

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
November 24, 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, Ye Thankful People, Come” George Elvey/arr. Robert Thompson

Introit “Enter Into His Gates” Donovan Klotzbeacher Choir

Call to Worship, Invocation and Lord's Prayer Erroll Adams, Jr
(from Psalm 95; *The Message*)

One: There is a place that calls us apart, summons us beyond, asks us for more.

Many: A place where God is sovereign.

One: There is a place that fractures the norms, splits the standards, shatters the culture.

Many: A place where God rules.

One: There is a place that fosters real questions, engenders honest conversation, summons our souls' connection.

Many: A place where God holds sway.

One: This is that place. A place that reminds us of heaven, when we let it.

Many: A place where we come together as one.

One: Let us pray:

Many: Loving God, long ago, out of the chaos of darkness You created everything above our heads and below our feet. And we thank You for it. In Your great love and goodness, You created humankind, to be Your partners. We gather this morning to give You thanks and to offer our praise. We are grateful for the skills and gifts entrusted to each of us. Yet, we often stumble in putting these gifts and skills into full use. Forgive us our hesitancy, our small steps that stop before we really start. And, bless us with Your grace, that we may find renewal in this time of worship and a new spirit for being the people You call us to be. In the name of Jesus the Christ, 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** "Now Thank We All Our God" (*Nun Danket*) Pilgrim #29
[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.]

Gratitude Moment

Ron Bansmer

Scripture Mark 13:1-8 p. 49

Message Feeling the Pang

Anthem "Thanksgiving!" John Ness Beck/transcribed by Craig Courtney Choir

Mission Moment

Offering and Presentation of Pledges (for those who attend worship in person, you may come forward during the offertory, to place your offering and/or pledge form in one of the offering plates or you may place your offering and/or form in the plate near the door as you depart after worship)

Offertory: "Let All Things Now Living" Darcy Stanley

***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.

Time of Prayer

Silence, Pastoral Prayer, Response

***Hymn** "Let All Things Now Living" (*Ash Grove*) Pew Book #47
(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 "Now Thank We All Our God" Johann Crüger/arr. Lloyd Larson

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

More Info/Contact Info

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Mr. Bradley Krueger, Music

Ms. Cynthia McGuire, Administrative Assistant

Ms. Marcy Fullmer, Sexton

Announcements and Hymns for 11/24/24

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

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

MEETINGS/EVENTS THIS WEEK: None!

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY! Today is Stewardship Sunday, when we bring our pledges (promises to give) for the following year. Pledging is enormously helpful to our Oversight Committee and our Treasurer, as we fashion a budget for 2025.

ADVENT BEGINS!

This year's devotional is called "**Magnify: Mary's Song and the Magnificent Women of Advent**" (from SALT project). A few paper copies are available today.

Digital copies will be emailed with the Tuesday News&Notes.

Sunday, Dec. 1, 1st Sunday of Advent: Hope, Worship at 10:00

Tuesday, Dec 3, Bible Bunch, Noon (hybrid). Devotional Week #1.

Sunday, Dec 8, 2nd Sunday of Advent: Peace, Worship with Communion

(note: communion has been moved to the second Sunday), 10:00

Tuesday, Dec 10, Bible Bunch, Noon (hybrid). Devotional Week #2.

Sunday, Dec 15, 3rd Sunday of Advent: Joy. Worship at 10:00

Tuesday, Dec 17, Bible Bunch, Noon (hybrid). Devotional Weeks #3 and 4

Sunday, Dec 22, 4th Sunday of Advent: Love. Worship at 10:00

Tuesday, Dec 24, CHRISTMAS EVE service at 4:30.

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/November: Heating Assistance

BREAD OF LIFE DINNER DELIVERY– 12/3. 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: December 15. Send your check to the office, or place in the offering plate. Please mark your check clearly for Hannaford.

TODAY'S HYMNS

Now Thank We All Our God

(*Nun Danket*)

Pilgrim #29

1 Now thank we all our God With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done, In whom his world rejoices,
Who, from our mothers' arms, Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love, And still is ours today.

2 O may this bounteous God Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts And blessed peace to cheer us,
And keep us in his grace, And guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills In this world and the next.

3 All praise and thanks to God The Father now be given,
The Son, and him who reigns With them in highest heaven,
The one eternal God, Whom earth and heaven adore,
For thus it was, is now, And shall be evermore.

Public Domain Hymn

Let All Things Now Living**(Ash Grove)****Pew Book #47**

1 Let all things now living A song of thanksgiving
To God the Creator triumphantly raise,
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
Who guideth us on to the end of our days.
His banners are o'er us, His light goes before us,
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
'Til shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,
As forward we travel from light into light.

2 His law He enforces: the stars in their courses,
The sun in His orbit, obediently shine;
The hills and the mountains, The rivers and fountains,
The deeps of the ocean proclaim Him divine.
We too, should be voicing our love and rejoicing,
With glad adoration a song let us raise,
'Til all things now living unite in thanksgiving
To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!

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

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