

**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
November 12, 2023**

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

Announcements/Joys & Concerns

Welcome

Prelude "Processional on *Helmsley*" attr. Thomas Arne/Karen Beaumont

Introit "Be Still and Know" Donovan Klotzbeacher Choir

Call to Worship/Invocation/Lord's Prayer Don Reutershan

One: Gather us in, Holy God. May we worship and praise.

Many: Shower upon us your blessings and help us to live in your way.

One: When we stumble along the path or ignore your voice,

Many: Forgive us and set us in your way,

One: That we may grow in faith and in trust. Let us pray:

Many: Gracious and Merciful God, we know that we have difficulty in following in the way that you have set out for us. Help us, Loving God, to open ourselves to a holy reset as we gather for worship this day. May we know and feel your blessing. May we follow you in faith as we pray the prayer that Jesus taught us to pray: 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** "Called As Partners in Christ's Service" (Beecher) NCH #495

[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?

Cynthia McGuire

Psalm Psalm 70 p. 532

Ron Bansmer

Scripture Hosea 11:1-11 p. 842

Message Looking Backward & Forward at the Same Time: The Sticking With that Goes Both Ways

Special Music “O Lord, My God, You Are My Refuge” *Bist Du Bei Mir* J.S. Bach/Hopson choir

Mission Moment
Bartlett

Christine

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: “Thy Holy Wings, O Savior” Swedish/Terry Osman

***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** “Be Thou My Vision” (*Slane*) Pilgrim #391

***Blessing**

***Sung Response** “Shalom” (Traditional Israeli Round)
Congregation

Choir &

Shalom, my friends. Shalom, my friends. Shalom, shalom. May peace be with you, God’s peace be with you. Shalom. Shalom.

Postlude “I’m Gonna Sing”

Andre Thomas/arr. Douglas Wagner

Fellowship

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

More Info/Contact Info

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Mr. Bradley Krueger, Music

Ms. Cynthia McGuire, Administrative Assistant

Ms. Marcy Fullmer, Sexton

Announcements and Hymns for 11/12/2023

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

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

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING— We are gathering after worship today, to discuss and vote on a proposal from the Oversight Committee that we put the sanctuary building up for sale. All are welcome to attend this meeting, although only members may vote.

After worship, we will have a short break, so everyone can stretch their legs and get a snack.

At 11:30, we'll gather in the sanctuary for the meeting.

We welcome Jacqui Clark today, who will lead us through today's important business.

STEWARDSHIP

It's Stewardship Season, when we ask that members and friends consider their giving for the following year. Materials were emailed this past Thursday and are available today for those not on the church email list.

Please plan to bring your pledge card to worship next Sunday, November 19. We will dedicate them during worship.

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? We have ONE slot left, for next Sunday.

MEETINGS/GATHERINGS/EVENTS:

Tuesday, Nov 14— Bible Bunch, Noon, Hybrid

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/Nov: Holiday Giving 11/5; Victims of Lewiston Shooting 11/12, 19, & 26

BREAD OF LIFE DINNER DELIVERY– the next one is Tues, 12/5. The sign up will be posted next week.

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

TODAY'S HYMNS

Called as Partners in Christ's Service (Beecher) NCH #495

1 Called as partners in Christ's service, called to ministries of grace,
We respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend,
Equal partners in our caring to fulfill God's chosen end.

2 Christ's example, Christ's inspiring, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
Let us follow, never faltering, reconciling folk on earth.
Men and women, richer, poorer, all God's people, young and old,
Blending human skills together gracious gifts from God unfold.

3 Thus new patterns for Christ's mission, in a small or global sense,
Help us bear each other's burdens, breaking down each wall or fence.
Words of comfort, words of vision, words of challenge, said with care,
Bring new power and strength for action, make us colleagues, free and fair.

4 So God grant us for tomorrow ways to order human life
That surround each person's sorrow with a calm that conquers strife.
Make us partners in our living, our compassion to increase,
Messengers of faith, thus giving hope and confidence and peace.

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.