

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
May 26, 2024

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

Announcements/Joys & Concerns

Welcome

Prelude “Holy King” Ruth Elaine Schram

Introit “Be Still and Know” *anonymous* Choir

Call to Worship, Invocation and Lord's Prayer Jane Campbell

One: Gather us in, Holy God.

Many: And help us to see and understand.

One: Help us to open our hearts and our minds to your powerful presence,

Many: That so often speaks to us in stillness and softness,

One: And in the unexpected and surprising.

Many: Surprise us here, Gracious God,

One: That we may be inspired to share your love and hope. Let us pray:

Many: Shower upon us your blessings, Loving God, and be among us as we gather as your people. Strengthen us for meaningful ministry, and hold us close so that we may feel the warmth of your Spirit and the grace of our Savior, 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** “Let All Things Now Living” (*Ashgrove*) Pew Book #47

[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 Ps 29 p. 504 Erroll Adams, Jr.

Scripture John 3:1-17 p. 93

Message “Behold the Silliness”

Anthem “Holy, Holy” Jimmy Owens

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: “O Day of Radiant Goodness” Lani Smith

***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 and Response

***Hymn** “Blessed Assurance” (Assurance)
(words can be found on the Announcements page)

NCH #473

***Blessing**

***Sung Response** “Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name” (Ellers) Pilgrim #60 Choir and Congregation

*Savior, again to thy dear name we raise With one accord our parting hymn of praise;
We stand to bless thee ere our worship cease, Then lowly kneeling, wait thy word of peace. Amen.*

Postlude “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!”

Anna Laura Page

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

More Info/Contact Info

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Ms. Marcy Fullmer, Sexton

Announcements and Hymns for 5/26/24

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.

This Week:

Tuesday:

Bible Bunch, Noon, Hybrid
Personnel, 5:00, Zoom

Thursday:

Worship Team, Noon, Hybrid

Friday:

Memorial Service for Alice Johnson, Sanctuary & Zoom (Worship link), 2:00

The Graveside service for Alta Liscomb has been scheduled for July 27 at 11:00 at the Hallowell Cemetery. We'll have more details in July.

BIBLE BUNCH will meet this coming Tuesday at Noon for our last meeting before a summer break. We'll discuss the past year, highs and lows, and talk about plans for the future.

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/May: Pilgrim Lodge.

BREAD OF LIFE DINNER DELIVERY— the next one is June 4. The sign up has been 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: June 9th. Send your check to the office, or place in the offering plate. Please mark your check clearly for Hannaford.

TODAY'S HYMNS

Let All Things Now Living

(Ash Grove)

Pew Book #47

1 Let all things now living A song of thanksgiving to God the Creator triumphantly raise,
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us, Who guideth us on to the end of
our days.

His banners are o'er us, His light goes before us, A pillar of fire shining forth in the
night,

'Til shadows have vanished And darkness is banished, As forward we travel from light
into light.

2 His law He enforces: the stars in their courses, The sun in His orbit, obediently shine;
The hills and the mountains, The rivers and fountains, The deeps of the ocean proclaim
Him divine.

We too, should be voicing our love and rejoicing, With glad adoration a song let us raise,
'Til all things now living unite in thanksgiving To God in the highest, hosanna and
praise!

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Blessed Assurance

(Assurance)

NCH #473

1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of the Spirit, washed in Christ's blood.

Refrain:

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

2 Perfect submission, perfect delight! Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending, bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love. *Refrain*

3 Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blessed;
Watching and waiting, looking above, filled with God's goodness, lost in Christ's
love. *Refrain*

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Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name (Ellers)

Pilgrim #60

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