

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 29, 2023

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

**Announcements/Joys & Concerns**

**Welcome**

**Prelude**     *"Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier* (Blessed Jesus, We are Here)     J.S. Bach

**Introit**     "Be Still and Know"     Donovan Klotzbeacher     Choir

**Call to Worship/Invocation/Lord's Prayer**     Deb Morgan

One: The Holy One has been our hope and our home.

**Many: God has been with us from generation to generation.**

One: We flourish and fade, bloom and renew in God's time.

**Many: Our lives are temporal and precious and glorious.**

One: May the compassion and favor of the Holy One be with us.

**Many: May we be glad and prosperous in our work for our God!**

One: Let us pray:

**Many: Holy and Merciful God, your law is love. Your message is love. Your presence is love. May Love fill our atmosphere and our interactions as we gather together in your name. May Love transform us, renew us, and revive us. 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** "The Church's One Foundation" (*Aurelia*)     NCH #386

[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.]

**What Makes Old South Special?**

Christine Bartlett

**Scripture** 1 Kings 12:1-17, 25-29

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**Message** Looking Backward and Forward at the Same Time: Division

**Anthem** “Amazing Grace” John Newton/arr. John Coates, Jr.  
Choir

**Reception of New Members**

Congregation: We welcome you with joy! As partners in the common life of this congregation, we pledge to you our friendship and prayers as we grow together in God’s transforming love. We give thanks that you join us now, as fellow seekers and servants!

Unison Blessing Prayer:

O God, we praise you for calling us to both seek and serve you, and for gathering us into this church, this community of faith. Together may we grow in your Spirit, building one another up in love and ministering to the world as followers of Jesus Christ. Amen.

**Mission Moment**

Christine Bartlett

**Offering** (for those who attend worship in person, you may come forward during the offertory, to place your offering in one of the offering plates)

**Offertory:** “Psalm of Stillness” Tracey Craig McKibben

**\*Doxology** (Pilgrim #515) (*Old Hundredth*)

You may sing the traditional version or the inclusive language version:

*Trad: 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.*

*Inclusive: Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;*

*Praise God above, ye heavenly host: Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**Pastoral Prayer**

Silence, Prayer, Response

**\*Hymn** “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” (*Ein’ Feste Burg*) Pilgrim #363

**\*Blessing**

**\*Sung Response** “Shalom” (Traditional Israeli Round) Choir & Congregation  
*Shalom, my friends. Shalom, my friends. Shalom, shalom. May peace be with you, God’s peace be with you. Shalom. Shalom.*

**Postlude** “A Mighty Fortress” Martin Luther/arr. Anna Laura Page  
**Fellowship**

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

### **More Info/Contact Info**

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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 10/29/23**

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

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

**WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!** We welcome Jane and Rick Campbell, who are joining the church today. We trust that, together, we will grow in faith, trusting

**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 week. The Call to the meeting will be posted by next Sunday. If you have any questions, please 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, seeking new wisdom as we gather as God's holy people.

Next Sunday:

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 (approx 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, October 29— Potluck and Mini Auction, in the parish house, after worship

Monday, October 30— Building Sub Committee, in the parish house, 5:00

Tuesday, October 31— Bible Bunch, hybrid, Noon

Wednesday, November 1— Choir/Bell Choir

Thurs, November 2— Outreach, hybrid, 11:00

**BIBLE BUNCH** We meet on Tuesdays at Noon, in the Parish House and on Zoom. Our focus is current trends in the Church. All are welcome!

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

## **TODAY'S HYMNS**

**The Church's One Foundation**

**(Aurelia)**

**NCH #386**

1 The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ our Lord;  
We are Christ's new creation by water and the word;  
From heaven Christ came and sought us in love to set us free;  
With precious blood Christ bought us for all eternity.

2 Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,  
One charter of salvation, one God, one faith, one birth,  
One name together blessing, one holy food we share,  
To one hope we are pressing, at one in work and prayer.

3 'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of our war,  
We wait the consummation of peace forevermore;  
Till with the vision glorious, our longing eyes are blessed,  
And the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

4 Yet we on earth have union with God, the Three-in-One,  
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.  
O happy ones and holy! God, give us grace that we,  
Like them, the meek and lowly, may live eternally.

**A Mighty Fortress Is Our God      (Ein' Feste Burg)      Pilgrim #363**

1 A mighty fortress is our God, A bulwark never failing;  
Our helper he amid the flood Of mortal ills prevailing.  
For still our ancient foe Doth seek to work us woe;  
His craft and power are great, And armed with cruel hate,  
On earth is not his equal.

2 Did we in our own strength confide, Our striving would be losing,  
Were not the right man on our side, The man of God's own choosing.  
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he;  
Lord Sabaoth his name. From age to age the same,  
And he must win the battle.

3 And though this world, with devils filled, Should threaten to undo us,  
We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us.  
The prince of darkness grim, We tremble not for him;  
His rage we can endure, For lo, his doom is sure:  
One little word shall fell him.

4 That word above all earthly powers, No thanks to them, abideth;  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours Through him who with us sideth.  
Let goods and kindred go, This mortal life also;  
The body they may kill; God's truth abideth still,  
His kingdom is forever.