

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
October 6, 2024

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

Announcements/Joys & Concerns

Welcome

Prelude “I Need Thee Every Hour” Robert Lowry/arr. Terry Osman

Introit “Enter Into His Gates” Donovan Klotzbeacher Choir

Call to Worship, Invocation and Lord's Prayer Deb

Morgan

One: The Holy One dwells within and beyond the congregation and makes a home among us.

Many: Holy One, test our hearts and minds.

One: The glory of God abides with us, illuminating our journey, energizing our gathering, and warming our spirits.

Many: Holy One, test our hearts and minds.

One: Bless the God of Truth, the Giver of Life, with songs of praise, prayers of hope and moments of connection.

Many: Holy One, test our hearts and minds.

One: Let us pray:

Many: Gracious and Holy God, your realm encompasses the universe, the earth and our community. All creation declares your glory. May we unite with your people around the world in celebrating you, O God, and the connections we share. As we gather in your name, may we remember those we join in faith, hope, and worship on every continent representing every tradition. May we declare in spirit and truth, one bread, one body, the church striving to one as you, Sustainer, Redeemer, and Spirit, as we 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** "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.]

Creative Project Reflection

Ron

Bansmer

Scripture

Psalm 8

p. 492

Message

Story Time:

Brother Sun, Sister Moon by Katherine Paterson

Anthem

"Put Peace Into Each Other's Hands"

arr. Jane Holstein

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: "More About Jesus" John Sweney/arr.Tedd 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.

Sacrament of Communion

Invitation

*Hymn "As We Gather at Your Table," (Beach Spring) NCH #332, verses 1 and 2

Communion Prayer, Story, Consecration

Sharing of the Elements

Music: "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" Terry Kirkland

Prayer of Thanksgiving, Pastoral Prayer and Response

***Hymn**

"Come, O Fount of Every Blessing"

(*Nettleton*)

NCH #459

(words can be found on the Announcements page)

***Blessing**

***Sung Response** “Go Now In Peace” Cynthia McGuire
Congregation

Choir and

*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 “Grand March” Jason W. Krug

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

More Info/Contact Info

Call to Worship/Invocation adapted from Worship Ways at ucc.org

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Mr. Bradley Krueger, Music

Ms. Cynthia McGuire, Administrative Assistant

Ms. Marcy Fullmer, Sexton

Announcements and Hymns for 10/6/24

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

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

MEETINGS/EVENTS THIS WEEK:

Wed, 10/9 Choir Rehearsal, 5:30 (Sanctuary)

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

FALL EVENTS

Sunday, October 20, after worship-- **Why Do We Do What We Do?** A brief
Intro/Refresher into

congregational/United Church of Christ traditions and practices, with Q and A.

Sunday, Oct 27, after worship-- presentation by **Lifeflight of Maine**

Sunday, Nov 3, after worship-- **Potluck and Time and Talent Auction** (auction
donation sheet is attached to the back of this bulletin)

Sunday, Nov 17, after worship-- **celebration of creative projects**

Sunday, Nov 24, **Stewardship Sunday**

Fall Worship Series: Faith and Creativity

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.

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

WORK PROJECTS-- There's a sign up list! You'll find it in the vestry and online.

Let's Get Creative!

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

DATES:

Due date for projects: Anytime by the end of October!

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/October: Neighbors in Need Oct. 27: LifeFlight of Maine

BREAD OF LIFE DINNER DELIVERY– the next one is November 5. The Sign Up will be 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

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

As We Gather at Your Table **(Beach Spring)** **NCH #332**

1 As we gather at your table, as we listen to your word,
Help us know, O God, your presence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
Nourish us with sacred story till we claim it as our own;
Teach us through this holy banquet how to make Love's victory known.

2 Turn our worship into witness in the sacrament of life;
Send us forth to love and serve you, bringing peace where there is strife.
Give us, Christ, your great compassion to forgive as you forgave;
May we still behold your image in the world you died to save.

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Come, O Fount of Every Blessing **(Nettleton)** **NCH #459**

1 Come, O Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing your grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of endless praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above,
Praise the mount; I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unfailing love.

2 Here I pause in my sojourning, giving thanks for having come,
Come to trust, at every turning, God will guide me safely home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God,
Came to rescue me from danger, blessed body, precious blood.

3 O to grace how great a debtor daily I am drawn anew!
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to you.
Prone to wander, I can feel it, wander from the love I've known:
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for your very own. *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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Love God. Serve God.