

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  
June 11, 2023

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

**Announcements/Joys & Concerns**

**Welcome**

**Prelude**      “Nearer, My God, To Thee”      Lowell Mason/Robert Lau

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

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

One: Gather us together, O God, as your holy people.

**Many: Help us to open our hearts and our minds to a new awareness of your presence.**

One: And grant us the courage we need to be renewed and strengthened,

**Many: That we may be about your ministry of love in this troubled world,**

One: Offering blessing and hope. Let us pray:

**Many: Be with us and among us, Gracious and Loving God, and shower upon us your blessings. As we gather this day, may we encounter anew your Word of love, your gift of grace, as we consider important questions of faith. Bless us all, that we may follow your way. In the name of our friend and teacher, Jesus the Christ, we pray and continue in prayer with the words that he taught his first 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 & Lighting of Candles** “Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above” (*Mit Freuden Zart*) Pilgrim #20 (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**  
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Psalm 145:1-8

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Pastor Susan's blog: [hopeinthewilderness.com](http://hopeinthewilderness.com)

Pastor Susan's podcast: <https://anchor.fm/susan-reisert>

### **Old South Staff:**

The Rev. Susan M Reisert, Pastor and Teacher  
Director

Ms. Cynthia McGuire, Administrative Assistant

Mr. Bradley Krueger, Music

Ms. Marcy Fullmer, Sexton

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS!**

### **MEETINGS/GATHERINGS**

**OVERSIGHT**– is meeting on Monday, June 19 at 4:00pm, on Zoom. More information, with the Zoom link, will be emailed.

**CHURCH CHAT**– Tuesday, June 27 at Noon. In person (parish house) and on Zoom (use the Bible Bunch link). Have a question about a recent sermon, or other church-related questions? Join Pastor Susan for a church chat. A couple more of these will be held over the summer, so if this date/time doesn't work for you and you are interested, suggest a time that would work for you (email the church office).

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

### **UPCOMING SUNDAYS/THEMES/INFORMATION** .

For the first half of summer, our worship series is: "Questions and (at least an attempt at) Answers," or 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 June:** Portland Asylum Program (through the U.C.C.)

### **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: Today, June 11. Send to Wendy at the above address, or place in the offering plate. Please mark your check clearly for Hannaford

### **HYMNS FOR June 11, 2023**

#### **Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above      (*Mit Freuden Zart*)      Pilgrim #20**

1 Sing praise to God who reigns above, The God of all creation,  
The God of power, the God of love, The God of our salvation;  
With healing balm my soul he fills, And every faithless murmur stills:  
To God all praise and glory.

2 What God's almighty power hath made, His gracious mercy keepeth;  
Be morning glow or evening shade His watchful eye ne'er sleepeth;  
Within the kingdom of his might, Lo! All is just and all is right:  
To God all praise and glory.

3 Then all my gladsome way along, I sing aloud thy praises,  
That men may hear the grateful song My voice unwearied raises;  
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart, Both soul and body bear your part:  
To God all praise and glory.

4 O ye who name Christ's holy name, Give God all praise and glory;  
All ye who own his power proclaim Aloud the wondrous story!  
Cast each false idol from his throne, The Lord is God, and he alone:  
To God all praise and glory.

#### **There's a Wideness in God's Mercy      (*In Babilone*)      NCH #23**

1 There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea;  
There's a kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty.  
There's no place where earthly sorrows are more felt than in God's heaven;  
There's no place where earthly failings have such kindly judgment given.

2 For the love of God is broader than the measures of our minds;  
And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.  
If our love were but more faithful, we would gladly trust God's word;  
And our lives would show thanksgiving for the goodness of our God.