

**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 16, 2023**

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

**Announcements/Joys & Concerns**

**Welcome**

**Prelude**      “Glory and Grace”      Helen Lemmel/arr. Ruth Elaine Schram

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

**Call to Worship/Invocation/Lord’s Prayer**      Ron

Bansmer

One: Welcome to all, as we gather for worship,

**Many: As we take a few moments during a busy week,**

One: To become reacquainted with the One who loves us more than we can imagine,

**Many: And calls to us to be faithful stewards,**

One: To engage in faithful acts of ministry. Let us pray:

**Many: Holy and Loving God, You reach out to us in countless ways, yet we so often fail to recognize Your presence, Your guiding hand upon us. Help us to be better attuned to the movement and life of Your Spirit in our midst. May we endeavor to place our trust in You and follow where You lead. We continue in prayer with the words Jesus taught: 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** “Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness” v.1,2 &4      (Spirit)

NCH#286

(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 145: 8-14      p. 581      Cynthia McGuire

**Scripture** Selections from the Prophets

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

**Anthem** “Holy Wisdom, Lamp of Learning” (Beach Spring) Ruth Duck                      Choir

**Mission Moment**

**Offering**

**Offertory:** “To a Wild Rose”                      Edward MacDowell/arr. Robert Lau

**\*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**                      “Be Thou My Vision”                      (Slane)                      Pilgrim #391  
(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**                      “Come Thou Almighty King”                      arr. Douglas Wagner

**Fellowship**

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

**Service information:**

**Call to Worship and Invocation:** written by Susan Reisert

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

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**Old South Staff:**

The Rev. Susan M Reisert, Pastor and Teacher  
Director

Ms. Cynthia McGuire, Administrative Assistant  
Hospitality: Bonnie Dufty

Mr. Bradley Krueger, Music

Ms. Marcy Fullmer, Sexton

**ANNOUNCEMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS!**

**BIBLE BUNCH**—is on a summer break. We'll meet again in September.

**UPCOMING SUNDAYS/THEMES/INFORMATION .**

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

July 23: 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**— the next one will be the first Tuesday in August, August 1. The Sign Up will be posted this week.

**CHURCH CHAT!** The next Church Chat will be Tuesday, July 25 at 1:00, in the parish house and on Zoom (Bible Bunch link).

**Worship Team is meeting on Tuesday, July 25 at 11:00**, in the parish house and on Zoom (Bible Bunch link).

**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: August 13. Send to Wendy at the above address, or place in the offering plate. Please mark your check clearly for Hannaford.

**HYMNS FOR July 16, 2023**

**Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness****(Spirit)****NCH #286***Refrain:*

Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free,  
Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

1 You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,  
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;  
And over the eons you called to each thing,  
“Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings.” *Refrain*

2 You swept through the desert, you stung with the sand,  
And you goaded your people with a law and a land;  
When they were confounded by their idols and lies,  
Then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes. *Refrain*

4 You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes,  
From the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams;  
Our women see visions, our men clear their eyes.  
With bold new decisions your people arise. *Refrain*

**Be Thou My Vision****(Slane)****Pilgrim #391**

1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Nought be all else to me save that thou art.  
Thou my best thought, by day or my night,  
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father, I thy true son;  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

3 Riches I heed not, not man's empty praise,  
Thou my inheritance, now and always;  
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

4 High King of heaven, my victory won,  
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

