

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 22, 2024

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

**Announcements/Joys & Concerns**

**Welcome**

**Prelude** “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” (Nettleton/Warrenton) arr. Ann Laura Page

**Introit** “Enter Into His Gates” Donovan Klotzbeacher Choir

**Call to Worship, Invocation and Lord’s Prayer** Don Reutershan

One: You gather us in, Holy God.

**Many: Amid the challenges and difficulties of life,**

One: You shower upon us Your love and grace,

**Many: That our lives may be transformed,**

One: And we may be the people You call us to be. Let us pray:

**Many: Merciful and Loving God, as we gather for worship this day, we lift up our praise and thanksgiving for Your many blessings. In this hour, may we open our hearts and minds to hear Your word of hope and Your call to share Your love and hope, even when that feels difficult. Grant us Your grace and Your courage, that we live out of our faith, trusting in Your way for each and for all of us. 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** “Morning Has Broken” (*Bunessan*) Pilgrim #38

[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 1 p. 489

Deb Morgan

**Scripture** James 3:13-4:3,7-8a p. 230

**Message** "The 'P' Word, Part 2"

**Anthem** "Shall We Gather at the River?" Robert Lowry/arr. J.Carter & C.Courtney 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:** "Badinage" Anthony Giamanco

**\*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** "Holy Spirit, Truth Divine" (Mercy) NCH #63  
(words can be found on the Announcements page)

### **\*Blessing**

**\*Sung Response** "Go Now In Peace" Cynthia McGuire Choir and Congregation  
*Go now in peace to love and serve our God.*  
*Go now in peace to love and serve our God.*  
*Love God. Serve God.*

**About today's Blessing Response:** When Pastor Susan first introduced "Let's Get Creative" I had a short moment of slight panic. I am not a visual artist by any shake of the imagination. Then I realized I could use my musical skill. Since we no longer need "Traveling Music" to send children to Sunday School, I haven't used those skills much recently. It is my hope that you all will all like my latest composition, and that we can add it to Old South's rotating repertoire of Blessing Responses. CM

**Postlude** "When I Can Read My Title Clear" PISGAH/arr. Douglas Wagner  
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**\*Please stand, if you are able**

## **More Info/Contact Info**

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## **Old South Staff:**

The Rev. Susan M Reisert, Pastor and Teacher  
Director

Mr. Bradley Krueger, Music

Ms. Cynthia McGuire, Administrative Assistant

Ms. Marcy Fullmer, Sexton

## **Announcements and Hymns for 9/22/24**

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

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

## **MEETINGS/EVENTS THIS WEEK:**

Wed, 9/25-- Outreach Team meeting (Zoom), 1:30  
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-- Faith and Politics

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! We Begin Today!**

Many of you spent at least part of the summer working on creative projects to help express your faith. Projects are due in TWO weeks!

We begin the roll out of projects today, with Cynthia sharing the dismissal song she wrote. We'll use this dismissal song through the fall.

## **DATES:**

Due date for projects: September 29

Roll out of projects: through October

Open House and Celebration: November 17 (tentative)

**The Quarter Fund.** If you come to worship in person and have some extra quarters weighing down your pocket or purse, you can put them in the tray on the communion/Bible/candle table. The quarters will help a couple of people who could use some assistance with laundry.

**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 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: October 13th. Send your check to the office, or place in the offering plate. Please mark your check clearly for Hannaford.

### **TODAY'S HYMNS**

#### **Morning Has Broken**

**(Bunessan)**

**Pilgrim #38**

1 Morning has broken Like the first morning,  
Blackbird has spoken Like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!  
Praise for them, springing Fresh from the Word!

2 Sweet the rain's new fall Sunlit from heaven,  
Like the first dewfall On the first grass.  
Praise for the sweetness Of the wet garden,  
Sprung in completeness Where his feet pass.

3 Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning  
Born of the one light Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation, Praise every morning,  
God's recreation Of the new day!

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**Holy Spirit, Truth Divine      (Mercy)**

**NCH #63**

1 Holy Spirit, Truth Divine, dawn upon this soul of mine.  
Voice of God and inward light, wake my spirit from its night.

2 Holy Spirit, love divine, glow within this heart of mine.  
Kindle every high desire, purify me with your fire.

3 Holy Spirit, power divine, fill and nerve this will of mine.  
Boldly may I always live, bravely serve, and gladly give.

4 Holy Spirit, law divine, reign within this soul of mine.  
Be my law, and I shall be firmly bound, forever free.

*Public Domain Hymn*