

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 17, 2024

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

Announcements/Joys & Concerns

Welcome

Prelude "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" Irish melody Tracey Criag
McKibben

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

Call to Worship/Invocation/Lord's Prayer

Wendy Wells

One: Our Lenten journey continues.

Many: Be among us, Gracious and Holy God,

One: as we worship and praise,

Many: opening our hearts and minds.

One: Show us the way of faithfulness,

Many: And bless us with your grace,

One: That we may be assured of Your presence today and always. Let us pray:

Many: Loving and Merciful God, as we make our way through this holy season, we place our trust in You, that we may grow in faith and in love. We endeavor to live in Your way and follow Your commandment to love You with heart, soul, mind and strength, and to love our neighbors as ourselves, even those who are difficult to love. Bless with strength and courage, that we may live as You have called us to live. In the name of our 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** "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation" (*Regent Square*) NCH #400

[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 51:1-12 p. 520 Don Reutershan

Scripture 1 Corinthians 12:12-27 p. 174

Message Lent 5: Loving Our Difficult Neighbors

Anthem “Softly and Tenderly” Raymond Brown Pine Tree Academy Mixed Quartet

Mission Moment Liz Charles McGough

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: “Reflections on *O Waly Waly*” Douglas Wagner

***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** “Forward Through the Ages” (*St. Gertrude*) Pilgrim #383

***Blessing**

***Sung Response** “The Old Irish Blessing” Dennis Agay.
Pine Tree Academy Mixed Quartet

Postlude “Fanfare on *Mit Freuden Zart*” Brenda Portman

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 3/17/24

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

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

PILGRIM LODGE— We welcome Liz Charles McGough, the Pilgrim Lodge Director, to worship today. She will share information about PL during the Mission Moment and will be available to answer questions during hospitality after worship.

This Week:

Tuesday:
Bible Bunch, Noon (Zoom only)

Wednesday:
Choir 5:00
Bell Choir 6:45

HOLY WEEK:

Maundy Thursday— as long as the work is done in the Parish House, we'll meet at 5:30 for a potluck supper and a Maundy Thursday service, with communion. If the work is not completed, we'll gather for a short Maundy Thursday service in the sanctuary, at 5:30.

Good Friday— service at 12:30 in the sanctuary.

Both services will be hybrid.

Parish House— Work continues in the parish house basement. No meetings/gatherings until the work is completed.

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.

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 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: April 14th. Send your check to the office, or place in the offering plate. Please mark your check clearly for Hannaford.

TODAY'S HYMNS

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

(Regent Square)

NCH #400

1 Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone,
Chosen of our God and precious, binding all the Church in one;
Holy Zion's help forever, and our confidence alone.

2 To this temple, where we call you, come, O God of Hosts, today!
With your constant, loving kindness hear your people as they pray.
Give your fullest benediction: Grace to follow Christ the Way.

3 Here renew your servants' vision, that by faith they may attain
Peace and hope, renewed compassion, strength to comfort those in pain,
Tears and grief transformed to gladness in your everlasting reign.

Public Domain Hymn

Forward Through the Ages

(St. Gertrude)

Pilgrim #383

1 Forward through the ages, In unbroken line,
Move the faithful spirits At the call divine.
Gifts in differing measure, Hearts of one accord,
Manifold the service, One the sure reward;
Forward through the ages, In unbroken line,
Move the faithful spirits At the call divine.

2 Wider grows the kingdom, Reign of love and light;
For it we must labor, Till our faith is sight.
Prophets have proclaimed it, Martyrs testified,
Poets sung its glory, Heroes for it died.
Forward through the ages, In unbroken line,
Move the faithful spirits At the call divine.

3 Not alone we conquer, Not alone we fall;
In each loss or triumph Lose or triumph all.
Bound by God's far purpose In one living whole,
Move we on together To the shining goal!
Forward through the ages, In unbroken line,
Move the faithful spirits At the call divine.

Public Domain Hymn