

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
March 31, 2024 Easter Sunday

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

Announcements/Joys & Concerns

Welcome

Prelude “The Strife is O’er” Jason W. Krug Old South
Ringers

Introit “This Is the Day” NCH #84 v. 1 Les Garrett Choir and Congregation
This is the day, this is the day that our God has made, that our God has made; we will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it. This is the day that our God has made, we will rejoice and be glad in it; This is the day, this is the day that our God has made.

Call to Worship, Invocation and Lord’s Prayer Daniel O’Neill

One: Out of the darkness of grief and despair comes a message of hope. Christ is risen.

Many: Christ is risen, indeed.

One: We hear a voice call our name, and we know our risen Lord

Many: Is with us now and always.

One: Christ is risen.

Many: Christ is risen, indeed.

One: Let us pray:

Many: O God of all of our days, we gather this morning with eager anticipation. Open our hearts, that we might experience You anew. Open our lives, that we may be faithful witnesses to Your resurrection. May we gladly proclaim Your steadfast, liberating love now and always. In the name of our Risen 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.

***Opening Hymn** “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today” v.1-4 arr. John Rutter
Pilgrim #182

(words can also be found on the Announcements page)

Psalm Psalm 118:14-24 p. 565

Don Reutershan

Scripture Mark 16:1-8 p. 54

Message It's Easter! Now What?

Anthem "Risen, Indeed!" Alan Pote

Choir

Mission Moment

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 or you may place your offering in the plate near the door as you depart after worship)

Offertory: "Lead On, O King Eternal" Henry Smart / arr. Jason W. Krug Old South Ringers

***Doxology** (Pilgrim #515)

*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.*

Pastoral Prayer

Silence, Prayer, Response

***Hymn** "The Day of Resurrection" NCH #245
(words can be found on the Announcements page)

***Blessing**

***Sung Response** "This Is the Day" NCH #84 v. 2 Les Garrett Choir and Congregation
This is the day, this is the day Jesus rose again, Jesus rose again; we will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it. This is the day Jesus rose again, we will rejoice and be glad in it; This is the day, this is the day Jesus rose again.

Postlude Flourish on "Gelobt sei Gott" Melchior Vulpius / arr. Douglas Wagner

Fellowship

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

More Info/Contact Info

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Ms. Marcy Fullmer, Sexton

Announcements and Hymns for 3/31/24

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

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

THANK YOU! Many thanks to everyone who is participating in our wonderful music program!. We appreciate all of your hard work and all of your beautiful music! And, thank you, to our music program's fearless leader, Brad Krueger!
And, thank you to everyone who contributed to Holy Week— playing bells, singing in the choir, volunteering, bringing food to the Maundy Thursday service, etc.

PILGRIM LODGE— go to pilgrimlodge.org for more info on camps and programs. We have funds to help Old South folk attend! Please let Pastor Susan know by May 1, if you plan to attend any PL camps/programs this season.

This Week:

Tuesday:

Bible Bunch (hybrid) at Noon

Oversight (Zoom) at 5:00

Wednesday:

Choir 5:00

Bell Choir 6:45

LOOKING AHEAD:

LIFELIGHT OF MAINE will join us on **Sunday, April 14** for our spring Outreach Event. Lifelight is the only air ambulance in the state. Come learn more about them and their work to save lives! They will present the Mission Moment during worship and then we'll gather in the parish house for lunch and a presentation followed by discussion and Q & A.

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.

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: Pilgrim Lodge

BREAD OF LIFE DINNER DELIVERY– the next one is this coming Tues, April

2. 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: April 21st. Send your check to the office, or place in the offering plate. Please mark your check clearly for Hannaford.

TODAY'S HYMNS (both are public domain)

Christ the Lord is Risen Today (*Easter Hymn*) arr. John Rutter
Pilgrim #182

Choir and congregation

1 Christ the Lord is ris'n today, Alleluia! Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Choir in harmony and congregation

2 Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia! Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Dying once he all doth save, Alleluia! Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Men Only

3 Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia! Fought the fight, the battle won. Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise; Alleluia! Christ hath opened Paradise. Alleluia!

Choir and congregation

4 Soar we now where Christ hath led, Alleluia! Following our exalted Head; Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Alleluia,
alleluia! Amen.

The Day of Resurrection (*Lancashire*) NCH #245

1 The day of resurrection! Earth tell it out abroad;
the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.
From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky,
Our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.

2 Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright
The Christ who reigns eternal in resurrection light;
We listen for the teachings once heard so calm and plain,
For we, too, want to follow and raise the victor strain.

3 Now let the heavens be joyful, let earth its song begin,
The whole world keep high triumph, and all that is therein;
Let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend,
For Christ again has risen, our joy that has no end.