

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 23, 2024

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

Announcements/Joys & Concerns

Welcome

Prelude “Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus” arr. James J. Stanley

Introit “Be Still and Know” NCH #743 Choir

Call to Worship, Invocation and Lord's Prayer Ron Bansmer

One: You have searched me and known me, O God.

Many: You are acquainted with all my ways.

One: As a community of faith, we gather for worship.

Many: In times of uncertainty and stress,

One: In times of joy and celebration,

Many: You gather us in,

One: To strengthen us for ministry and mission. Let us pray:

Many: Gracious and Holy God, be among us this day, as we sing and speak, as we pray and praise. Help us to welcome Your ways, even when they challenge us to consider new perspectives and a new awareness of how You are present among Your people. Bless us with grace and courage to step further in faith, to place our trust fully in You. 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** “God of Grace and God of Glory” (CWM Rhondda)

Pilgrim # 366

[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 9:9-20 p. 493 Don Reutershan

Scripture 2 Cor 6:1-13 p. 181

Message “A Balancing Act”

Anthem “A Time for All Things” Scottish/Douglas E. Wagner 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: “Gracious” CWM Rhondda/Moody arr. Ruth Elaine Schram

***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** “Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart” (*Morecambe*) NCH#290
(words can be found on the Announcements page)

***Blessing**

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

Grant us thy peace upon our homeward way, With thee began, with thee shall end the day; Guard thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame, That in this house have called upon thy name. Amen.

Postlude “Postlude on *St. Elizabeth*” Nigel Williams

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

More Info/Contact Info

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Announcements and Hymns for 6/23/24

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

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

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 July 2. 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: July 14 . Send your check to the office, or place in the offering plate. Please mark your check clearly for Hannaford.

TODAY'S HYMNS

God of Grace and God of Glory (CWM Rhondda) Pilgrim #366

1 God of grace and God of glory, On thy people pour thy power;
Crown thine ancient church's story; Bring her bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, Grant us courage, For the facing of this hour,
For the facing of this hour.

2 Lo! The hosts of evil round us Scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us, Free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, Grant us courage, For the living of these days,
For the living of these days.

3 Cure thy children's warring madness; Bend our pride to thy control;
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness, Rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, Grant us courage, Lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,
Lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

4 Set our feet on lofty places; Gird our lives that they may be
Armored with all Christ-like graces In the fight to set men free.
Grant us wisdom, Grant us courage, That we fail not man nor thee,
That we fail not man nor thee.

5 Save us from weak resignation To the evils we deplore;
Let the search for thy salvation Be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, Grant us courage, Serving thee whom we adore,
Serving thee whom we adore.

Public domain hymn

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart (Morecambe) NCH #290

1 Spirit of God, descend upon my heart; wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as you are, and make me love you as I ought to love.

2 I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies, no sudden rending of the veil of clay,
No angel visitant, no opening skies; but take the dimness of my soul away.

3 Have you not bid us love you every way? All, all your own: soul, heart, and strength,
and mind;
I see your cross—there teach my heart to stay: O let me seek you, and O let me find.

4 Teach me to feel that you are always nigh; teach me to struggles of the soul to bear,
To check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh; teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.

5 Teach me to love you as your angels love, one holy passion filling all my frame;
The baptism of the heaven-descended dove, my heart an altar, and your love the flame.

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Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name (Ellers)

Pilgrim #60

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