

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 18, 2023 Happy Father's Day!

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

Announcements/Joys & Concerns

Welcome

Prelude “Adagio (in Baroque Style)” Robert Lau

Introit “Spirit Song” John Wimber Choir

Call to Worship/Invocation/Lord's Prayer Wendy Wells

One: Gather us in, Holy God,

Many: And hold us close.

One: In our worship this day, may we encounter a new awareness of Your love,

Many: That we may be assured of our calling as Your people,

One: To share love and hope,

Many: And to witness to the grace and blessing of faith.

One: Let us pray:

Many: Holy and Merciful God, we lift up our wonder and our praise as we gather for worship. Help us to consider anew our questions. May we listen in for how Your story draws us in, inspiring our lives and setting us forth to live out our experience of Your love and grace. Be among us this day and always. In the name of our beloved Savior and Friend we pray and we continue in prayer with the prayer Jesus 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 & Lighting of Candles** “I Love to Tell the Story” (Hankey) NCH#522
(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

Psalm 100 p.552

Deb Morgan

Focus Scripture 1 Peter 1 p.232

Message “Q&(ALAAAA)A: The Bible, Modes of Interpretation and Lectionaries”

Anthem “Pass It On” Kurt Kaiser Cynthia McGuire

Mission Moment Christine Bartlett

Offering

Offertory: “Create in Me a Heart of Love” Tracey Craig McKibben

***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** “We Limit Not the Truth of God” (Old 22nd) Pilgrim #259
(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 “O Worship the King” William Croft/Nigel Williams

Fellowship

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

Service information:

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ANNOUNCEMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS!

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

CHURCH CHAT!

Tuesday, June 27, Noon

In the parish house and on Zoom.

Come on by to talk about the current worship series or anything else that's on your mind.

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 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: July 9. Send to Wendy at the above address, or place in the offering plate. Please mark your check clearly for Hannaford.

HYMNS FOR June 18, 2023

I Love to Tell the Story (Hankey) NCH#522

1 I love to tell the story of unseen things above. Of Jesus' radiant glory, of Jesus' endless love.

I love to tell the story, because I know it's true; it satisfies my longing as nothing else can do.

Refrain:

I love to tell the story; and when I am in glory I'll tell the old, old story of Jesus' endless love.

2 I love to tell the story; more wonderful it seems than all the golden visions of all our golden dreams.

I love to tell the story, I tell it now to you because I want to share it, because I know it's true.

Refrain:

I love to tell the story; and when I am in glory I'll tell the old, old story of Jesus' endless love.

3 I love to tell the story; it's pleasant to repeat what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet.

I love to tell the story, for some have never heard the message of salvation from God's own holy Word.

Refrain:

I love to tell the story; and when I am in glory I'll tell the old, old story of Jesus' endless love.

4 I love to tell the story, for those who know it best seem hungering and thirsting to hear it, like the rest.

And when I sing in glory, I know the new, new song will be the old, old story that I have loved so long.

Refrain:

I love to tell the story; and when I am in glory I'll tell the old, old story of Jesus' endless love.

We Limit Not the Truth of God (Old 22nd) Pilgrim #259

1 We limit not the truth of God To our poor reach of mind,
By notions of our day and sect, Crude, partial, and confined.

No, let a new and better hope Within our hearts be stirred;
The Lord hath yet more light and truth To break forth from his Word.

2 Darkling our great forefather went The first steps of the way;
'Twas but the dawning yet to grow Into the perfect day.
And grow it shall, our glorious sun More fervid rays afford:
The Lord hath yet more light and truth To break forth from his Word.

3 The valleys passed, ascending still, Our souls would higher climb,
And look down from supernal heights On all the bygone time.
Upward we press, the air is clear, and the sphere-music heard;
The Lord hath yet more light and truth To break forth from his Word.

4 O Father, Son, and Spirit, send Us increase from above;
Enlarge, expand all Christian souls To comprehend thy love,
And make us to go on, to know With nobler powers conferred:
The Lord hath yet more light and truth To break forth from his Word.