

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 19, 2023

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

Announcements/Joys & Concerns

Welcome

Prelude "Rejoice, Give Thanks, and Sing!" Douglas Wagner

Introit "Be Still and Know" Donovan Klotzbeacher Choir

Call to Worship/Invocation/Lord's Prayer Bonnie Nielson

One: Gather us in, Holy God, and be among us.

Many: May we open our hearts and our minds,

One: To hear and to feel God's call to us.

Many: In this time of gratitude,

One: May we lift up our voices in thanksgiving and in praise,

Many: And commit ourselves anew to faithfulness.

One: Let us pray:

Many: Gracious and Loving God, as we gather for worship this day, we pray for a renewed sense of what it means to live as faithful people, trusting in Your guidance and way among us. Shower upon us Your blessings, and help us to know Your grace, that we may walk in your way and share Your blessings with reckless abandon. Be among us, Holy God, that we may be mindful of Your way of love and hope, this day and every day. In the name of our Guide and our Teacher, we pray, the One who taught us to pray together: 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** "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" (St. Denio), Pilgrim #7

[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?

Becky Symes

Psalm Psalm 90 p. 547

Erroll Adams, Jr.

Scripture Isaiah 5:1-7;11:1-5 p. 634

Message Looking Backward & Forward at the Same Time: The Really Hard Part

Anthem “River in Judea” arr. John Leavitt

choir

Mission Moment
Bartlett

Christine

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

Offertory: “Count Your Blessings” arr. Faye López

***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.

***Dedication of Offerings and Pledges**

Pastoral Prayer

Silence, Prayer, Response

***Hymn** “Let All Things Now Living” (*Ashgrove*) Pew Book #47

***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 “Now Thank We All Our God”

Johann Crüger/Lloyd Larson

Fellowship

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

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Ms. Cynthia McGuire, Administrative Assistant

Ms. Marcy Fullmer, Sexton

Announcements and Hymns for 11/19/2023

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

Happy Thanksgiving to All!

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

STEWARDSHIP

It's Stewardship Season, when we ask that members and friends consider their giving for the following year and make a pledge, in order to help our Treasurer craft a budget for the year. Materials have been emailed to those on the church email list and are available in the vestry and in the south entrance.

We hope you have brought your pledge form with you today. You may put it in the offering plate during the offering. We will dedicate the pledges, along with the offerings, during worship. If you did not bring your form, or you are not ready to fill the form out, please mail it to the church office as soon as possible. Thank you!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING— We met last Sunday for a special congregational meeting to vote on the recommendation of the Oversight Committee to put the sanctuary building up for sale. Many thanks to those who attended and participated. The recommendation was approved. More information from Oversight will be provided soon.

ADVENT begins in two weeks, on December 3. A devotional will be available next week. Plus, you'll want to check out our new animated Advent "ad" that will be on our website.

MEETINGS/GATHERINGS/EVENTS:

No Bible Bunch this week!

BIBLE BUNCH will start their Advent series on Tuesday, 11/28, at Noon (hybrid). We'll discuss the Advent sermon series on "Beginnings."

11/28– John 1

12/5– Mark 1

12/12– Matthew 1

12/19– Luke 1

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 is posted and is online.

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: December 10th. Send your check to the office, or place in the offering plate. Please mark your check clearly for Hannaford.

TODAY'S HYMNS

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, unhasting, 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.

Let All Things Now Living

1 Let all things now living A song of thanksgiving
To God the Creator triumphantly raise,
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
Who guideth us on to the end of our days.
His banner are o'er us, His light goes before us,
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
'Til shadows have vanished And darkness is banished,
As forward we travel from light into light.

2 His law He enforces: the stars in their courses,
The sun in His orbit, obediently shine;
The hills and the mountains, The rivers and fountains,
The deeps of the ocean proclaim Him divine.
We too, should be voicing our love and rejoicing,
With glad adoration a song let us raise,
'Til all things now living unite in thanksgiving
To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!