

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 25, 2024

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

Announcements/Joys & Concerns

Welcome

Prelude "How Can I Keep from Singing?" Robert Lowry/arr. Tom Fettke

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

Call to Worship/Invocation/Lord's Prayer

Deb Morgan

One: What does the Lord require?

Many: To walk in the way of justice, to love kindness, and,

One: To walk humbly with our God.

Many: May we seek to live in this way.

One: May God strengthen us anew,

Many: That we may be the people God calls us to be.

One: This day and every day. Let us pray:

Many: Holy and Merciful God, You have called us to follow the way of love and compassion. You shower upon us Your grace, that we may live the life of discipleship. Bless us in this time of worship, that we may be renewed in service, ready to be about Your holy work. In the name of our beloved 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** "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" (*Erie*)

NCH #506

[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.]

Christine Bartlett

Bonnie Dufty

Scripture Colossians 3:14-17 p. 201

Message Lent 2: Loving God with Your Spirit

Anthem “We Are the Hands of Christ” Joel Raney 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: “Moments in Prayer” Anthony Giamanco

***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** “In the Cross of Christ I Glory” (*Rathbun*) Pilgrim #157

***Blessing**

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

Grant us thy peace upon our homeward way; With thee began, with thee shall end the day; Guard thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame, That in this house have called upon thy name. Amen

Postlude “I Will Sing of My Redeemer” James McGranham/arr. Cindy Berry

Fellowship

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

More Info/Contact Info

Call to Worship & Invocation written by Susan Reisert

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Ms. Cynthia McGuire, Administrative Assistant

Ms. Marcy Fullmer, Sexton

Announcements and Hymns for 2/25/24

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:

Worship returns to the sanctuary next Sunday, March 3. If you are able, we would love to have some help moving some of the worship items back to the sanctuary after worship today.

Bible Bunch— we will NOT meet the week of 3/3. For the following week, we will not meet on Tuesday. Pastor Susan will announce an alternate date and time next week.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN DIRECT SERVICE with a group from Old South? Over the past few months, several people have asked about this. There was a link, in last Thursday's News&Notes, to an interest form. That form is also posted. You may also send an email to the church email to let us know about your interest.

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

TODAY'S HYMNS

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

(Erie)

NCH #506

1 What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit, oh, what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.

2 Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged; take it to our God in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful, who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to our God in prayer!

3 Are we weak and heavy laden, burdened with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge, take it to our God in prayer!
Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to our God in prayer!
Jesus' arms will take and shield you; you will find a solace there.

Public Domain hymn

1 In the cross of Christ I glory, Towering o'er the wrecks of time;
All the light of sacred story Gathers round its head sublime.

2 When the woes of life o'ertake me, Hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
Never shall the cross forsake me: Lo! It glows with peace and joy.

3 When the sun of bliss is beaming Light and love upon my way,
From the cross the radiance streaming Adds more luster to the day.

4 Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure, By the cross are sanctified;
Peace is there that knows no measure, Joys that through all time abide.

5 In the cross of Christ I glory, Towering o'er the wrecks of time;
All the light of sacred story Gathers round its head sublime.

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