

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
July 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 “Fair Havens” (Acts 27:8) Stan Pethel

Introit “Be Still and Know” NCH #743 Choir

Call to Worship, Invocation and Lord’s Prayer Deb Morgan

One: We wait in hope for the Lord.

Many: God is our help and our shield.

One: In God, our hearts rejoice,

Many: For we trust in God’s holy name.

One: May Your unfailing love be with us today and always. Let us pray:

Many: As we gather this day, we bring our offering of praise, seeking to know more fully Your way for us, as your church. Be among us, Loving God, as we worship. Shower upon us Your blessings, that we may follow Your way, in grace and in trust. 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** “Jesus Shall Reign Where’er the Sun” (*Duke Street*)

Pilgrim #202

[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 23 p. 501

Rick Campbell

Scripture Ephesians 2:11-22 p. 192

Message “The Wonders of Wisdom, Part 2”

Anthem “There’s Something About That Name” The Gaithers
Jean Davenport/Joan Morgan

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: “Cherish That Name” Greater Vision

Jean Davenport/Joan Morgan

***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** “In Christ There Is No East or West” (St. Peter) NCH #395
(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 Faithfulness” Douglas E. Wagner

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

More Info/Contact Info

Call to Worship and Invocation adapted from the Church of Scotland worship website.

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Ms. Cynthia McGuire, Administrative Assistant	Ms. Marcy Fullmer, Sexton

Announcements and Hymns for 7/21/24

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

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

*******IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING WORSHIP ON 7/28*******

The Augusta area will, once again, host an Ironman competition on the last Sunday of July. Some of you may remember that last year's competition posed serious issues in terms of getting into and around Hallowell. The information provided by the organizers in advance of the race was inaccurate, posing even more problems for those who wished to attend worship in person.

The Oversight Committee has decided that worship on July 28 will be ZOOM ONLY. If you have trouble using this format, but would like to attend worship, please contact the church office. We'll try to find you a worship partner, who will be willing to share their home.

MEETINGS/EVENTS THIS WEEK:

Tuesday, July 23

11:00 Committal service for Alice Johnson, Hallowell Cemetery

5:00 Creative Projects Workshop, Zoom only

Wednesday, July 24

1:30 Outreach Team, Zoom only (Bible Bunch/meetings link)

Saturday, July 27

11:00 Graveside Service for Alta Liscomb, Hallowell Cemetery

Let's Get Creative!

Recently, Pastor Susan talked about 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 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:

Tues, July 23, 5:00, on Zoom (use Bible Bunch link)

Sunday, Aug 11, after worship

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/July: Outreach Fund replenishment.

BREAD OF LIFE DINNER DELIVERY– the next one is August 6. 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: August 11. Send your check to the office, or place in the offering plate. Please mark your check clearly for Hannaford.

TODAY'S HYMNS

**Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun (Duke Street) Pilgrim
#202**

1 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun Doth his successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

2 For him shall endless prayer be made, And praises throng to crown his head;
His name like sweet perfume shall rise With every morning sacrifice.

3 People and realms of every tongue Dwell on his love with sweetest song,
And infant voices shall proclaim Their early blessing on his name.

4 Blessings abound where'er he reigns; The prisoner leaps to lose his chains,
The weary find eternal rest, And all the sons of want are blest.

5 Let every creature rise and bring Peculiar honors to our King
Angels descend with songs again, And earth repeat the loud Amen.

Public Domain Hymn

In Christ There Is No East or West (St. Peter) NCH #395

1 In Christ there is no East or West, in Christ no South or North;
But one community of love throughout the whole wide earth.

2 In Christ shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find;
God's service is the golden cord close-binding humankind.

3 In Christ is neither Jew nor Greek, and neither slave nor free;
For men and women live in God, and all are kin to me.

4 In Christ now meet both East and West, in Christ meet South and North;
One joyous, true community throughout the whole wide earth.

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

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