

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
June 2, 2024

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

Announcements/Joys & Concerns

Welcome

Prelude “Voluntary on *Brother James' Air*” Franklin Ashdown

Introit “Be Still and Know” anonymous Choir

Call to Worship, Invocation and Lord's Prayer Bonnie Nielson

One: Holy One, you have searched and known us.

Many: You know when we sit down and when we rise up; you discern our thoughts.

One: You search out our paths and our lying down and are acquainted with all our ways.

Many: Even before a word is on our tongues, O Holy One, you know it completely.

One: You hem us in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon us.

Many: We praise you, for we are fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that we know very well.

One: Let us pray:

Many: You gather us in, Holy God, that we may worship in praise and in wonder. Bless this time together. Help us to see and to understand more fully your presence with us and among us. May we be strengthened to go about your ministry of hope and love, today and always. 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.

***Opening Hymn** “Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above” (*Mit Freuden Zart*)
Pilgrim #20

[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 81:1-10 p. 541 Patty McKenna

Scripture 2 Corinthians 4:5-12 p. 180

Message "Visibility"

Anthem "Jesus, the Joy of Loving Hearts" Ray Palmer/Henry Baker 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: "Something for Thee" Donna Krieger

***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.

Sacrament of Communion

Invitation

*Hymn "As We Gather at Your Table" NCH #332, verses 1 & 2

Communion Prayer, Story, Consecration

Sharing of the Elements

Music: "Communion Meditation" Victor Johnson

Prayer of Thanksgiving, Pastoral Prayer and Response

***Hymn** "This Little Light of Mine" (*Lattimer*) NCH #525
(words can be found on the Announcements page)

***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 "Christ, Above All Glory Seated" James Mansfield

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

More Info/Contact Info

Call to Worship adapted from Worship Ways at ucc.org. Invocation written by Susan Reisert.

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Ms. Cynthia McGuire, Administrative Assistant

Ms. Marcy Fullmer, Sexton

Announcements and Hymns for 6/2/24

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:

Monday:

5:00, Oversight Committee

Pastor Susan will be on vacation June 5 - 22. Pastoral emergencies will be covered by The Rev. Chrissy Cataldo (please contact the office for assistance).

Worship Leadership:

June 9: Christine Bartlett and Ron Bansmer

June 16: Jane Campbell and Cynthia McGuire

Come to worship and support your friends in faith!

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/June: Strengthen the Church Fund through the United Church of Christ.

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 9. Send your check to the office, or place in the offering plate. Please mark your check clearly for Hannaford.

TODAY'S HYMNS

**Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above (*Mit Freuden Zart*) Pilgrim
#20**

1 Sing praise to God who reigns above, The God of all creation,
The God of power, the God of love, The God of our salvation;
With healing balm my soul he fills, And every faithless murmur stills:
To God all praise and glory.

2 What God's almighty power hath made, His gracious mercy keepeth;
By morning glow or evening shade His watchful eye ne'er sleepeth;
Within the kingdom of his might, Lo! All is just and all is right;
To God all praise and glory.

3 Then all my gladsome way along, I sing aloud thy praises
That men may hear the grateful song My voice unwearied raises;
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart, Both soul and body bear your part:
To God all praise and glory.

4 O ye who name Christ's holy name, Give God all praise and glory;
All ye who own his power, proclaim Aloud the wondrous story!
Cast each false idol from his throne, The Lord is God, and he alone:
To God all praise and glory. *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 who to make Love's victory known.

2 Turn our worship into witness in the sacrament of life;
Send us forth to love and serve you, bringing peace where there is strife.
Give us, Christ, your great compassion to forgive as you forgave;
May we still behold your image in the world you died to save.

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This Little Light of Mine (Lattimer)

NCH #525

1 This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine. (let it shine.)

2 Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine,
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine,
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine. (let it shine.)

3 All through the night, I'm gonna let it shine,
All through the night, I'm gonna let it shine,
All through the night, I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine. (let it shine)

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Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name (Ellers)
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Pilgrim #60