

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 10, 2024

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

Announcements/Joys & Concerns

Welcome

Prelude "Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain" Nigel Williams

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

Call to Worship/Invocation/Lord's Prayer Darlene Davis

One: It's time to share,

Many: with those we know.

One: It's time to share,

Many: with those we may never know.

One: It's time to share,

Many: when it seems easy.

One: And when it seems a more difficult task.

Many: It's time to share!

One: Let us not grow weary. For the time has come for us to share. Let us pray:

Many: God of abundant life, we come to worship this day from various walks of life, yet we are drawn together through the connection in this community of faith. We pray that during this time, we will be reminded yet again of the power of doing good, even through simple acts of kindness. Show us the path, where we may follow in the footsteps of our Savior, Jesus the Christ, 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** "Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant?" (*Servant Song*) NCH #539

[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 107:1-3,17-22 p. 559 Deb Morgan

Scripture 1 Corinthians 12:1-3 p. 174

Message Lent 4: Loving Our Comfortable Neighbors

Anthem “Fill My Cup, Lord” Richard Blanchard Cynthia McGuire,
soprano

Mission Moment Bonnie Dufty

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: “Psalm for Clarinet” William Bay Cynthia McGuire,
clarinet

***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** “O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee” (*Maryton*) Pilgrim #418

***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 “What Wondrous Love is This?” Mark Hayes/arr. Marven Gaspard

Fellowship

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

More Info/Contact Info

Call to Worship & Invocation adapted from One Great Hour of Sharing resources at ucc.org.

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Announcements and Hymns for 3/10/24

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

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

This Week:

Monday:

Bible Bunch, Noon (Zoom only)

Wednesday:

Choir 5:00

Bell Choir 6:45

Bible Bunch— This week, we meet on Monday, on Zoom only. Next week, we return to our usual Tuesday slot, at Noon. We don't know, at this point, if there will be an in-person component..

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.

Parish House— Work begins tomorrow to deal with the asbestos tiles and mold issues in the basement. We'll pass along more information as we move through this process, which will likely last at least a couple of weeks.

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, April 2. The sign up will be posted soon.

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

TODAY'S HYMNS

Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant? (Servant Song) NCH #539

1 Won't you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.

2 We are pilgrims on a journey, we are travelers on the road;
We are here to help each other go the mile and bear the load.

3 I will hold the Christ-light for you in the shadow of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.

4 I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh, I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through.

5 When we sing to God in heaven we shall find such harmony,
Born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.

6 Won't you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.

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O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee (Maryton) Pilgrim #418

1 O Master, let me walk with thee In lowly paths of service free;
Tell me thy secret, help me bear The strain of toil, the fret of care.

2 Help me the slow of heart to move By some clear, winning word of love;
Teach me the wayward feet to stay, and guide them in the homeward way.

3 Teach me thy patience; still with thee In closer, dearer company,
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong, In trust that triumphs over wrong.

4 In hope that sends a shining ray Far down the future's broadening way,
In peace that only thou canst give, With thee, O Master, let me live.

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