

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 14, 2024

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

Announcements/Joys & Concerns

Welcome

Prelude “Flourish on *Gelobt sei Gott*” Melchior Vulpius/arr. Douglas Wagner

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

Darlene Davis

One: We gather this day as God’s hopeful people,

Many: Energized by the power of Easter.

One: We gather this day as God’s loving people,

Many: Transformed by the Good News.

One: We gather this day as God’s joyful people,

Many: Eager to share God’s love and hope.

One: Let us pray:

Many: Gracious and Holy God, You bring us together and gather here with us. In this Easter season, we pray for your blessings as we make our way through this holy season, opening our hearts and minds to the continually unfolding Good News. May we be assured of Your presence, that we may boldly be about Your holy work, as we pray together the prayer 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** “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” (*Beecher*) Pilgrim \$228

[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 4 p. 490 Erroll Adams, Jr.

Scripture 1 John 3:1-7 p. 240

Message “What We Are”

Anthem “Hymn of Promise” Natalie Sleeth Choir

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: “Fantasia on *O How I Love Jesus*” Jason Krug

***Doxology** (Pilgrim #515)

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 for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” (*Azmon*) NCH #42
(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 “Postlude Giocoso on *Nicaea*” John Dykes/arr. David Lasky

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

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Announcements and Hymns for 4/14/24

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

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

LIFEFLIGHT OF MAINE presentation has been POSTPONED until the fall.

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

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 next week..

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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Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (Beecher) Pilgrim #228

1 Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
Fix in us thy humble dwelling, All thy faithful mercies crown;
Jesus, thou art all compassion, Pure, unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation, Enter every trembling heart.

2 Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit Into every troubled breast;
Let us all in thee inherit, Let us find thy promised rest;
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning, Set our hearts at liberty.

3 Come, almighty to deliver, Let us all thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never, Nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, Serve thee as thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise thee without ceasing, Glory in thy perfect love.

4 Finish, then, thy new creation; Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation Perfectly restored in thee;
Changed from glory into glory, Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee, Lost in wonder, love, and praise.
Public Domain Hymn

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing (Azmon) NCH #42

1 O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise
The glories ever echoing the triumphs of God's grace!

2 My gracious Savior and my God, assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of your name.

3 Jesus! The name that calms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease
Is music in the sinner's ears, is life, and health, and peace!

4 Glory to God, and love and praise be ever, ever given
By all the saints in every age, the church in earth and heaven.
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