

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
March 3, 2024

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

Announcements/Joys & Concerns

Welcome

Prelude "Voluntary on *Restoration*"

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

Call to Worship/Invocation/Lord's Prayer

Darlene Davis

One: Into this sanctuary, we are called to enter,

Many: To worship and receive the gift of grace.

One: As we gather together in this sacred space,

Many: We acknowledge all that can distract us,

One: As we open our hearts and minds to grow in faith.

Many: May God be with us, holding us close,

One: And helping us to stay focused on our call to be God's people. Let us pray:

Many: Gracious and Holy God, we gather this day in need of Your care and Your inspiration. The journey of faith is so often difficult and

challenging. In this season of Lent, we are aware of our wandering ways,

but we trust that you will bless us with grace that we may become re-

oriented in Your way and strengthened by Your unwavering love. In the

name of our beloved Savior, we pray, the one who taught us to 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** "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above" (*Mit Freuden Zart*) Pilgrim #20

[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 19 p. 498 Wendy Wells

Anthem “I Must Tell Jesus” with “Blessed Assurance” (arr. Mary McDonald) Choir

Scripture Matthew 7:24-27 p. 7

Message Lent 3: Loving God with Your Body

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: “Breathe on Me Breath of God” Robert Jackson/arr. Mark Hayes

***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.

The Sacrament of Communion

Invitation

*Hymn “Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face” (*Morecambe*), NCH 336, v. 1 & 2

Communion Prayer, Story, Consecration

Sharing of the Elements

Music: “Communion Meditation on *Adoro te devote*”

Gregory Hamilton

Prayer of Thanksgiving, Pastoral Prayer and Response

***Hymn** “Called As Partners in Christ’s Service” (*Beecher*) NCH #495

***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 “Praise and Worship” (*Lobe Den Herren*) Ruth Elaine Schram

Fellowship

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

More Info/Contact Info

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

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Announcements and Hymns for 3/3/24

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

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

This Week:

Tuesday:
 NO Bible Bunch

Wednesday:
 Choir 5:00
 Bell Choir 6:45

LOOKING AHEAD:

The Occasional Book Group is back!! We'll meet after worship on April 28 to discuss *The Frozen River* by Ariel Lawhon. It's a novel— historical fiction— featuring Martha Ballard, a midwife who lived in Hallowell in the late 1700s/early 1800s.

Bible Bunch— we will NOT meet this week. For the following week, we will not meet on Tuesday, but on Monday instead, 3/11, Zoom only.

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/March (except 3/10): Pilgrim Lodge

Outreach Fund Focus for March 10– One Great Hour of Sharing

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

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above *(Mit Freuden Zart)*
Pilgrim #20

1 Sing praise to God who reigns above, The God of all creation,
The God of power, the God of love, The God of our salvation;
With healing balm my soul he fills, And every faithless murmur stills:
To God all praise and glory.

2 What God's almighty power hath made, His gracious mercy keepeth;
By morning glow or evening shade His watchful eye ne'er sleepeth;
Within the kingdom of his might, Lo! All is just and all is right:
To God all praise and glory.

3 Then all my gladsome way along, I sing aloud thy praises,
That men may hear the grateful song My voice unwearied raises;
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart, Both soul and body bear your part:
To God all praise and glory.

4 O ye who name Christ's holy name, Give God all praise and glory;
All ye who won his power, proclaim Aloud the wondrous story!
Cast each false idol from his throne, The Lord is God, and he alone:
To God all praise and glory.

Pilgrim Hymnal #20
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Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face” (*Morecambe*), NCH 336, v. 1 & 2

1 Here, O my Lord, I see you face to face; here would I touch and handle things unseen;
Here grasp with firmer hand the eternal grace, And all my weariness upon you lean.

2 Here would I feed upon the bread of God, here share the cup, the gracious gift of
heaven;
Here would I lay aside each earthly load, here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiven.

New Century Hymn #336
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Called As Partners in Christ’s Service (*Beecher*) NCH #495

1 Called as partners in Christ’s service, called to ministries of grace,
We respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend,
Equal partners in our caring to fulfill God’s chosen end.

2 Christ’s example, Christ’s inspiring, Christ’s clear call to work and worth,
Let us follow, never faltering, reconciling folk on earth.
Men and women, richer, poorer, all God’s people young and old,
Blending human skills together gracious gifts from God unfold.

3 Thus new patterns for Christ’s mission, in a small or global sense,
Help us bear each other’s burdens, breaking down each wall or fence.
Words of comfort, words of vision, words of challenge, said with care,
Bring new power and strength for action, make us colleagues, free and fair.

4 So God grant us for tomorrow ways to order human life
That surround each person’s sorrow with a calm that conquers strife.
Make us partners in our living, our compassion to increase,
Messengers of faith, thus giving hope and confidence and peace.

New Century Hymn #495
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