

**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
July 9, 2023**

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

Announcements/Joys & Concerns

Welcome

Prelude “Morning Song” Gordon Young/arr. Douglas Wagner

Introit “Spirit Song” (John Wimber) Choir

Call to Worship/Invocation/Lord's Prayer Darlene

Davis

One: We gather for worship this day,

Many: With open hearts and minds.

One: Gracious God, be among us and help us to understand Your ways,

Many: That we may follow in faith.

One: Let us pray:

Many: Holy God, in wonder and praise we gather as Your people. Touch us with Your grace, that we may be assured of Your presence and shower upon us Your blessings that we may be strengthened in faith. Help us always to endeavor to live and to act by faith, sharing love and hope with others. As Jesus taught, we continue in prayer: 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 Sing the Mighty Power of God” (Ellacombe)

Pilgrim #68

(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 89:1-14 p.545 Don Reutershan

Scripture & Message

Selections from Genesis 1 - 3

“Q&(ALAAAA)A: Adam and Eve”

Anthem “Faithful God, You Have Been Our Guide” R. Duck/Jamaican Folk-D. Potter
Choir

Mission Moment

Offering

Offertory: “No, Not One!” George Hugg/arr. Marty Parks

***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** “In the Bulb There Is a Flower” (Promise) NCH #433
(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 “At Length There Dawns the Glorious Day” James Mansfield

Fellowship

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

Service information:

Call to Worship and Invocation: written by Susan Reisert

Greeter, In-person: Bonnie Dufty

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Ms. Cynthia McGuire, Administrative Assistant
Hospitality: Bonnie Dufty

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 .

July 9: Adam and Eve. Why is this one story so influential in how we understand God's intentions regarding the relationship between men and women, gender roles and gender in general?

July 16: Prophets. What is the role of prophets? How do we engage with these stories now?

July 23 and 30— The UCC 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 July: Strengthen the Church Fund (UCC)**

The Strengthen the Church (STC) Offering reflects the shared commitment of people across the United Church of Christ to cooperatively build up the UCC. Conferences and the national setting equally share the gifts given by members and friends through their local congregations. The funds raised support leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and innovation in existing congregations.

BREAD OF LIFE DINNER DELIVERY is this coming Tuesday, July 11 (instead of July 4). The sign up has been posted.

CHURCH CHAT! The next Church Chat has been scheduled for July 13 at 11:00, on Zoom (link is in the News&Notes) and in person in the parish house.

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

HYMNS FOR July 9, 2023

I Sing the Mighty Power of God (Ellacombe) Pilgrim 68

1 I sing the mighty power of God, That made the mountains rise,
That spread the flowing seas abroad, And built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained The sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at his command, And all the stars obey.

2 I sing the goodness of the Lord, That filled the earth with food;
He formed the creatures with his word, And then pronounced them good.
Lord, how thy wonders are displayed, Where'er I turn my eye:
If I survey the ground I tread, Or gaze upon the sky!

3 There's not a plant or flower below, But makes thy glories known;
And clouds arise, and tempests blow, By order from thy throne,
While all that borrows life from thee Is ever in thy care,
And everywhere that man can be, Thou, God, art present there.

In the Bulb There Is a Flower (Promise) NCH#433

1 In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;
In cocoons a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

2 There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;
There's a dawn for every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

3 In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;
In our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.