

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  
October 1, 2023                      World Communion Sunday

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

**Announcements/Joys & Concerns**

**Welcome**

**Prelude**      “My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”      arr. Mark Hayes

**Introit**      “I Was Glad”      C.O. Beck      Choir

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

One: We gather as God's people, beautiful in our diversity.

**Many: May we grow in our love and appreciation for each one and all, wonderfully made in God's image.**

One: We give thanks for the grace and the blessings,

**Many: Found in gathered community.**

One: In faith and in trust,

**Many: We open our hearts to You, O God.**

One: Let us pray:

**Many: Be among us this day, Holy and Loving God, and open our eyes to see the beauty in each person we meet. Help us to share Your love with all. We give thanks for the beauty and diversity that surrounds us. In appreciation for the blessings of faith, help us, O God, to be kind and compassionate, reaching out in grace and in peace. In the name of our Beloved Savior, we pray and 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** “Our God, Our Help in Ages Past” (*St. Anne*), Pilg #1 (all verses)  
[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 25:1-9                      p. 502                      Bonnie Nielson

**What Makes Old South Special?**                      Darlene Davis

**Scripture**      Exodus 1:8-14; 3:1-15                      p. 48

**Message**      Looking Backward and Forward at the Same Time: Moses and the Burning Bush



**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 10/1/23**

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

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

**FALL WORSHIP SERIES**

“Looking Backward and Forward at the Same Time”

We'll use the Narrative Lectionary this fall, focusing on the ancient stories from the Hebrew Scriptures. As we consider these old stories, we'll look for new wisdom as we gather as God's holy people.

For the next few Sundays:

October 1, Exodus 1 and 3 (excerpts), Moses and the Burning Bush

October 8, Deuteronomy, Commandments

October 15, Ruth, Trust

**RECORDING SESSIONS— What makes Old South special?**

As part of our fall worship series, we'll begin recording short pieces, with individuals from Old South reflecting briefly on what makes Old South special. Do you have a short story or reflection to share? You'll find slots on the Worship Sign Up, starting on the first Sunday of October (most of these will be recorded on Sunday mornings, before or after worship, or we can find another time that works for your schedule). The reflections should be just one or two minutes long. You'll also share your reflection during worship.

**MEETINGS/GATHERINGS/EVENTS:**

Tuesday, October 3

11:00 Worship Team (parish house and Zoom)

Noon Bible Bunch (Parish House and Zoom)

4:30 Bread of Life Dinner Delivery

Wed, Oct 4

Choir rehearsal— Wed, 9/20/23, in the sanctuary, 5:30. New singers are welcome.

**BIBLE BUNCH** We meet on Tuesdays at Noon, in the Parish House and on Zoom. Discussion topic: The fall worship series on stories from the Hebrew Scriptures

**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!

**OUTREACH NEWS**

**Outreach Fund Focus/October:** October 1st, Neighbors in Need Offering, October 8-29, Disaster Relief

**BREAD OF LIFE DINNER DELIVERY**— the next one is Tues, 10/3. The sign up is 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: October 15th. Send your check to the office, or place in the offering plate. Please mark your check clearly for Hannaford.

## **TODAY'S HYMNS**

### **Our God, Our Help in Ages Past (St. Anne) Pilgrim #1**

1 Our God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home,

2 Under the shadow of thy throne Thy saints have dwelt secure;  
Sufficient is thine arm alone, And our defense is sure.

3 Before the hills in order stood, Or earth received her frame,  
From everlasting thou art God, To endless years the same.

4 A thousand ages in thy sight Are like an evening gone,  
Short as the watch that ends the night Before the rising sun.

### **Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ (Linstead) NCH #347**

1 Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shot of joy:  
Bread is broken, the wind is poured, Christ is spoken and seen and heard.  
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loves abound!

3 Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt,  
Gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Immanuel) everywhere!  
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loves abound!

### **For the Healing of the Nations (Westminster Abbey) NCH #576**

1 For the healing of the nations, God, we pray with one accord;  
For a just and equal sharing of the things that earth affords;  
To a life of love in action help us rise and pledge our word.

2 Lead us forward into freedom; from despair your world release,  
That, redeemed from war and hatred all may come and go in peace.  
Show us how through care and goodness fear will die and hope increase.

3 All that kills abundant living, let it from the earth be banned;  
Pride of status, race, or schooling, dogmas that obscure your plan.  
In our common quest for justice may we hallow life's brief span.

4 You, Creator God, have written your great name on humankind;  
For our growing in your likeness bring the life of Christ to mind,  
That by our response and service earth its destiny may find.