

**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 28, 2024**

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

Announcements/Joys & Concerns

Welcome

Prelude "Like a River Glorious" Wye Valley/Darcy Stanley

Introit "I Was Glad" (Donovan Klotzbeacher) Choir

Call to Worship/Invocation/Lord's Prayer

Wendy Wells

One: We come to worship,

Many: Giving thanks with whole hearts.

One: In the company of this congregation,

Many: We worship the One who is great and merciful.

One: Let us worship God together! Let us pray:

Many: Gracious, holy and merciful God, we gather mindful of Your covenant with us and all creation. We are mindful of Your wonderful deeds and powerful work among us. Grant that we may praise You in the living of our lives and in the ministry of our gathering in love and hope. We offer this prayer in the name of our Savior, Jesus the Christ, 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** "All Creatures of Our God and King" (*Lasst Uns Erfreuen*)

Pilgrim #64

[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 111 p. 562

Erroll Adams, Jr.

Scripture

Mark 1:21-28 p. 35

Message**Anthem** “Lord, I Stretch My Hands to You”

Jay Althouse

Choir

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, the Very Thought of Thee” Jeff Bennett***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** “Come, O Fount of Every Blessing (Nettleton) NCH #459Blessing*****Sung Response** “God Be With You” (Donovan Klotzbeacher)

Choir

*God be with you till we meet again; By His counsels guide uphold you, With His sheep securely fold you, God be with you till we meet again.***Postlude** “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

Lloyd Larson

Fellowship

Please stand, if you are able*More Info/Contact Info**

Call to Worship adapted from Worship Ways at ucc.org.

Greeter: Galen & Darlene Davis Worship Asst: Christine & Warren Bartlett Zoom: Joseph Reisert

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The Rev. Susan M Reisert, Pastor and Teacher
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Ms. Cynthia McGuire, Administrative Assistant

Ms. Marcy Fullmer, Sexton

Announcements and Hymns for 1/28/24

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

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

MEETINGS/GATHERINGS/EVENTS:

Bible Bunch— Tuesday, 1/30, Noon, Hybrid

Oversight Committee— Tuesday, 5:00, Zoom

LOOKING AHEAD:

Tuesday, Feb 6, 4:30, Bread of Life Dinner Delivery

Sunday, Feb 11— Conference Minister, the Rev. Dr. Marisa Laviola is preaching. ANNUAL MEETING after worship (potluck lunch between worship and the annual meeting). The sign up for the lunch has been posted.

Tuesday, Feb 13— NO Bible Bunch

Tuesday, Feb 13— Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, 5:00 - 6:30, Parish House

Wednesday, Feb 14— Ash Wed

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. 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: February 11. Send your check to the office, or place in the offering plate. Please mark your check clearly for Hannaford.

TODAY'S HYMNS

All Creatures of Our God and King Pilgrim #64

(Lasst Uns Erfreuen)

1 All creatures of our God and King, Lift up your voice and with us sing Alleluia, Alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam, Thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

2 Thou rushing wind that art so strong, Ye clouds that sail in heaven along, O praise him, Alleluia!
Thou rising morn in, in praise rejoice, Ye lights of evening, find a voice,
O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

3 Thou flowing water, pure and clear, Make music for thy Lord to hear, Alleluia, Alleluia!
Thou fire so masterful and bright, That givest man both warmth and light,
O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

4 And all ye men of tender heart, Forgiving others, take your part, O sing ye, Alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear, Praise God and on him cast your care.
O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

5 Let all things their creator bless, And worship him in humbleness, O praise him, Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the SSon, And praise the Spirit, three in One.
O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Come, O Fount of Every Blessing

(Nettleton)

NCH #459

1 Come, O Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing your grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of endless praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount; I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unfailing love.

2 Here I pause in my sojourning, giving thanks for having come,
Come to trust, at every turning, God will guide me safely home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God,
Came to rescue me from danger, blessed body, precious blood.

3 O to grace how great a debtor daily I am drawn anew!
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to you.
Prone to wander, I can feel it, wander from the love I've known:
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for your very own.