

**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 25, 2023**

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

**Announcements/Joys & Concerns**

**Welcome**

**Prelude**      “Jerusalem, My Happy Home” (Land of Rest)/George Shearing

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

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

One: You call to us, Holy God,

**Many: And invite us into a life of love and service.**

One: May we find the grace and courage we need,

**Many: To take Your lead,**

One: And to follow in faith. Let us pray:

**Many: Gracious and Merciful God, You gather us into the mystery of Your embrace and You ask us to do what we think we cannot. You hold the way open that will lead to fullness of life, yet the demands and the risks seem too great. Be with us, O God, and strengthen us anew to take bold steps into who and what You call us to be, as individuals and as a church. May we feel the assurance of our Savior, the One who shows us the way, speaking the words of prayer that he taught his disciples: 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** “The Church's One Foundation” (*Aurelia*) Pilgrim #260

(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 86:1-10,16-17

Wendy Wells

**Scripture & Message** “Q&(ALAAAA)A: The Canon ”

**Anthem**

**Mission Moment**

**Offering**

**Offertory:** “For the Beauty of the Earth” Conrad Kocher/Mark Hayes

**\*Doxology** (Pilgrim #515) (Old Hundredth)

*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** “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” (St. Denio) NCH #1  
(words can be found on the Announcements page)

**\*Blessing**

\*“Peace I Leave with You, My Friends” NCH #249 (Peace, My Friends) 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** “To God Be the Glory” William Doane/Mary McDonald

**Fellowship**

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

**Service information:**

**Call and Invocation:** Cynthia McGuire

**Greeter, In-person:**

**Worship Assistant:** Cynthia McGuire

**Hospitality:** Wendy Wells

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Director

Ms. Cynthia McGuire, Administrative Assistant

Mr. Bradley Krueger, Music

Ms. Marcy Fullmer, Sexton

**ANNOUNCEMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS!**

**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! Here's the line up:  
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 9th. Send to Wendy at the above address, or place in the offering plate. Please mark your check clearly for Hannaford.

## **HYMNS FOR June 25, 2023**

### **The Church's One Foundation**

**(Aurelia)**

**Pilgrim #260**

1 The Church's one foundation Is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
She is his new creation By water and the word;  
From heaven he came and sought her To be his holy bride;  
With his own blood he bought her, And for her life he died.

2 Elect from every nation, Yet one o'er all the earth,  
Her charter of salvation, One Lord, one faith, one birth,  
One holy name she blesses, Partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses, With every grace endued.

3 'Mid toil and tribulation, And tumult of her war,  
Her charter of salvation, Of peace for evermore;  
Till with the vision glorious, Her longing eyes are blest,  
And the great Church victorious Shall be the Church at rest.

4 Yet she on earth hath union With God, the Three in One,  
And mystic sweet communion With those whose rest is won.  
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we  
Like them, the meek and lowly, On high may dwell with thee.

### **Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise**

**(St. Denio)**

**NCH#1**

1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, your great name we praise.

2 Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
Not wanting, not wasting, but ruling in might;  
Your justice like mountains high soaring above,  
Your clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

3 Your life is life-giving—to both great and small  
In all life you're living, the true life of all;  
We blossom and flourish as leaves and as flowers,  
Then wither and perish— but naught dims your powers.

4 So perfect your glory, so brilliant your light,  
Your angels adore you, all veiling their sight;

All praise we now render as your angels do:  
In awe at the splendor of light hiding you.