

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
January 14, 2024
Worship Leaders: Ron Bansmer and Christine Bartlett

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

Announcements/Joys & Concerns

Welcome

Christine Bartlett

Prelude "All Things Bright and Beautiful" arr. Mark Hayes

Introit "Be Still and Know" (Donovan Klotzbeacher) Choir

Call to Worship/Invocation/Lord's Prayer

Darlene Davis

One: We lift up our praise and our wonder,

Many: As we gather as Your holy people.

One: Inspire us to open our hearts and our minds anew,

Many: That we may perceive Your presence and follow in Your way.

One: Place Your hand upon us, Loving God,

Many: And remind us of Your call to us to love and serve.

One: Let us pray:

Many: Gracious and Merciful God, we acknowledge Your presence among us. Hold us in Your care and shower upon us Your blessing. Strengthen our resolve and be among us as we endeavor to share Your love and hope. Help us to follow in Your way today and always. In the words of our Savior, we continue in prayer: 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 Is the World's True Light" (*O Gott, Du Frommer Gott*) Pilgrim #198

[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/YouTube may light a candle and keep it close by during the service.]

Psalm Psalm 139:1-6,13-18 p. 577 Don

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Scripture 1 Samuel 3:1-10 p. 247

Message Ron

Bansmer

Anthem “I Love to Tell the Story” arr. Chuck Ohman/Harold DeCou”
Bradley Krueger, trumpet; Don Reutershan, piano

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: “Children’s Prayer” E. Humperdinck C. McGuire, clarinet; D. Reutershan, piano

***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** “I Sing the Mighty Power of God” (*Ellacombe*) NCH #12

***Blessing**

***Sung Response** “Peace I Leave With You” (Donovan Klotzbeacher) Choir
Peace I leave with you; my peace I give unto you. Not as the world giveth, give I unto you.

Postlude “To God Be the Glory” arr. Mark Edwards

Fellowship

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

More Info/Contact Info

Call to Worship

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Ms. Cynthia McGuire, Administrative Assistant Ms. Marcy Fullmer, Sexton

Announcements and Hymns for 1/14/24

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

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

Many thanks to **Ron Bansmer** and **Christine Bartlett** for leading worship today!

MEETINGS/GATHERINGS/EVENTS:

BIBLE BUNCH NEWS—the group will start up again on Tuesday, January 23, at Noon (hybrid)

LOOKING AHEAD:

January 14— Pastor Susan is on vacation until Thursday.

February 11— our Annual Meeting has been MOVED to Feb. 11. We'll have worship, then a potluck lunch, then our meeting. Annual reports will be available Feb. 4.

Our Conference Minister, Marisa Laviola, is preaching on Feb. 11. Please join us for this special day!

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/January: Heating assistance

BREAD OF LIFE DINNER DELIVERY— the next one is Tues, Feb. 6

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, January 14. Send your check to the office, or place in the offering plate. Please mark your check clearly for Hannaford.

TODAY'S HYMNS**Christ Is the World's True Light (*O Gott, Du Frommer Gott*)
Pilgrim #198**

1 Christ is the world's true light, Its captain of salvation,
The daystar clear and bright Of every man and nation;
New life, new hope awakes Where'er men own his sway;
Freedom her bondage breaks, And night is turned to day.

2 In Christ all races meet, Their ancient feuds forgetting,
The whole round world complete, From sunrise to its setting;
When Christ is throned as Lord, Men shall forsake their fear
To plough-share beat the sword, To pruning-hook the spear.

3 One Lord, in one great name Unite us all who own thee;
Cast out our pride and shame That hinder to enthrone thee;
The world has waited long, Has travailed long in pain;
To heal its ancient wrong, Come, Prince of peace, and reign.

I Sing the Mighty Power of God (*Ellacombe*) NCH #12

1 I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise,
That spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at God's command, and all the stars obey.

2 I sing the goodness of our God that filled the earth with food;
God formed the creatures with a word, and then pronounced it good.
Oh, how your wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye:
If I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky!

3 On earth there's not a plant or flower but makes your glory known.
The clouds arise and spread their showers by order from your throne.
All life is but a gift from you and ever in your care;
Wherever people gather, you, O God, are present there.