

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 28, 2023      Pentecost!

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

**Announcements/Joys & Concerns**

**Welcome**

**Prelude**      “Come, Holy Ghost, Our Hearts Inspire” *Winchester Old/Lyndell*  
Leatherman

**Introit**      “Spirit Song”      John Wimber      Choir

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

One: Sometimes our hearts are shut up like the doors that imprisoned the disciples.

**Many: Come, Holy Spirit, with your mighty wind of justice, blow open these doors and release us!**

One: Darkness floods our souls and we wonder if we will ever see the light again.

**Many: Come, Holy Spirit, let the flames of fire touch our hearts and our spirits and burn away our fears and frustrations.**

One: We sit, huddled in our own worlds of alienation. When will we ever feel the power of your love again, O God?

**Many: Come, Holy Spirit, fill our lives with your love and free us to reach out to others with the good news of your eternal presence.**

One: Come, Holy Spirit, Come! Let us pray:

**Many: Spirit of wind and fire, come to us this day, freeing us from our fears. Lift us up when we have fallen. Dust us off and set us on the path to hope You have set before us. Remind us that we are never far from Your presence. Get us ready to be renewed and strengthened as Your people, faithfully watching for new opportunities to live our faith. In the name of the Risen One, we pray, the One who taught us 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** “Holy Spirit, Truth Divine” Pilgrim #242 (*Mercy*)  
(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.]

**Reading** 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 p. 174 Warren  
Bartlett

**Focus Scripture** Acts 2:1-21 p. 119

**Message** “An End and a Beginning”

**Anthem** “Come, Holy Spirit” John W. Peterson Choir

### **Mission Moment**

### **Offering**

**Offertory:** “*Veni Creator*” Plainchant/Lyndell Leatherman

**\*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** “In the Midst of New Dimensions” NCH #391 (*New Dimensions*)

(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** “The Comforter Has Come” William Kirkpatrick/Marty Parks

### **Fellowship**

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

**Service information:**

Call and Invocation: adapted from ministrymatters.com.

**Greeter, In-person:** Darlene Davis

**Greeter, Zoom:**

**Worship Assistant:** Cynthia McGuire

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**Hospitality:** Darlene and Galen Davis

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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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS!**

**BIBLE BUNCH**—has started its summer break. We'll meet again in September.

**UPCOMING SUNDAYS/THEMES/INFORMATION**

Today is Pentecost! Happy Birthday to the Church!

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

June 11 we'll begin a new series, "Questions and (at least an attempt at) Answers"--  
Q&(ALAAA)A. Thanks to everyone who sent in questions! This is, roughly speaking, the line  
up:

June 11— Theology/Love, Grace and Predestination

June 18, June 25, July 2 and July 9— Bible Issues/Modes of Interpretation and Inclusion in  
Worship, The Canon and books that didn't make it into the canon (Bible), Miracles,  
Disciples/Apostles, Prophets, Adam and Eve

July 23, 30— The United Church of Christ and Congregationalism

**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 28, 2023**

**Holy Spirit, Truth Divine      *Mercy*      Pilgrim #242**

1 Holy spirit, Truth divine, Dawn upon this soul of mine;  
Word of God, and inward light, Wake my spirit, clear my sight.

2 Holy spirit, Love divine, Glow within this heart of mine;  
Kindle every high desire; Perish self in thy pure fire.

3 Holy Spirit, Power divine, Fill and nerve this will of mine;  
By thee may I strongly live, Bravely bear, and nobly strive.

4 Holy Spirit, Right divine, King within my conscience reign.  
Be my law, and I shall be Firmly bound, forever free.

**In the Midst of New Dimensions      *New Dimensions*      New Century  
#391**

1 In the midst of new dimensions, in the face of changing ways,  
Who will lead the pilgrim peoples wandering in their separate ways?

*Refrain:*

God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar,  
We your people, ours the journey now and ever,

Now and ever, now and evermore.

2 Through the flood of starving people, warring factions and despair,  
Who will lift the olive branches? Who will light the flame of care? *Refrain*

3 As we stand a world divided by our own self-seeking schemes,  
Grant that we, your global village, might envision wider dreams. *Refrain*

4 We are man and we are woman, all persuasions, old and young,  
Each a gift in your creation, each a love song to be sung. *Refrain*

5 Should the threats of dire predictions cause us to withdraw in pain,  
May your blazing phoenix spirit resurrect the church again. *Refrain*