

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 23, 2023

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

Announcements/Joys & Concerns

Welcome

Prelude “Voluntary on *Bunessan*” John S. Dixon

Introit “Spirit Song” (John Wimber) Choir

Call to Worship/Invocation/Lord's Prayer Deb Morgan

One: As we harvest our growing abundance in this time of mid-summer, may we relish in the fruit of our labor,

Many: As we harvest the fruitful seeds of nature and God's Garden, let us share in the bounty with our neighbors.

One: Help us to recognize the needs of those around us and in places far away,

Many: And help us to share with grace and enthusiasm.

One: We have enough, and an attitude of plenty increases through sharing.

Many: For what the land grows with our tending, is only ours for a moment in time, filling a short-term and immediate need.

One: May we share of what we have and what is around us, by feeding the hungry, storing for the future without hoarding, and setting enough seed aside for the next season of planting. Let us pray:

Many: God of many names, father and mother of all creation and of all that is, wellspring of all that we can ever know, we pray that you will make yourself known as we gather as Your people, as we seek to embody your loving spirit. In this time of worship, may we turn to You, that we may be renewed and strengthened in body and spirit. In the name of our beloved Savior we pray, the One who taught us to pray together: 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** “When Morning Gilds the Skies” (Laudes Domini)
Pilgrim #35

(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 86:11-17 p. 544 Bonnie Nielson

Scripture John 17:21-23 p. 111

Message “Q&(ALAAAA)A: Congregationalism and the United Church of Christ”

Special Music “Eternal Life” Olive Dungan Torrey Gimpel

Mission Moment

Offering

Offertory: “Love Lifted Me” Howard Smith/arr. Jina Park

***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** “Called As Partners in Christ’s Service” (Beecher) NCH#495
(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 “Postlude Brevis on *Beach Spring*” David Lasky

Fellowship

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

Service information:

Call to Worship and Invocation: adapted from Worship Ways from the United Church of Christ.

Greeter, In-person: Bonnie Dufty

Greeter, Zoom:

Worship Assistant:

Zoom Asst: Joseph Reisert

Hospitality: Darlene and Galen Davis

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Director

Mr. Bradley Krueger, Music

Ms. Cynthia McGuire, Administrative Assistant

Ms. Marcy Fullmer, Sexton

Hospitality: Bonnie Dufty

ANNOUNCEMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS!

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

UPCOMING SUNDAYS/THEMES/INFORMATION .

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.

CHURCH CHAT! The next Church Chat will be Tuesday, July 25 at 1:00.

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 23, 2023

When Morning Gilds the Skies (Laudes Domini) Pilgrim #35

1 When morning gilds the skies, My heart awaking cries,
May Jesus Christ be praised! Alike at work and prayer,
To Jesus I repair; May Jesus Christ be praised!

2 The night becomes as day, When from the heart we say,
May Jesus Christ be praised! The powers of darkness fear,
When this sweet chant they hear, May Jesus Christ be praised!

3 Ye nations of mankind, In this your concord find,
May Jesus Christ be praised! Let all the earth around
Ring joyous with the sound, May Jesus Christ be praised!

4 To God, the Word, on high, The hosts of angels cry,
May Jesus Christ be praised! Let mortals, too, upraise
Their voice in hymns of praise, May Jesus Christ be praised!

Called as Partners in Christ's Service (Beecher) NCH #495

1 Called as partners in Christ's service, called to ministries of grace,
We respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend to friend,
Equal partners in our caring to fulfill God's chosen end.

2 Christ's example, Christ's inspiring, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
Let us follow never faltering, reconciling folk on earth.
Men and women, richer, poorer, all God's people, young and old,
Blending human skills together gracious gifts from God unfold.

3 Thus new patterns for Christ's mission, in a small or global sense,
Help us bear each other's burdens, breaking down each wall or fence.
Words of comfort, words of vision, words of challenge, said with care,
Bring new power and strength for action, make us colleagues, free and fair.

4 So God grant us for tomorrow ways to order human life
That surround each person's sorrow with a calm that conquers strife.
Make us partners in our living, our compassion to increase,
Messengers of faith, thus giving hope and confidence and peace.