

**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 30, 2024**

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

Announcements/Joys & Concerns

Welcome

Prelude “The Good Shepherd” Gregg Sewall

Introit “Be Still and Know” NCH #743 Choir

Call to Worship, Invocation and Lord's Prayer Daniel O'Neill

One: We gather as Your people, Holy God,

Many: With all of our strengths and weaknesses.

One: With all of our hopes and dreams.

Many: We trust that You will bless us, Loving God,

One: With Your grace and Your peace,

Many: That we may grow in faith, hope and love.

One: Let us pray:

Many: May Your Spirit be with us and among us, Merciful and Gracious God, that we may be drawn closer to You and to each other. May Your Spirit inspire us and set us on the sure path, where we may go about Your holy work of sharing Your love with others, with enthusiasm and joy. In the name of our Beloved 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** “Be Still, My Soul” (*Finlandia*) NCH #488

[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 130 p. 573 Patty McKenna

Scripture 2 Corinthians 8:7-15 p. 183

Message "The Pitch"

Anthem "Abide With Me" Wm. Monk/arr. Sally DeFord Elizabeth and Virginia Mills

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" arr. 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.

Pastoral Prayer

Silence, Prayer and Response

***Hymn** "Lord of All Hopefulness" (Slane) Pilgrim #217
(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 Wondrous Love" Folk/Karen Beaumont

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

More Info/Contact Info

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Ms. Cynthia McGuire, Administrative Assistant

Ms. Marcy Fullmer, Sexton

Announcements and Hymns for 6/30/24

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

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

MEETINGS/EVENTS THIS WEEK:

Tuesday, 7/2

4:30 Bread of Life Dinner Delivery

5:00 Personnel Committee

Thursday, 7/4

Happy 4th! Office closed.

Let's Get Creative!

Last Sunday, Pastor Susan mentioned some of the art she saw on our trip to Peru, especially the art in churches. The art in many old churches serves a teaching function, regarding stories from the Bible and stories of faith. Art can also provide a way of connecting biblical themes with local life and custom (one example from Peru is a large last supper painting in the cathedral in Cusco where Jesus and his disciples are sitting around a table where the meal appears to be the common protein of the area: guinea pig) or it can offer a twist in how biblical story is experienced. How would you express your faith experience through art? How would you share your faith-- your certainties, your doubts, your challenges, your sense of connection-- in an artistic format? How would you bring to life your favorite Bible story and what it means to you?

Are you willing to give this a try? You could use paint on canvas or colored pencils on a piece of paper. You could write a story or a psalm (or revisit a psalm you wrote a couple of years ago, when I invited you to write one). You could write a song or hymn. You could take photos.

Please give this some thought. If there's enough interest, we'll figure out how to share our artistic expressions in the fall.. For the summer, we'll hold several "workshop" sessions, times when we can talk about what we are working on and help each other with our projects:

Tuesday, July 9, 11:30, in person in the parish house
Tues, July 23, 5:00, on Zoom (use Bible Bunch link)
Tues, Aug 20, 10:00, in person in the parish house

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

Be Still, My Soul

(Finlandia)

NCH #488

1 Be still, my soul: for God is on your side; bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
Leave to your God to order and provide; in every change God faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: your best eternal friend through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

2 Be still, my soul: for God will undertake to guide in future days as in the past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake; all now mysterious shall be clear at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know how Jesus' power ruled them long ago.

3 Be still, my soul: the hour will soon be here when we shall be with God whom we
adore,
With disappointment gone, no grief nor fear, sorrow replaced with joy forevermore.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past, all safe and blessed we shall meet at
last.

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Lord of All Hopefulness

(Slane)

Pilgrim #217

1 Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy, Whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could
destroy,
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray, Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break
of the day.

2 Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith, Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane
and the lathe,
Be there at our labors, and give us, we pray, Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the
noon of the day.

3 Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace, Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to
embrace,
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray, Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of
the day.

4 Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm, Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is
balm,
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray, Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end
of the day.

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Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name

(Ellers)

Pilgrim #60

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