

**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 5, 2023**

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

Announcements/Joys & Concerns

Welcome

Prelude "Christians, We Have Met to Worship" arr. Sondra Tucker

Introit "Be Still and Know" Donovan Klotzbeacher Choir

Call to Worship/Invocation/Lord's Prayer Ron
Bansmer

One: Give thanks for the enduring love of the Holy One!

Many: We've been gathered from all directions and in all spaces to declare the greatness of God.

One: Give thanks for the enduring love of the Holy One!

Many: We have been redeemed by the abiding love of our Creator.

One: Give thanks for the enduring love of the Holy One!

Many: Let the redeemed proclaim God's wondrous works. Great is the Holy One and greatly to be praised!

One: Let us pray:

Many: Holy and Merciful God, as we gather this day, we pray for your blessing and your guidance. Instruct us in the ways of humility and love. Help us to be in loving and encouraging community with each other. Help us to serve our neighbor, near and far. Assure us always of your abiding presence, that we may trust in your ways rather than the ways of this world. In the name of our Savior, 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** "I Sing a Song of the Saints of God (*Grand Isle*), Pilgrim #481

[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 43 p. 515 Don Reutershan

Scripture 1 Kings 18:20-39 p. 325

Message Looking Backward and Forward at the Same Time: Elijah and Mt. Carmel

Special Music “Dona Nobis Pacem” (Lahey Buckwalter) & “Hyfrydol” (Larry Sue)

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: “Jesus Shall Reign” Jason Krug

***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.

Remembering— When invited, please come forward to say the name(s) into the microphone, then light a candle and return to your seat. If you would prefer that Pastor Susan speak the name(s), please write it/them on a slip of paper and pass it to her.

The Sacrament of Communion

Invitation

Communion Hymn “As We Gather at Your Table” (*Beach Spring*), verses 1 & 3, NCH #332

Communion Prayer, Story, Consecration

Sharing of the Elements

Music: “Be Thou My Vision” Sandra Eithum

Prayer of Thanksgiving, Pastoral Prayer and Response

***Hymn** “Forward Through the Ages” (St. Gertrude), NCH 377

***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 “Recessional on *Sine Nomine*” Gregg Sewell

Fellowship

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

More Info/Contact Info

Call & Invocation adapted from “Worship Ways” at ucc.org.

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Ms. Marcy Fullmer, Sexton

PRAYER LIST Austin & family, *grandmother passed away, requested by Bartletts*; family and friends of Don Bailey; Tim B, *heart attacks (requested by Tina)*; Family of Candace, *Joe's former coworker*; Chrisha, *requested by Christine*; Family of Dan C, *Cynthia's friend*; Dick, *Alzheimer's Disease*; family of Debbie C; *Family of Dorothy D, Galen's mother*; family & friends of Chase; Alexis, *friend of Bartletts*; Gerard, *serious infection*; Torrey G, *vertigo*; Rick G, *recovering/surgery*; family & friends of Jane & Harmon; Alicia & son, *Tina's friend, difficult situation*; Jeff, *Johnsons' hairdresser, cancer*; Alice Johnson, *health issues*; Cathy, *Darla's daughter, health issues*; Connie K, *Warren's cousin, cancer*; Karen R, *surgery*; Alta L, *health issues*; Lisa L, *health issues*; Loretta, *Cynthia's cousin, auto-immune disease*; Mari-Jo, *Cynthia's friend, cancer*; Mark, *memory care, from Joe*; Maxwell family, *Susan's parents, aging issues*; Anne, *Bob M's sister, chronic myeloid leukemia*; Bud & Hilda M., *former pastor, health issues*; Nikki, *Becky's cousin, cancer*; Samantha, *depression & grief*; Lynne P, *friend of Bob M, cancer*; Pam, *Cynthia's cousin, heart disease & cancer*; Bob & Carola, *health issues*; Maxine, *Cynthia's aunt, dementia*; Christie; Nona, *Cynthia's friend, lymphoma*; David, *Cynthia's cousin, health issues*; *Family and friends of Emmitt, friend of Johnsons*; Vicki, *Joel's sister-in-law, chemotherapy*; Kathy, *Cynthia's friend, cancer*; the family and friends of Gail W, *Wendy's mother*; Willa, *Carol's friend, family issues*; Family of Richard W., *Christine's cousin*; Kristy W. and family, *cancer*.

