

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 22, 2023

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

**Announcements/Joys & Concerns**

**Welcome**

**Prelude**      “Whispering Hope”      Septimus Winner/arr. Patti Drennan

**Introit**      “Be Still and Know”      Donovan Klotzbeacher      Choir

**Call to Worship/Invocation/Lord's Prayer**      Darlene

Davis

One: Gather us in, Holy God, and hold us close.

**Many: Teach us Your ways and help us to follow.**

One: We lift our voices in praise and in wonder,

**Many: in gratitude for the love we are shown.**

One: Let us pray:

**Many: Gracious and Merciful God, may we find in this time of worship, a balm for our spirits and a renewed sense of grace and belonging. Be among us, strengthening us to be the people You call us to be. In our words, in our actions and in our being, may we freely share Your love and hope, today and always. In the name of our beloved Savior, we pray, and continue 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** “Christ for the World We Sing” (*Italian Hymn*) Pilgrim #295

[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 99      p. 552

Ron Bansmer

Bonnie Dufty

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

## **More Info/Contact Info**

Call and Invocation written by Susan Reisert  
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### **Old South Staff:**

The Rev. Susan M Reisert, Pastor and Teacher Director	Mr. Bradley Krueger, Music
Ms. Cynthia McGuire, Administrative Assistant	Ms. Marcy Fullmer, Sexton

## **Announcements and Hymns for 10/22/23**

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

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

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**— The Oversight Committee is planning to call a congregational meeting for after worship on November 12. The business of this meeting will be a vote on putting the sanctuary building up for sale. More information is available and still more information will be made available in the next couple of weeks. If you have any questions about this meeting, please feel free to speak to Pastor Susan or any member of the Oversight Committee.

### **FALL WORSHIP SERIES**

"Looking Backward and Forward at the Same Time"-- We are using 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 couple of Sundays:

October 29, Division

Nov 5, Elijah, plus Communion and Remembering Sunday (you are welcome to bring names of loved ones who have passed away in the last year or so)

## **RECORDING SESSIONS– What makes Old South special?**

As part of our fall worship series, we are recording short pieces (1-2 minutes), during worship, with individuals 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.

## **MEETINGS/GATHERINGS/EVENTS:**

Sunday, Oct 22– Church Chat, after worship

Monday, Oct 23– Oversight Gathering, 5:00, in the parish house and on Zoom

Tuesday, Oct 24– Bible Bunch, Noon, in the parish house and on Zoom

Tuesday, Oct 24– Oversight business meeting, 5:00

Wednesday, Oct 25– Choir rehearsal, 5:30

## **Sunday, Oct. 29**

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

**BIBLE BUNCH** We meet on Tuesdays at Noon, in the Parish House and on Zoom. We’ve finished up our fall worship series discussions. After a week off, we’ll move on to current trends in church life, in advance of the Congregational meeting that the Oversight Committee is planning to call for November 12.

**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: November 12th. Send your check to the office, or place in the offering plate. Please mark your check clearly for Hannaford.

## **TODAY'S HYMNS**

### **Christ for the World We Sing!      (Italian Hymn)      Pilgrim #295**

1 Christ for the world we sing! The world to Christ we bring  
With loving zeal: The poor, and them that mourn, the faint and overborne,  
Sinsick and sorrow worn, Whom Christ doth heal.

2 Christ for the world we sing! The world to Christ we bring  
With fervent prayer: The wayward and the lost, By restless passions tossed,  
Redeemed at countless cost From dark despair.

3 Christ for the world we sing! The world to Christ we bring  
With one accord: With us the work to share, With us reproach to dare,  
With us the cross to bear, For Christ our Lord.

4 Christ for the world we sing! The world to Christ we bring  
With joyful song: The newborn souls, whose days, Reclaimed from error's ways,  
Inspired with hope and praise, To Christ belong.

### **We Love Your Realm, O God      (St. Thomas)      NCH #312**

1 We love your realm, O God, all places where you reign.  
We recognize, with hope and joy, the world as your domain.

2 We love your church, O God, for Christ has given life  
To form communities of love that seek to heal our strife.

3 We recognize, with pain, that we have not achieved  
The faithfulness of our resolve when we at first believed.

4 Yet Christ, our friend and guide, continues to forgive,  
Delivering us from our mistakes, inviting us to live.

5 Beyond our brokenness, we seek to know your ways  
Of deep communion, solemn vows, and hymns of love and praise.

6 We know your truth will last. We trust your reign is sure.  
Equip us for those daily tasks that help your world endure.

**\*\*Offertory meditation**

One thing's needful: Lord, this treasure

teach me highly to regard.

All else, though it first give pleasure  
is a yoke that presses hard.

Beneath it the heart is still greeting and striving,  
no true, lasting happiness ever deriving.

This one thing is needful; all others are vain—  
I count all but loss that I Christ may obtain.

Author: Johann Heinrich Schröder

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