

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 8, 2023

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

**Announcements/Joys & Concerns**

**Welcome**

**Prelude**      “Faith of Our Fathers”      Henri Hemy/arr. Lani Smith

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

**Call to Worship/Invocation/Lord's Prayer**      Cynthia McGuire

One: We come from the north and the south, the east and the west, gathering here to worship the living God who walks with us on the journey.

**Many: We lift up our praise and our wonder,**

One: And we open our hearts and our minds,

**Many: That we may be attuned to God's presence in our midst.**

One: Bless us with eagerness to follow in faith. Let us pray:

**Many: Gracious and Holy God, You have gathered us together to be Your people in this time and place. You hold us in the mystery of Your embrace, showering upon us Your grace. So often, though, we are not able to fully live in Your way. Forgive us, Merciful God, when we do not love You and our neighbor as well. Help us, O God, to live as You would have us live. In the name of our Savior and our Friend, Jesus the Christ, we pray and continue in prayer with the words he 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** “Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song” (*Bridegroom*) NCH#270

[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      Warren Bartlett

**What Makes Old South Special?**      Ron Bansmer

**Scripture**      Exodus 1:8-14; 3:1-15      p. 49

**Message**      Looking Backward and Forward at the Same Time: The Guidelines

Mr. Bradley Krueger, Music Director  
Ms. Marcy Fullmer, Sexton

## **Announcements and Hymns for 10/8/23**

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 15, Ruth, Trust

October 22, David

October 29, Division

### **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 10

Noon Bible Bunch, Zoom and parish house

3:30 Worship Team (rescheduled)

5:00 Oversight Gathering

#### Wed, Oct 11

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

#### Thurs, Oct 12

Church Chat on Zoom (use the Bible Bunch/Meetings link)

#### Sunday, Oct. 29

Harvest Potluck and “Fun Size” Auction, in the parish house after worship. The sign-up, with more information, will be in the News and Notes and on the back wall.

**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, 11/7.

**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**

**Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song      (*Bridegroom*)      NCH#270**

1 Like the murmur of the dove's song, like the challenge of her flight,  
Like the vigor of the wind's rush, like the new flame's eager might:  
Come, Holy Spirit, come.

2 To the members of Christ's body, to the branches of the Vine,  
To the church in faith assembled, to our midst as gift and sign:  
Come, Holy spirit, come.

3 With the healing of division, with the ceaseless voice of prayer,  
With the power to love and witness, with the peace beyond compare:  
Come, Holy spirit, come

**Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise      (*St. Denio*)      Pilgrim #7**

1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise, In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

2 Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light, Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

3 To all, life thou givest to both great and small; In all life thou livest, the true life of all;  
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree, And wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.

4 Great Father of glory, pure Father of light, Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
All praise we would render; O help us to see 'Tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

