

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
September 3, 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 Prayer” Gregory Hamilton

Introit “Be Still and Know That I Am God” (anonymous/Ps.46:10) Choir

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

One: O give thanks to the Lord. Call on God's name. Make known God's deeds among the peoples.

Many: Sing to God. Sing praises to God. Tell of all of God's wonderful works.

One: Glory to God! Let the hearts of those who seek God rejoice.

Many: Seek God and God's strength. May we seek God's presence continually.

One: Remember the wonderful works of God, O Holy Ones. Let us pray:

Many: Gracious and Loving God, as You gather us together this morning, with all of our imperfections, our half-hearted attempts at living as Your faithful people, we are mindful that You never give up on us. May we rediscover your love for us, and renew ourselves in following Your way, even into uncomfortable and unfamiliar places. Be among us this day, and speak to us that we may follow in faith. 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** “Be Thou My Vision” (*Slane*) Pilg#391

[In addition to the hymnal, words to the hymns 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 26:1-8 p.503 Ron Bansmer

Scripture Romans 12:9-21 p.162

Message Grounded

Special Music “You'll Never Walk Alone” Rodgers & Hammerstein Cynthia McGuire

Mission Moment Christine Bartlett

Offering

Offertory: "Galilean Hillside" Paul Taylor

***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** "God, Speak to Me, That I May Speak" (Canonbury) NCH#531

*Blessing

***Sung Response** "Go In Peace" Barber Waters/Kenneth White (Ocean Park) Chalice #445
Choir and 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 "Postlude on Laudate Dominum"

C.H.H. Parry/Richard Williamson

Fellowship

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

More Info/Contact Info

The Call to Worship and Invocation written by Susan Reisert, adapted from Psalm 105.

Greeters: Warren and Christine

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Old South Staff:

The Rev. Susan M Reisert, Pastor and Teacher

Ms. Cynthia McGuire, Administrative Assistant

Mr. Bradley Krueger, Music Director

Ms. Marcy Fullmer, Sexton

Announcements and Hymns for 9/3/23

Welcome to Worship at Old South! We're glad you are here!

OFFICE HOURS—Tuesday & Thursday, 9:00 - Noon.

MEETINGS/GATHERINGS/EVENTS:

Worship Team— Sept 5 at 11:00 on Zoom (use the Bible Bunch/Meetings link).

Bread of Life Dinner Delivery— Sept 5 at 4:30.

BIBLE BUNCH will begin meeting again on Tuesday, Sept 26, at Noon, in the Parish House and on Zoom.

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!

YARD SALE?

The Oversight Committee is wondering if anyone is interested in taking charge of and organizing a Yard Sale. We haven't had one in a while. If you are interested, please let us know!

OUTREACH NEWS

Outreach Fund Focus/August: Kennebec County Jail Inmate Fund.

BREAD OF LIFE DINNER DELIVERY— the next one is Tues, 9/5. The sign up has been posted!

SUPPORT the Ministry of Old South:

1. Checks may be sent to the church PO Box 508, 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: September 10. Send your check to the office, or place in the offering plate. Please mark your check clearly for Hannaford.

TODAY'S HYMNS

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 by 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, nor man's empty praise, Thou mine 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.

God, Speak to Me, That I May Speak (Canonbury) NCH #531

1 God, speak to me, that I may speak in living echoes of your tone;
As you have sought, so let me seek your erring children lost and lone.

2 O lead me, God, that I may lead some wanderers along life's way;
O feed me so that I may feed your hungry ones without delay.

3 O fill me with your fullness, God, your overflowing love to know;
In glowing word and kindling thought, your love to tell, your praise to show.

4 O use me, God, use even me just as you will, and when, and where,
Until your blessed face I see, your rest, your joy, your glory share.