

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
September 15, 2024

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

Announcements/Joys & Concerns

Welcome

Prelude "Joyful Song" Chester Allen/Douglas Wagner

Introit "Be Still and Know" NCH #743 Choir and Congregation

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

One: We gather for worship,

Many: To renew and strengthen our connections,

One: To God and to each other.

Many: May we open our hearts and our minds,

One: To feel and to know God's love and grace,

Many: In the joyful and in the difficult.

One: Let us pray:

Many: Holy and Loving God, as we gather for worship this day, we pray for your blessing of grace and peace. In this holy time, may we feel Your presence, holding us close, but also challenging us to embrace our faith in new ways. May we seek not only renewal, but the steady work of transformation, that we may be about Your holy work in all we do. In the name of our guide and our teacher, 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** "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" (Hymn to Joy)
Pilgrim #8

[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 19 p. 498

Wendy Wells

Scripture James 3:1-12 p.230

Message "The 'P' Word"

Anthem "Pass It On" Kurt Kaiser

Cynthia McGuire

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: "Love Lifted Me" Howard Smith/Jina Park

***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, Pastoral Prayer and Response

***Hymn** "God, Speak to Me, That I May Speak" (Canonbury) NCH #531
(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 "Standing on the Promises"

R. Kelso Carter/Ralph Long

***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 9/15/24

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

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

FLOWERS TODAY: In Loving Memory of Louise Perkins. "Happy Birthday"

MEETINGS/EVENTS THIS WEEK:

Today, after worship-- Let's Chat After, an opportunity to chat about the message/sermon
and any other part of worship
Tues, 9/17-- Oversight, 5:00 (Zoom)
Wed, 9/18-- Choir Rehearsal, 5:30 (Sanctuary)

Choir Rehearsals are on Wednesdays, 5:30, in the sanctuary. They are always eager to welcome new people!

Worship Series:

Sept 15 and 22-- The "P" Word (Anyone want to take a guess as to what the P stands for?
Faith and Creativity-- 9/29, 10/6, 10/20, 10/27 and 11:3
Linked by Love (in conjunction with the Maine Conf Annual Meeting)-- 10/13

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/September: Disaster Relief (through the UCC International Relief Fund)

BREAD OF LIFE DINNER DELIVERY– the next one is October 1. The Sign Up will be posted next week.

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: Today, September 15th. Send your check to the office, or place in the offering plate. Please mark your check clearly for Hannaford.

TODAY'S HYMNS

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee (Hymn to Joy) Pilgrim #8

1 Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day.

2 All thy works with joy surround thee, Earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around thee, Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain, Call us to rejoice in thee.

3 Thou art giving and forgiving, Ever blessing, ever blest,
Well-spring of the joy of living, Ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother, All who live in love are thine;
Teach us how to love each other, Lift us to the joy divine.

4 Mortals, join the happy chorus Which the morning stars began;
Father love is reigning o'er us, Brother love binds man to man.
Ever singing, march we onward, Victors in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us sunward In the triumph song of life.

Public Domain Hymn

God, Speak to Me, That I May Speak (Canonbury) NCH #531

1 God, speak to me, that I may speak in living echoes of your tone;
As you have sought, so let me seek your erring children lost and lone.

2 O lead me, God, that I may lead some wanderers along life's way;
O feed me so that I may feed your hungry ones without delay.

3 O fill me with your fullness, God, your overflowing love to know;
In glowing word and kindling thought, your love to tell, your praise to show.

4 O use me, God, use even me just as you will, and when, and where,
Until your blessed face I see, your rest, your joy, your glory share.

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