

Welcome to  
Old South Congregational Church, United Church of Christ  
Hallowell, Maine  
Hybrid Worship (In-person: Parish House)  
10:00 am– Announcements and Community Joys & Concerns  
10:10 am– Worship begins  
January 19, 2025

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

**Announcements/Joys & Concerns**

**Welcome**

**Prelude** “By the Grace of God” Anthony Giamanco

**Introit** “Gloria” #758 NCH Choir

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

One: Arise, shine; for your light has come,

**Many: And the glory of our God has risen upon us.**

One: God has pity on the weak and needy;

**Many: God redeems their life from oppression and violence.**

One: Precious in God's sight are the widows, widowers, and orphans of war.

**Many: Precious in God's sight are the addicted and confused.**

One: Precious in God's sight are the abused and neglected.

**Many: Precious in God's sight are the poor and desperate.**

One: Precious in God's sight are all who sit on the margins.

**Many: Precious in God's sight are all who long for justice.**

One: The glory of our God will rise upon them.

**Many: The glory of our God will rise upon us all.**

One: Let us pray:

**Many: God of kings and paupers, of the satisfied and the destitute, shine your light into this place. Be present as we worship and bring the gift of our praise, and go with us as we leave, so that your Light May shine in our hearts always, Illuminating the way to your love: 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** “In Christ There Is No East or West” (*St. Peter*) NCH #395  
[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 36:5-10 p. 510  
Lindsey Childs

**Scripture** Matthew 22:34-40 p. 25

**Message** “Looking Backward and Forward” Joel Johnson

**Anthem** “Climbin’ Up the Mountain” Spiritual arr. Wayne Douglas 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 and/or form in the plate near the door as you depart after worship)

**Offertory:** “A Moment of Peace” John Turner

**\*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** Silent Prayer, Pastoral Prayer, Response

**\*Hymn** “I Sing a Song of the Saints of God” (Grand Isle)

Pilgrim #481

(words can be found on the Announcements page)

### **\*Blessing**

**\*Sung Response** “Go, My Children, with My Blessing” (Ar Hyd Y Nos)

NCH #82

*Go, My Children, with my blessing, never alone: Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own;*

*In my love’s baptismal river I have made you mine forever,*

*Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.*

**Postlude** “My Faith Has Found a Resting Place” arr. Marty Parks

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

**More Info/Contact Info**

Call to Worship/Invocation from Before the Amen: Creative Resources for Worship,  
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Ms. Cynthia McGuire, Administrative Assistant                  Ms. Marcy Fullmer, Sexton

**Announcements and Hymns for 1/19/25**

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

**MANY THANKS! To our worship leader today, Joel Johnson, and to our  
substitute Zoom tech, Lindsey Childs.**

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

**MEETINGS/EVENTS THIS WEEK:**

Sunday, Jan 19:

9:00 Choir

10:00 Worship

Wednesday, Jan. 22

5:00 Choir

Sunday, Jan 26:

9:00 Choir

10:00 Worship

2:00 Ecclesiastical Council for Sarah Mills, Waterville church and on

Zoom

**ANNUAL MEETING INFORMATION:**

Annual Meeting (with potluck lunch), after worship, Feb 2 (snow  
date: Feb 9)

**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/January:** Bread of Life Homeless Shelter

**BREAD OF LIFE DINNER DELIVERY**– The next one is 2/4/25. 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: February 9th. Send your check to the office, or place in the offering plate. Please mark your check clearly for Hannaford.

### **TODAY'S HYMNS**

**In Christ There Is No East or West**

**(St. Peter)**

**NCH #395**

1 In Christ there is no East or West, in Christ no South or North;  
But one community of love throughout the whole wide earth.

2 In Christ shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find;  
God's service is the golden cord close-binding humankind.

3 In Christ is neither Jew nor Greek, and neither slave nor free;  
For men and women live in God, and all are kin to me.

4 In Christ now meet both East and West, in Christ meet South and North;  
One joyous, true community throughout the whole wide earth.

*Public Domain Hymn*

**I Sing a Song of the Saints of God**  
**#481**

**(Grand Isle)**

**Pilgrim**

1 I sing a song of the saints of God Patient and brave and true,  
Who toiled and fought and lived and died For the Lord they loved and knew.  
And one was a doctor, and one was a queen, and one was a shepherdess on the green:

They were all of them saints of God, and I mean, God helping , to be one too.

2 They love their Lord so dear, so dear, And his love made them strong;  
And they followed the right, for Jesus' sake, the whole of their good lives long.  
And one was a soldier, and one was a priest, And one was slain by a fierce wild beast:  
And there's not any reason, no, not the least, Why I shouldn't be one too.

3 They lived not only in ages past, There are hundreds of thousands still;  
The world is bright with the joyous saints Who love to do Jesus' will.  
You can meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea, In church, or in trains, or in shops,  
or at tea;  
For the saints of God are just folk like me, And I mean to be one too.

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### **Benediction response:**

**Go, My Children, with My Blessing                      (AR HYD Y NOS)                      NCH #82**

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are my own;  
In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever,  
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.

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