

Welcome to
Old South Congregational Church, United Church of Christ
Hallowell, Maine
Hybrid Worship (In-person: Parish House)
10:00 am– Announcements and Community Joys & Concerns
10:10 am– Worship begins
February 18, 2024

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

Announcements/Joys & Concerns

Welcome

Prelude "Rock of Ages" Donna Krieger

Introit "Just as I Am" Charlotte Elliott NCH #207 (Woodworth) Choir

Call to Worship/Invocation/Lord's Prayer

Darlene

Davis

One: As we begin our journey into Lent,

Many: Show us Your ways, O God, and teach us Your paths.

One: Lead us in Your paths of truth.

Many: When we stumble,

One: Out of Your merciful grace, forgive us.

Many: And lead us back to You.

One: Let us pray:

Many: Loving and Faithful God, You called all creatures into being, and You care for each one. Send Your grace upon Your people gathered here, that we may follow Your ways of truth, and walk in the paths of steadfast love. Help us to trust and to follow in faith. With the words of our Savior, we 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** "Beneath the Cross of Jesus (St. Christopher),
Pilgrim #160

[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 25:1-10

p. 502

Erroll Adams, Jr.

Lenten Reflection

Scripture Mark 12:28-34 p. 49

Message Lent 1: Loving God with Our Mind

Anthem “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” (Thomas Chisholm/Wm.Runyan arr.Jane Marshall) 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: “A Song of Peace” Matt Schinske

***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** “We Love Your Realm, O God (*St. Thomas*) NCH #312

***Blessing**

***Sung Response** “Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name” (*Ellers*) Pilgrim #60 Choir and Congregation

*Savior, again to thy dear name we raise With one accord our parting hymn of praise;
We stand to bless thee ere our worship cease, Then, lowly kneeling, wait thy word of peace. Amen*

Postlude “Great Day” Spiritual/Emma Lou Diemer

Fellowship

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

More Info/Contact Info

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

Announcements and Hymns for 2/18/24

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

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

This Week:

Tuesday:
 Bible Bunch, Noon (hybrid)
 Oversight Meeting, 5:00 (Zoom)

Wednesday:
 Choir 5:00
 Bell Choir 6:45

LOOKING AHEAD:

Tuesday, February 27:
 Oversight Committee 5:00

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/February: Maine School of Ministry

BREAD OF LIFE DINNER DELIVERY— the next one is Tues, March 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: March 10th. Send your check to the office, or place in the offering plate. Please mark your check clearly for Hannaford.

TODAY'S HYMNS

Beneath the Cross of Jesus **(St. Christopher)** **Pilgrim #160**

1 Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand,
The shadow of a mighty rock Within a weary land;
A home within the wilderness, A rest upon the way,
From the burning of the noontide heat, And the burden of the day.

2 Upon that cross of Jesus Mine eye at times can see
The very dying form of one Who suffered there for me;
And from my smitten heart with tears Two wonders I confess—
The wonders of his glorious love And my unworthiness.

3 I take, O cross, thy shadow For my abiding place;
I ask no other sunshine than The sunshine of his face;
Content to let the world go by, To know no gain nor loss,
My sinful self my only shame, My glory all the cross.

We Love Your Realm, O God **(St. Thomas)** **NCH #312**

1 We love your realm, O God, all places where you reign.
We recognize, with hope and joy, the world as your domain.

2 We love your church, O God, for Christ has given life
To form communities of love that seek to heal our strife.

3 We recognize, with pain, that we have not achieved
The faithfulness of our resolve when we at first believed.

4 Yet Christ, our friend and guide, continues to forgive,
Delivering us from our mistakes, inviting us to live.

5 Beyond our brokenness, we seek to know your ways
Of deep communion, solemn vows, and hymns of love and praise.

6 We know your truth will last. We trust your reign is sure.
Equip us for those daily tasks that help your world endure.

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