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring!  
The people of the Hebrews With palms before thee went;

Our praise and prayer and anthems Before thee we present.

2 Thou art the King of Israel, Thou David's royal son,  
Who in the Lord's name comest, The King and blessed One;  
To thee, before thy passion, They sang their hymns of praise;  
To thee, now high exalted, Our melody we raise.

3 Thou didst accept their praises; Accept the prayers we bring,  
Who in all good delightest, Thou good and gracious King.  
All glory, laud, and honor To thee, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring!

**My Song Is Love Unknown                      NCH #222**

1 My song is love unknown, my Savior's love to me,  
Love to the loveless shown, that they might lovely be.  
O who am I, that for my sake my God should take frail flesh and die?  
My God should take frail flesh and die?

2 God left the richest throne salvation to bestow;  
But Christ as flesh and bone the world refused to know.  
But, O my Friend, my Friend indeed, who at my need did life expend;  
Who at my need did life expend.

3 Sometimes they threw down palms and sweetest praises sang.  
Hosannas and glad psalms through streets and markets rang.  
Then "Crucify!" is all their breath, for blood and death they thirst and cry;  
For blood and death they thirst and cry.

4 What has my Sovereign done? What makes this rage and spite?  
Christ gave new strength to run, restored the gift of sight.  
Sweet injuries! Yet they at these themselves did please, and 'gainst Christ rise;  
Themselves displease, and 'gainst Christ rise.

5 I sing my plain belief, one song my heart outpours:  
Never was pain nor grief, never was love like yours.  
This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise I all my days could gladly spend;  
I all my days could gladly spend.

**As We Gather At Your Table                      NCH #332**

1 As we gather at your table, as we listen to your word,  
Help us know, O God, your presence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.  
Nourish us with sacred story till we claim it as our own;  
Teach us through this holy banquet how to make Love's victory known.

2 Turn our worship into witness in the sacrament of life;  
Send us forth to love and serve you, bringing peace where there is strife.

Give us Christ, your great compassion to forgive as you forgave;  
May we still behold your image in the world you died to save.

**O Sacred Head, Now Wounded**

**Pilgrim #170**

1 O sacred Head, now wounded, With grief and shame weighed down,  
Now scornfully surrounded With thorns, thy only crown,  
How are thou pale with anguish, With sore abuse and scorn!  
How does that visage languish Which once was bright as morn!

2 What thou, my Lord, hast suffered Was all for sinners' gain;  
Mine, mine was the transgression, But thine the deadly pain.  
Lo, here I fall, my Savior! 'Tis I deserve thy place;  
Look on me with thy favor, Vouch-safe to me thy grace.

3 What language shall I borrow To thank thee, dearest friend;  
For this thy dying sorrow, Thy pity without end?  
O make me thine forever; And, should I fainting be,  
Lord, let me never, never, Outlive my love to thee!