

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  
February 2, 2025

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

**Announcements/Joys & Concerns**

**Welcome**

**Prelude** “Since Jesus Came into My Heart” Charles Gabriel/arr. R. Kevin Boesiger

**Introit** “Gloria” #758 NCH Choir

**Call to Worship, Invocation and Lord's Prayer** Bonnie Childs

One: God whose love is vast and measureless, wider than the universe, unlimited and infinite: In wonder,

**Many: We worship You.**

One: God whose love will never run dry, will never fall short, will never fail: In wonder,

**Many: We worship You.**

One: God whose love knows nothing of our distinctions, our notions of deserving and undeserving, and which encompasses everyone: In wonder,

**Many: We worship You.**

One: We praise You that Your love reaches us, in our struggles and our joys, in our hidden place of fear and shame, in our sorrow and disappointment.

**Many: We praise you that in Your love You meet us as we are, where we are, sweeping aside any sense of inadequacy, overturning misplaced dependencies, and opening a window of light and hope, until we see in You our true home.**

One: We praise You that Your love comes gently, a warm scented breeze in the winter storm, a creeping tide smoothing rough sand, a depth of stillness to a heart in turmoil.

**Many: God, Your love is beyond all we can tell, yet we know that You are here with us, and that You care about how we live. We offer You hearts filled with gratitude. In wonder,**

One: We worship You. Let us pray:

**All: 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** “Christ for the World We Sing!” (Italian Hymn) Pilgrim #295  
[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** Psalm 71:1-6 p. 532

Bonnie Nielson

**Scripture** Luke 4:21-30 p. 61

**Message** “Holy Habits 2: Homecoming”

**Anthem** “All Things Bright and Beautiful” John Rutter

Choir

### **Mission Moment**

**Offering** (for those who attend worship in person, please place your offering in one of the offering plates)

**Offertory:** “Let Us Break Bread Together” African American Spiritual/arr. Cindy Berry

**\*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 “I Come with Joy” v.1 ,2 & 3 (*Dove of Peace*)

NCH #349

Communion Prayer, Story, Consecration & Sharing of the Elements

Music: “Meditation in C” John S. Dixon

Prayer of Thanksgiving, Pastoral Prayer and Response

**\*Hymn** “In Christ There Is No East or West” (*St.Peter*)

NCH #395

(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, fed and nourished, closer to me; Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.*

*Here my Spirit’s power filled you, here with tender comfort stilled you; Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.*

**Postlude** “Joyful Day” Mark Hayes

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

## More Info/Contact Info

Call to Worship/Invocation written by Louise Gough. Posted on **Worship Words**.

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## Old South Staff:

The Rev. Susan M Reisert, Pastor and Teacher

Mr. Bradley Krueger, Music Director

Ms. Cynthia McGuire, Administrative Assistant

Ms. Marcy Fullmer, Sexton

**PRAYER LIST:** John A. *continued prayers, from Jane and Rick*; Family of Andy, *Cynthia's friend*; family of Betty B. *requested by Jay*; Ruth B. *husband passed away, requested by Rick and Jane*; Cathy, *Jane's sister-in-law*; family and friends of Don B; Mark B, *health issues*; Family of Reta B. *req. by Cynthia*; Family of Jeff C, *requested by Bartletts*; Cathy, *requested by Jane*; Rick C., *knee surgery & recovery*; Family of Dick C; family of Debbie C; Pam C., *lung cancer, requested by Cynthia*; Forest T (*health; requested by Carol*); Gary, *Cynthia's cousin, cancer*; Family of Alice J; Cathy, *Darla's daughter, health issues*; Patty and the Kathavarayan/Balasubramanian family; Kathy, *requested by Jane*; Kathy G, *Christine's cousin, serious health issues*; Leanna, *Cynthia's friend, breast cancer*; Leanne, *lymphoma, friend of Jane*; Lisa L, *health issues*; Family of Walter K, *requested by Carol*; Loretta, *Cynthia's cousin, auto-immune disease*; Mari-Jo, *Cynthia's friend, cancer*; Mark; Family of Mary B, *requested by Carol*; Anne, *Bob M's sister, chronic myeloid leukemia*; Hilda M., *health issues*; Michelle, *Tina's daughter, bone cancer*; family of Joanne M.; family and friends of Nikki, *Becky's cousin*; Samantha, *depression & grief*; Lynne P, *friend of Bob M, cancer*; Pam, *Cynthia's cousin, heart disease & cancer*; Raymond, *Joe's dad*; Bob & Carola, *health issues*; Rich, *Bonnie D's nephew, back tumor and kidney failure*; Christie; Jim R, *Trevor's father, health issues*; David, *Cynthia's cousin, health issues*; Virginia, *Dave B's sister, health issues*; Vonnies, *cancer surgery, friend of Campbells*; Kathy W, *Cynthia's friend, cancer*; Kristy W. and family, *cancer*.

*Also:* those who are homeless, hungry, isolated; caregivers; children/youth struggling with life issues; victims of gun violence; people dealing with mental health issues; patience, for those working in and attending schools; people affected by natural disasters here and abroad; the People of Ukraine; the divisions in our nation; those affected by the shootings in Lewiston; the people of Israel and Gaza; those dealing with the wildfires in Los Angeles.

## Announcements and Hymns for 2/2/25

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

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

## MEETINGS/EVENTS THIS WEEK:

Sun, Feb 2

10:00 Worship with Communion

After Worship Potluck Luncheon and Annual Meeting  
Tues, Feb 4  
Noon Bible Bunch (parish house and on Zoom)  
4:30 Bread of Life Dinner Delivery  
Wed, Feb 5  
4:00 Choir rehearsal  
  
Sun, Feb 9  
9:00 Choir  
10:00 Worship

### **ANNUAL MEETING INFORMATION: The Annual Meeting is TODAY!**

**BIBLE BUNCH** starts up again this Tuesday, at Noon, in the parish house and on Zoom. We will meet Feb 4, 11, 18 and 25, with discussions focused on the previous Sunday's sermon and worship.

**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 side 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/February:** Disaster Relief (UCC)/Los Angeles Wildfires

**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 9. Send your check to the office, or place in the offering plate. Please mark your check clearly for Hannaford.

### **TODAY'S HYMNS**

**Christ for the World We Sing!      *(Italian Hymn)*      Pilgrim #295**

1 Christ for the world we sing! The world to Christ we bring  
With loving zeal: The poor, and them that mourn, The faint and overborne,  
Sinsick and sorrow-worn, Whom Christ doth heal.

2 Christ for the world we sing! The world to Christ we bring  
With fervent prayer: The wayward and the lost, By restless passions tossed,  
Redeemed at countless cost From dark despair.

3 Christ for the world we sing! The world to Christ we bring  
With one accord: With us the work to share, With us reproach to dare,  
With us the cross to bear, For Christ our Lord.

4 Christ for the world we sing! The world to Christ we bring  
With joyful song: The newborn souls, whose days, Reclaimed from error's ways,  
Inspired with hope and praise, To Christ belong. *Public Domain Hymn*

**I Come with Joy (Dove of Peace) NCH #349**

1 I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved, and free,  
The life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.

2 I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,  
The new community of love in Christ's communion bread, in Christ's communion bread.

3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud division ends.  
The love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are friends, and strangers now are friends.

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**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*

**Benediction response:**

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

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nourished, joyful and free.

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