

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 21, 2024

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

Announcements/Joys & Concerns

Welcome

Prelude “Sheep May Safely Graze” J.S.Bach/arr.D.Kelley Cynthia McGuire/Don Reutershan

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: When we are scattered, Jesus our Good Shepherd gathers us in.

Many: When we are lost and lonely, we can depend on Christ's love.

One: When we feel threatened, Christ offers refuge.

Many: Christ's tenderness has guided us for generations.

One: Let us worship our Good Shepherd.

Many: The One who loves us fiercely.

One: Let us pray:

Many: We give you thanks, Gracious and Holy God, for your comfort and your love for us throughout our lives. We give you thanks for your care for each and for all. May our experience of this love and care help us to feel empowered to share that love, especially to the oppressed and marginalized. In the name of our Beloved Shepherd, 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** “Glorious Things of You Are Spoken” (*Austrian Hymn*) NCH #307

[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 23 p. 501 Ron Bansmer

Scripture 1 John 3:16-24 p. 240

Message “The Life of Love”

Anthem “The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want” J.Irvine & D.Grant
Cynthia McGuire

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: “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us” arr.L.Larson
Cynthia McGuire/Don Reutershan

***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** “He Lives” (Ackley) Pew Book #75
(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 “Alleluia” from *Exsultate, Jubilate*, K.165 W.A. Mozart Cynthia and Don

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

More Info/Contact Info

Call to Worship and Invocation adapted from Worship Ways at ucc.org.

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Announcements and Hymns for 4/21/24

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

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

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
Thursday:
 Worship Team (hybrid) at Noon

The Occasional Book Group!! We'll meet after worship NEXT SUNDAY 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 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: Today, 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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Glorious Things of You Are Spoken (Austrian Hymn) NCH #307

1 Glorious things of you are spoken, Zion, city of our God;
One whose word cannot be broken formed you for a blessed abode.
On the rock of Ages founded, what can shake your sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded, you may smile at all your foes.

2 See! The streams of living waters, springing from eternal Love,
Well supply your sons and daughters, and all fear of want remove,
Who can faint, while such a river ever will their thirst assuage:
Grace which, like our God, the Giver, never fails from age to age?

3 'Round each habitation hovering, see the cloud and fire appear
For a glory and a covering, showing that their God is near!
Thus deriving from their banner light by night and shade by day,
Safe they feed upon the manna which God gives them when they pray.

4 Savior, if of Zion's city we through grace a part may claim,
Let the world deride or pity, we will glory in your name.
Fading is all worldly pleasure, all earth's boasted pomp and show;
Solid joys and lasting treasure, none but Zion's children know.
Public Domain hymn

He Lives**(Ackley)****Pew Book #75**

1 I serve a risen Savior, he's in the world today;
I know that he is living, whatever foes may say.
I see his hand of mercy, I hear his voice of cheer,
and just the time I need him, he's always near.

Refrain:

He lives, he lives, Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.
He lives, he lives, salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart.

2 In all the world around me I see his loving care,
and though my heart grows weary, I never will despair.
I know that he is leading through all the stormy blast;
The day of his appearing will come at last. *Refrain*

3 Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing
Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King!
The hope of all who seek him, the help of all who find;
None other is so loving, so good and kind. *Refrain*

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