

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
April 7, 2024

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

Announcements/Joys & Concerns

Welcome

Prelude “All Things Bright and Beautiful” (English / arr. Mark Hayes)

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

Bonnie Dufty

One: We gather this day to worship and to praise,

Many: Bringing our questions and doubts, our incomplete and sometimes wavering faith,

One: Trusting that Christ is with us.

Many: Through this worship and this time together,

One: May we strengthened and renewed,

Many: Filled with hope and the light of Christ’s love.

One: Let us pray:

Many: In this Easter season, we are awed by Your love and hope, the joy of Christ’s resurrection. Gracious and Holy God, bless us with the grace we need to live as You would have us live. Help us to see and to be assured of Your way for us. Help us to trust and to follow. Be among us that we may truly live in Your light, encouraging each other and sharing Your love with reckless abandon. In the name of our Risen Savior, we pray, and continue in prayer with the words Jesus taught: 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** “Yours Is the Glory” NCH#253
(words can also be found on the Announcements page)

Psalm Psalm 133 p. 575 Patty McKenna

Scripture 1 John 1:1-10 p. 238

Message Living in the Light

Anthem “At the Table of the Lord” (Jay Althouse) 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: “Meditation in C” (John S. Dixon)

***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.*

The Sacrament of Communion

Invitation

*Hymn “As We Gather at Your Table” NCH #332, verses 1 & 3

Communion Prayer, Story, Consecration

Sharing of the Elements

Music: “Let Us Break Bread Together” (Spiritual/ arr. Cindy Berry)

Prayer of Thanksgiving, Pastoral Prayer and Response

***Hymn** “Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies” Pilgrim #43 (all verses)
(words can be found on the Announcements page)

***Blessing**

***Sung Response** “This Is the Day” NCH #84 v. 2 (Les Garrett) Choir and Cong.
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 “Postlude Giocoso on ‘Nicaea’” (John Dykes / arr. David Lasky)

Fellowship

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

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Announcements and Hymns for 4/07/24

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

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

LIFEFLIGHT OF MAINE will join us next week, **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.

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

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.

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/April: LifeFlight of Maine

BREAD OF LIFE DINNER DELIVERY– the next one is May 7. 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 21st. Send your check to the office, or place in the offering plate. Please mark your check clearly for Hannaford.

TODAY'S HYMNS

This is the Day

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Yours Is the Glory, Resurrected One! (*Judas Maccabeus*) NCH
#253

1 Yours is the glory, Resurrected One! Endless is the victory you o'er death have won.
Angels clothed in radiance rolled the stone away; conquered is the grave in which your body lay.

Yours is the glory, Resurrected One! Endless is the victory you o'er death have won.

2 See, it is Jesus, Jesus has appeared; do not doubt at all for nothing you will fear.
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing; tell it without ceasing: Death has lost its sting.

Yours is the glory, Resurrected One! Endless is the victory you o'er death have won.

3 Am I still frightened? One whom I adore, Jesus, lives again, gives peace forevermore.
Jesus is my victory, life and strength and Head; Jesus is my glory, nothing shall I dread.
Yours is the glory, Resurrected One! Endless is the victory you o'er death have won.

Public Domain Hymn

As We Gather at Your Table (*Beach Spring*) NCH
#332

1 As we gather at your table, as we listen to your word,
Help us know, O God, your presence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
Nourish us with sacred story till we claim it as our own;
Teach us through this holy banquet how to make Love's victory known.

3 Gracious Spirit, help us summon other guests to share that feast
Where triumphant Love will welcome those who had been last and least.
There no more will envy bind us nor will pride our peace destroy,
As we join with saints and angels to repeat the sounding joy.

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Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies (Ratisbon) Pilgrim #43

1 Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ, the true, the only Light,
Sun of righteousness, arise, Triumph o'er the shades of night;
Dayspring from on high, be near; Daystar, in my heart appear.

2 Dark and cheerless is the morn Unaccompanied by thee;
Joyless is the day's return, Till thy mercy's beams I see,
Till they inward light impart, Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

Visit, then, this soul of mine; Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
Fill me, Radiancy divine, Scatter all my unbelief;
More and more thyself display, Shining to the perfect day.

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