Also: those who are homeless, hungry, isolated; caregivers; children/youth struggling with life issues; victims of gun violence; those affected by COVID-illness, job loss, health care workers & more; patience, for those working in and attending schools; people affected by natural disasters here and abroad; the People of Ukraine; the divisions in our nation; Those affected by the shootings in Lewiston.

Announcements and Hymns for 11/5/2023

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

OFFICE HOURS—Tuesday & Thursday, 9:00 - Noon. **We WELCOME the Pine Tree Academy Bell Ensemble** today! Lisette Hakizimana (gr.9), Emma O'Brien (gr.8), Lucy Umbro (gr.11), Alana Whalen-Cardoza (gr. 8), and Jenelle Westerbeck, director. Many thanks for participating in our worship today!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING— The Oversight Committee has called a special congregational meeting for next Sunday, after worship. You'll find the details of Call posted at the entrance. It was also emailed this past Thursday. We hope you are planning to join us for this very important meeting in the life of Old South. If you have questions that you are planning to pose next Sunday, please share them with Pastor Susan or Warren Bartlett today.

POTLUCK & Mini-Auction— many thanks to everyone who stayed for last week's event after worship. Thanks to those who contributed food and/or auction items as well as those who bid. We raised over \$700 and had a wonderful time!

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.

This 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).

Next Sunday: Hosea

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:

Tuesday, Nov 7– Bible Bunch, Noon, Hybrid

Tuesday, Nov 7– Bread of Life Dinner Delivery, 4:30

Wednesday, Nov 8– Choir rehearsal 5:30 pm, Bell choir 6:45 pm

Thursday, Nov 9– Church Chat, 5:00, 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/November: Holiday Giving

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

I Sing a Song of the Saints of God (Grand Isle) Pilgrim #481

1 I sing a song of the saints of God Patient and brave and true,
Who toiled and fought and lived and died For the Lord they loved and knew.
And one was a doctor, and one was a queen, And one was a shepherdess on the green:
They were all of them saints of God, and I mean, God helping, to be one too.

2 They loved their Lord so dear, so dear, And his love made them strong;
And they followed the right, for Jesus' sake, The whole of their good lives long.
And one was a soldier, and one was a priest, And one was slain by a fierce wild beast:
And there's not any reason, no, not the least, Why I shouldn't be one too.

3 They lived not only in ages past, There are hundreds of thousands still;
The world is bright with the joyous saints Who love to do Jesus' will.
You can meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea, In church, or in trains or in shops, or
at tea;
For the saints of God are just folk like me, And I mean to be one too.

As We Gather at Your Table (Beach Spring) NCH #332

1 As we gather at your table, as we listen to your word,
Help us know, O God, your presence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
Nourish us with sacred story till we claim it as our own;
Teach us through this holy banquet how to make Love's victory known.

3 Gracious spirit, help us summon other guests to share that feast
Where triumphant Love will welcome those who had been last and least.
There no more will envy bind us nor will pride our peace destroy,
As we join with saints and angels to repeat the sounding joy.

Forward through the Ages (St. Gertrude) NCH #377

1 Forward through the ages, in unbroken line, move the faithful spirits at the call divine;
Gifts in differing measure, hearts of one accord, manifold in service, on the sure reward.

Refrain:

Forward through the ages, in unbroken line, Move the faithful spirits at the call divine.

2 Wide grows God's dominion, reign of love and peace; for it we must labor, till all strivings cease.

Prophets have proclaimed it, teachers testified, poets sung its glory, martyrs for it died. *Refrain*

3 Not alone we conquer, not alone we fall; in each loss or triumph, lose or triumph all. Bound by God's far purpose in one living whole, move we on together to the shining goal. *Refrain*