

**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
August 25, 2024**

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

Announcements/Joys & Concerns

Welcome

Prelude “He Hideth My Soul” arr. Lloyd Larson

Introit “Be Still and Know” NCH #743 Choir and Congregation

Call to Worship, Invocation and Lord’s Prayer Wendy Wells

One: Ancient of Days, Holy Mystery,

Many: Holy and Gracious God,

One: We call upon You with the names we have.

Many: Taking on our lips words that cannot contain You.

One: You are always more. But as we turn to you,

Many: You have already turned to us, calling to us:

One: My people. My beloved.

Many: To wait before You and meditate on You– this is what restores us.

One: To know again that You are the Living God– this is what re-awakens our hope.

Many: So we gather in Your presence and offer You our thanks, praise and

love. And grounding our worship with the words Jesus taught us to

pray: 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** “I Sing the Mighty Power of God” ELLACOMBE NCH #12

[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 111

p.562

Deb Morgan

Scripture Ephesians 5:15-20 p.194

Message “The Wonders of Wisdom, Part 6”

Anthem “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence” arr. Fernando Ortega/John Schreiner

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: “Just As I Am, Thine Own to Be” 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, Response

***Hymn** “Be Thou My Vision” SLANE Pilgrim #391
(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 “Blessed Be the Name” James Mansfield

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

More Info/Contact Info

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

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Ms. Cynthia McGuire, Administrative Assistant

Mr. Bradley Krueger, Music

Ms. Marcy Fullmer, Sexton

Announcements and Hymns for 8/25/24

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

OFFICE HOURS--Tuesday & Thursday, 9:00 - Noon. (The office will be closed on August 27)

MEETINGS/EVENTS THIS WEEK:

No meetings this week!

The NEXT WORK DAY-- TBD. But, in the meantime, there's a sign up list! You'll find it in the vestry and online.

Let's Get Creative!

Art can 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.

DATES:

Due date for projects: September 29

Roll out of projects: through October

Open House and Celebration: November 17 (tentative)

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/August: Kennebec County Jail Inmates Fund

BREAD OF LIFE DINNER DELIVERY-- the next one is September 3. The Sign Up is 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: September 15th. Send your check to the office, or place in the offering plate. Please mark your check clearly for Hannaford.

TODAY'S HYMNS

I Sing the Mighty Power of God (Ellacombe) NCH #12

1 I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise,
That spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at God's command, and all the stars obey.

2 I sing the goodness of our God that filled the earth with food;
God formed the creatures with a word, and then pronounced them good.
Oh, how your wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye:
If I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky!

3 On earth there's not a plant or flower but makes your glory known.
The clouds arise and spread their showers by order from your throne.
All life is but a gift from you and ever in your care;
Wherever people gather, you, O God, are present there. *Public Domain Hymn*

Be Thou My Vision (Slane) Pilgrim #391

1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; Nought be all else to me save that thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night, Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I thy true son; Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

3 Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise, Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and thou only, first in my heart, High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

4 High King of heaven, my victory won, May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's
Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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

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