

Welcome to
Old South Congregational Church, United Church of Christ
Hallowell, Maine
Hybrid Worship (In-person: Sanctuary)
10:00 am– Announcements and Community Joys & Concerns
10:10 am– Worship begins
April 16, 2023
Second Sunday of Easter
*No matter who you are, no matter where you are on life's journey,
you are welcome here.*

Announcements/Joys & Concerns

Welcome

Prelude “What Wondrous Love is This?” American Folk Hymn, arr. Craig Curry

Introit

Choir

Call to Worship/Invocation/Lord's Prayer

Darlene Davis

One: Christ is Risen!

Many: Christ is Risen Indeed!

One: As we gather for worship this day, may God fill us with the grace and courage to perceive all of the newness that resurrection brings.

Many: May God help us and keep us from hiding behind doors of fears and doubts.

One: Refresh us, O God. Be with us in this Easter tide,

Many: That we may be your people, today and always.

One: Let us pray:

Many: Gracious and Holy God, we praise you for the great love You have shown to redeem us by sending Your Son, Jesus. Help us today to embrace the new life that the resurrected Christ offers to us– a life beyond our doubts, faith over fear, courage over confusion, belief over disbelief, and trust to follow your guidance. Help us to feel the presence of the resurrected Jesus in our midst, reminding us of your love and our purpose. In the name of the Risen One we pray, the 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** “Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain” Pilg#185
(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 Ps 16 p.495 Erroll Adams, Jr.
New Member Reception

Congregational Response: **We welcome you with joy! As partners in the common life of this congregation, we pledge to you our friendship and prayers as we grow together in God's transforming love. We give thanks that you join us now, as fellow seekers and servants!**

Scripture John 20:19-31 p. 115

Message "Doubting Aside"

Anthem "We Live by Faith and Not by Sight" S.McFarland/H. Alford Choir

Mission Moment Christine Bartlett

Offering

Offertory: "Here, O My Lord," arr. William Bay

***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** "Yours Is the Glory" NCH#253
(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 "The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done," Palestrina, arr. Cindy Berry

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

Service information:

Call and Invocation adapted from "Worship Ways" at ucc.org.

Greeter, In-person: Roger Laliberte & Erroll Adams, Jr. **Greeter, Zoom:**
Worship Assistant: Cynthia McGuire

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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– Is on holiday until the first Tuesday in May.

UPCOMING SUNDAYS

April 16– Pastor Susan is leading worship. We'll also welcome Bonnie Dufty as a new member.

April 23– Pastor Susan will be away. Cynthia will lead a hymn sing.

April 30– Pastor Susan will be away. Rick Dorian will lead worship.

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, May 2. The Sign Up has been posted.

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: May 14. Send to Wendy at the above address, or place in the offering plate. Please mark your check clearly for Hannaford

HYMNS FOR April 16, 2023

Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

Pilgrim #185

1 Come, ye faithful, raise the strain Of triumphant gladness;
God hath brought this Israel Into joy from sadness;
Loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke Jacob's sons and daughters;
Led them with unmoistened foot Through the Red Sea waters.

2 'Tis the spring of souls today; Christ hath burst his prison,
And from three days' sleep in death As a sun hath risen;
All the winter of our sins, Long and dark, is flying
From his light, to whom we give Laud and praise undying.

3 Now the queen of seasons, bright With the day of splendor,
With the royal feast of feasts, Comes its joy to render;
Comes to glad Jerusalem Who with true affection

Welcomes in unwearied strains Jesus' resurrection.

4 Neither might the gates of death, Nor the tomb's dark portal,
Nor the watchers, nor the seal Hold thee as a mortal;
But today amidst the twelve Thou didst stand, bestowing
That thy peace which evermore Passeth human knowing.

Yours Is the Glory, Resurrected One!

NCH #253

1 Yours is the glory, Resurrected One!
Endless is the victory you o'er death have won.
Angels clothed in radiance rolled the stone away;
conquered is the grave in which your body lay.

Refrain:

Yours is the glory, Resurrected One! Endless is the victory you o'er death have won.

2 See, it is Jesus, Jesus has appeared;
Do not doubt at all for nothing you will fear.
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing;
Tell it without ceasing: Death has lost its sting. *Refrain*

3 Am I still frightened? One whom I adore,
Jesus, lives again, gives peace forevermore.
Jesus is my victory, life and strength and Head;
Jesus is my glory, nothing shall I dread. *Refrain*