

**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 30, 2023**

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

Announcements/Joys & Concerns

Welcome

Prelude “My Faith Looks Up To Thee” Lowell Mason/Lloyd Larson

Introit “Spirit Song” (John Wimber) Choir

Call to Worship/Invocation/Lord's Prayer Bonnie Dufty

One: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, You know Your intentions for creation.

Many: You long for Your people to live in Your way.

One: Be among us and help us.

Many: Push and pull us, with Your gracious hand,

One: That we may follow in faith and in trust. Let us pray:

Many: Loving God, You help us in our struggles and teach us how to pray when we don't know what to say or how to feel. We call on You with sighs too deep for words. We wonder, we question, we hope that all things do indeed work together for Your good. In this time of worship, in gathering together, we are reminded of our connections, one to another. May we open ourselves anew to your presence. In our searching, may we be found by You, as You have first sought us. In the name of our Savior, we pray, Jesus the Christ, 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** “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation” (*Regent Square*)
NCH#400

(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 119:129-136 p. 569 Ron
Bansmer

The United Church of Christ Statement of Faith

Message “Q&(ALAAAA)A: The United Church of Christ, Part 2”

Special Music “Lift Up Your Hearts” Betty Hartland Choir

Mission Moment Christine
Bartlett

Offering

Offertory: “Prelude in G minor” (Homage to Couperin)

***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** “Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies” (Ratisbon) Pilgrim#43
(words can be found on the Announcements page)

***Blessing**

***Go In Peace** Barber Waters/Kenneth White (Ocean Park) #445 Chalice Choir &
Congregation

*Go in peace and the peace of God be with you this day. Go in peace and the peace of
God be with you always. Celebrate and share the joy! Celebrate new life! Go in peace
and the peace of God be with you always.*

Postlude “With Faith Transcending” Lani Smith

Fellowship

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

Service information:

Call to Worship and Invocation: Adapted from Worship Ways at ucc.org

Greeter, In-person: Darlene Davis

Greeter, Zoom:

Worship Assistant: Warren and Christine Bartlett

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Old South Staff:

The Rev. Susan M Reisert, Pastor and Teacher
Director

Ms. Cynthia McGuire, Administrative Assistant

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 .

August 6: Christine Bartlett will lead worship. No communion.

August 13: Pastor Susan will lead worship, with communion.

August 20: Pastor Susan will lead worship.

August 27: Ron Bansmer will lead worship.

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 is this coming Tuesday, August, August 1.

CHURCH CHAT! Will resume in September

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 30, 2023

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation (Regent Square) NCH #400

1 Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone,
Chosen of our God and precious, binding all the Church in one;
Holy Zion's help forever, and our confidence alone.

2 To this temple, where we call you, come, O God of Hosts, today!
With your constant, loving kindness hear your people as they pray.
Give your fullest benediction: grace to follow Christ the Way.

3 Here renew your servant's vision, that by faith they may attain
Peace and hope, renewed compassion, strength to comfort those in pain,
Tears and grief transformed to gladness in your everlasting reign.

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies (Ratisbon) Pilgrim #43

1 Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ, the true, the only Light,
Sun of righteousness, arise, Triumph o'er the shades of night;
Dayspring from on high, be near; Daystar, in my heart appear.

2 Dark and cheerless is the morn unaccompanied by thee;
Joyless is the day's return, Till thy mercy's beams I see,
Till they inward light impart, Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

3 Visit, then, this soul of mine; Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
Fill me, Radiancy divine, Scatter all my unbelief;
More and more thyself display,
Shining to the perfect day.