



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 29, 2024

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

Announcements/Joys & Concerns

Welcome

Prelude “Prelude on *Pleading Savior*” Lani Smith

Introit “Enter Into His Gates” Donovan Klotzbeacher Choir

Call to Worship, Invocation and Lord's Prayer

Bonnie Nielson

One: : God has told us what is good;

Many: God has told us what is right.

One: We are to live justly;

Many: We are to live justly.

One: We are to love kindly;

Many We are to love kindly.

One: We are to walk humbly;

Many: We are to walk with God.

One: Let us pray:

Many: You call us, God. You call us to walk in your way. You show us in Jesus how we should live. You give us your Holy Spirit to keep us on the path. Love and justice are what you require of us, Holy God– love for you and love and justice for ourselves and our neighbors. And we try. Sometimes we get it right, and sometimes we fail, but we try. We offer our gratitude through Jesus, we are told to not be afraid and that we are

forgiven. May we, once again, come and follow. And continue in prayer with the words Jesus taught: 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** "How Great Thou Art" (How Great Thou Art) Pew Book #43

[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.]

Creative Project Reflection Carol Booth

Scripture Excerpts from Genesis 1 p. 1

Message "God's Creative Spirit"

Anthem "I Have Felt the Hand of God" Pamela Martin/Craig 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: "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" Lowell Mason/arr. Terry Kirkland

***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** "For the Beauty of the Earth" (Dix) NCH #28
(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.

Postlude “Postlude on *Old 100th*” Louis Bourgeois/arr. Richard Williamson

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

More Info/Contact Info

Call to Worship/Invocation adapted from the *Iona Abbey Worship Book* [wild goose publications].

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Ms. Cynthia McGuire, Administrative Assistant

Ms. Marcy Fullmer, Sexton

Announcements and Hymns for 9/29/24

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

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

MEETINGS/EVENTS THIS WEEK:

Tues 10/1 Bread of Life Dinner Delivery, 4:30

Wed, 10/2 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:

Faith and Creativity

9/29- Genesis 1

10/6– Psalm 8. Story Sunday Returns!

10/13– Linked by Love (in conjunction with the Maine Conf Annual Meeting)

10/20- Romans 12:3-8

10/27- 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

11/3- 1 Corinthians 12:1-13; Remembering Sunday; Story Sunday

BIBLE BUNCH– Will start up again on Tuesday, October 15, at Noon (in the parish house and on Zoom). We will discuss *Freeing Jesus* by Diana Butler Bass. You'll need to order a copy of the book from your favorite book store. A Kindle version and an audio version are also available.

Newcomers are encouraged to attend!

If you are interested in discussing the book, but you cannot join us during the day, please speak with Pastor Susan asap.

10/15– Intro and Chapter 1

10/22– Chapter 2

10/29– Chp 3

11/5– Chp 4

11/12– Chp 5

11/19– Chp 6 and Conclusion

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!

It's time to share our projects! Please put your project on the front pew today, with your name and a description.

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

How Great Thou Art

(How Great Thou Art)

Pew Book #43

1 O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art!

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2 When through the woods and forest glades I wander, and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze;

Refrain

3 And when I think that God his Son not sparing, sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, he bled and died to take away my sin;

Refrain

4 When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.

Then I shall bow in humble adoration, and there proclaim, my God, how great thou art!

Refrain

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For the Beauty of the Earth

(Dix)

NCH #28

1 For the beauty of the earth, for the splendor of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies,

Refrain: God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

2 For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light, *Refrain*

3 For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle throughs and mild, *Refrain*

4 For the good that love inspires, for a world where none exclude,
For a faith that never tires, and for every heart renewed, *Refrain*

Public Domain Hymn

Go Now In Peace (Creative Project 2024 *by Cynthia McGuire*)

Go now in peace to love and serve our God.
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