

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 9, 2025

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

**Announcements/Joys & Concerns**

**Welcome**

**Prelude** “Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee” arr. Larry Shackley

**Introit** “The Lord I Will At All Times Bless” Donovan D. Klotzbeacher Choir

**Call to Worship, Invocation and Lord's Prayer** David Reed

One: There is a good word for you if you are weary.

**Many: It is the Word of Love, deeper than every despair.**

One: There is a good word if you have ever felt unworthy.

**Many: It is the Word of Hope, “Do not be afraid!”**

One: There is a good word that needs to be heard.

**Many: It is the Word of Life that raises up abundant blessings.**

One: Let us pray:

**Many: Loving God, gather us together as Your people, into your net of love. Interrupt whatever overwhelms us with the gift of renewing grace. Reveal to us Your holy abundance. Let it awaken us to what You make possible when we risk answering Your invitation to begin again. Help us to trust, even when we are most doubtful. Be present among us and renew us in faith, that we may be Your people always. In the name of our Beloved Savior, we pray, the One who taught us to pray: 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** “Our God, Our Help in Ages Past” (St. Anne) Pilgrim #1

[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 138 p. 577 Deb Morgan

**Scripture** Luke 5:1-11 p. 62

**Message** “Holy Habits 3: Following”

**Anthem** “Give Thanks” Henry Smith / arr. John F. Wilson Choir

**Mission Moment**

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

**Offertory:** "Reflection" Mark Hayes

**\*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** "Jesus Calls Us, o'er the Tumult"  
(words can be found on the Announcements page)

(Galilee)

NCH #172

**\*Blessing**

**\*Sung Response** "You Are Salt for the Earth, O People" (Bring Forth) NCH #181

Refrain: *Bring forth the reign of mercy, bring forth the reign of peace; Bring forth the reign of justice, bring forth the City of God!*

**Postlude** "Sunshine in My Soul" arr. Terry Osman

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**\*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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### **Old South Staff:**

The Rev. Susan M Reisert, Pastor and Teacher  
Ms. Cynthia McGuire, Administrative Assistant

Mr. Bradley Krueger, Music Director  
Ms. Marcy Fullmer, Sexton

## **Announcements and Hymns for 2/9/25**

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 9

10:00 Worship

Tues, Feb 11

Noon Bible Bunch (parish house and on Zoom)

5:00 Oversight

Wed, Feb 12

3:00 Worship Team

4:00 Choir rehearsal

Sun, Feb 9

9:00 Choir

10:00 Worship

**BIBLE BUNCH** meets on Tuesdays, at Noon, in the parish house and on Zoom, 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 3/4/25. **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: Today, February 9. Send your check to the office, or place in the offering plate. Please mark your check clearly for Hannaford.

## TODAY'S HYMNS

### **Our God, Our Help in Ages Past**

**(St. Peter)**

**Pilgrim #1**

1 Our God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home.

2 Under the shadow of thy throne Thy saints have dwelt secure;  
Sufficient is thine arm alone, And our defense is sure.

3 Before the hills in order stood, Or earth received her frame,  
From everlasting thou art God, To endless years the same.

4 A thousand ages in thy sight Are like an evening gone,  
Short as the watch that ends the night Before the rising sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream, Bears all its sons away;  
They fly, forgotten, as a dream Dies at the opening day.

6 Our God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,  
Be thou our guard while troubles last, And our eternal home.

*Public Domain Hymn*

### **Jesus Calls Us, o'er the Tumult**

**(Galilee)**

**NCH #172**

1 Jesus calls us, o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea;  
Day by day that voice still calls us, saying, "Christian, follow me."

2 As of old, Saint Andrew heard it by the Galilean lake,  
Turned from home and toil and kindred, leaving all for Jesus' sake.

3 Jesus calls us from the worship of the treasure we adore,  
From each idol that would keep us, saying, "Christian, love me more."

4 In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease,  
Jesus calls, in cares and pleasures, "Christian, love me more than these."

5 Jesus calls us! By your mercies, Savior, may we hear your call,  
Give our hearts to your obedience, serve and love you best of all.

*Public Domain Hymn*

## **Benediction response:**

### **You Are Salt for the Earth, O People**

**(Bring Forth)**

**NCH #181**

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