

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 30, 2023**  
**Fourth 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** “This is My Father’s World” Franklin Sheppard/arr. Lucy Ann Warriner

**Introit** “This Is the Day” Les Garrett Choir

**Call to Worship/Invocation/Lord’s Prayer** Cynthia McGuire

One: Come! Come! Come!

**All: God is near to us!**

One: Come! Let us worship our God who listens to us...

**All: Whatever language we speak!**

One: Come! Let us worship our God who understands us...

**All: Whatever story we live and share!**

One: Come! Let us worship our God who loves us.

**Many: Just as we are!**

One: Holy One, God of many names, Be with us while we walk our Road to Emmaus...Be with us as we share a simple ordinary meal with you of bread and water. Rejoice with us as we recognize you more clearly with each tasty mouthful of familiar food...that you are alive and real in our midst! May we open our hearts along with our eyes...to the resurrected Jesus during this hour of worship and beyond...that we become your Easter People of today....embracing all colors, nations, and races. Amen.

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** “Morning Has Broken” Pilgrim #38

(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 Reading:** John 10:1-10

Ron Bansmer

**Message** “Shepherd Times”

Pastor Richard Dorian

### **Prayer of Confession and Assurance**

Leader: God’s love for the world has been revealed in Jesus Christ, who certainly loved us to the uttermost: Jesus–Savior and Lord—who at His last meal with his disciples gave them—and us—that new commandment: “...love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this, Everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

Leader: Merciful God, we have not loved you with all our heart and mind and soul.  
(silence) Lord, have mercy.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: We have not loved our neighbors as you have taught us.  
(silence) Christ have mercy.

**People: Christ, have mercy.**

Leader: We are indifferent to the saving grace of your Word and life.  
(silence) Lord, have mercy.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: Forgive and heal us by your steadfast love made known to us in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

Leader: Jesus said: “I came not to judge the world, but to save the world” and “Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.” The good news therefore is this: In Jesus Christ, we are loved and we are, forgiven.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem** “That’s Good”

Natalie Sleeth

Choir

**Mission Moment**

Christine Bartlett

### **Offering**

**Offertory:** “No, Not One!”

George Hugg/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.*

### **Prayer of Dedication**

**All: Divine Creator, our heavenly God, all we have is because of you. May the gifts we give this day become a blessing for Your church, Your community, Your state, Your nation, Your world, empowering us to do the work to which You call us. May our faithful giving be used wisely with each one’s gift cherished and each one’s needs met. Continue to gather us at Your table which is not limited to our one church, but moves and breathes across varied worship spaces and places, across diverse cultures. May these gifts**

**strengthen the bodies and nourish the spirits to bring glory to You. In Jesus' precious name, Amen.**

**Pastoral Prayer**                      Silence, Prayer, Response

**\*Hymn**            "Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant?"    New Century #539  
(words can be found on the Announcements page)

**\*Benediction**

**\*"Peace I Leave with You My Friends"**    NCH #249 v.1            Choir & Congregation  
*Peace I leave with you, my friends, shalom, my peace, in all you do. Peace I leave with you, my friends. I give to you so you can give to others, too.*  
*To share God's love is why I came, to show God's kindness without end. Go now, my friends, and do the same, until I come again. Peace I leave.....*

**Postlude**    "Go Now and Serve the Lord"            Douglas Wagner

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

**Service information:**

**Greeter, In-person:** Darlene Davis                      **Greeter, Zoom:**  
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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*; Diane and Lorraine, *car accident, requested by Christine*; 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*; Family of Peter Radsky, *Becky's cousin*; 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 30– Pastor Susan is away. Rick Dorian will lead worship.

May 7–Communion Sunday

June 4–Music Sunday

### **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 this 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 30, 2023**

## **Morning Has Broken**

**Pilgrim #38**

1 Morning has broken Like the first morning,  
Blackbird has spoken Like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!  
Praise for them, springing Fresh from the Word!

2 Sweet the rain's new fall Sunlit from heaven,  
Like the first dewfall On the first grass.  
Praise for the sweetness Of the wet garden,  
Sprung in completeness Where his feet pass.

3 Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning  
Born of the one light Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation, Praise every morning,  
God's recreation Of the new day!

## **Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant?**

**New Century #539**

1 Won't you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?  
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.

2 We are pilgrims on a journey, we are travelers on the road;  
We are here to help each other go the mile and bear the load.

3 I will hold the Christ-light for you in the shadow of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.

4 I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh, I'll laugh with you.  
I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through.

5 When we sing to God in heaven we shall find such harmony,  
Born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.

6 Won't you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?  
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.