

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  
May 21, 2023      Easter 7

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

**Announcements/Joys & Concerns**

**Welcome**

**Prelude**

Don Reutershan

**Introit**

“This Is the Day” (Les Garrett)

Choir

**Call to Worship/Invocation/Lord's Prayer**

Darlene Davis

One: As we gather for worship this day,

**Many: We turn our spirits to you, Holy God.**

One: And ask that You bless us with an openness,

**Many: That we may perceive your presence in our midst,**

One: That we may recognize, once again, the Risen Christ. Let us pray:

**Many: Loving and Merciful God, be among us as we gather together as Your holy people. May we know and feel the love and care of the Shepherd, even as we are guided to unknown and uncomfortable places in our lives of faith. Bless us with grace and patience, that we may be strengthened, as we continue in prayer with the words that Jesus taught his followers to pray: 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** “Savior, Like a Shepherd” New Century #252  
(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 68:1-10,32-35

p.529

Cynthia McGuire

**Scripture**

John 17:1-11

p.111

**Message**

“Hopes, Dreams, Ambitions and Expectations? #3”

**Anthem**      “You and I”                      Natalie Sleeth                      Choir

## **Mission Moment**

### **Offering**

**Offertory:** “Savior, Like a Shepherd, Lead Us” arr. Lloyd Larson    clarinet solo

**\*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, Choral Response

**\*Hymn**      “Lord of all Hopefulness”                      Pilgrim #217  
(words can be found on the Announcements page)

### **\*Blessing**

\*“Peace I Leave with You, My Friends” NCH #249                      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**

Don Reutershan

### **Fellowship**

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

### **Service information:**

Call and Invocation written by Pastor Reisert.

**Greeter, In-person:** Bonnie Dufty

**Greeter, Zoom:**

**Worship Assistant:** Ron Bansmer

### **More Info/Contact Info**

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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*; 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 and Friends of Emma May, *a Vassar classmate of Margaret's who recently passed away*; Family of Ernest McPherson; Bud & Hilda Merckens, *former pastor, health issues*; family and friends of Barry Nelson, *spouse of Joe's cousin, Ed*; 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; family of Ann Stinson, *friend of Cynthia, multiple mye*; Nona Thompson, *Cynthia's friend, lymphoma*; David Vanasse, *Cynthia's cousin, health issues*; *Family and friends of Emmitt Van Buskirk, friend of Johnsons*; Victor, *Joe's friend, surgery*; Kathy Weeks, *Cynthia's friend, cancer*; Willa, *Carol's friend, family issues*; 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 on Tuesdays, Noon - 1:00. All are welcome! We meet in the parish house and on Zoom.

**UPCOMING SUNDAYS/THEMES/INFORMATION**

Today is the last day of: Hopes, Dreams, Ambitions and Expectations? We'll consider and reflect on what the Easter message has to say to us this year, for each of us and all of us together.

Pentecost is May 28. Wear RED!

The following Sunday, June 4, will be Music Sunday.

Beginning on June 11, our worship theme will be: Questions and (at least an attempt at) Answers. **Pastor Susan needs your help for this series!** Do you have a question you've always wondered about— about the Bible, or our denomination, or theology? If you have a question to pose, to be considered for inclusion in the series, **please submit your question, or questions, by TODAY Sunday, May 21** (you may send email to [oldsouthhallowell@gmail.com](mailto:oldsouthhallowell@gmail.com) or to [smreiser@colby.edu](mailto:smreiser@colby.edu), or you can drop questions off at the church office). Pastor Susan will review the questions and will put together a plan for using the questions as the basis for a sermon series starting in June.

## **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 May:** Disaster Relief

**BREAD OF LIFE DINNER DELIVERY—** The next one is Tuesday, June 6. 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: June 11. Send to Wendy at the above address, or place in the offering plate. Please mark your check clearly for Hannaford

## **HYMNS FOR May 21, 2023**

### **Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us    (hymn tune *Bradbury*)**

**NCH #252**

1 Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need your tender care;  
In your pleasant pastures feed us, for our use your folds prepare.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us, yours we are;  
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2 We are yours, in love befriend us, be the guardian of our way;  
Keep your flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear your children when we pray;  
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3 Let us always seek your favor; let us always do your will;  
Jesus Christ our only Savior, with your love our spirits fill.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us, love us still;  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us, love us still.

### **Lord of All Hopefulness**

**(hymn tune *Slane*)**

**Pilgrim #217**

1 Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,  
Whose trust, ever childlike, no care could destroy,  
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,  
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

2 Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,  
Whose strong hand were skilled at the plane and the lathe,  
Be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,  
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

3 Lord of all kindliness, Lord of all grace,  
Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,  
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,  
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

4 Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,  
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,  
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,  
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.