



**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 16, 2025**

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

Announcements/Joys & Concerns

Welcome

Prelude “He Leadeth Me” Wm. Bradbury/arr. Lisa Hoekstra

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

Call to Worship, Invocation and Lord's Prayer Bonnie Nielson

One: You gather us in, Holy God,

Many: That we may worship and praise,

One: That we may be drawn closer to You,

Many: And each other,

One: Finding strength in our faith,

Many: And in our experience of Your presence in our midst,

One: Today and always. Let us pray:

Many: Holy and Merciful God, as we gather for worship this day, we take a moment to center ourselves, to focus ourselves, each one and all of us together. Help us, O God, to open ourselves to a new awareness of Your guidance, Your lessons, Your way, and Your presence. May we be strengthened to be Your people in all that we do and in all that we are, that we may live lives of light, love and joy in this troubled world. In the name of Savior, 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** “How Firm a Foundation” (*Adeste Fideles*) Pilgrim #372
[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 1 p. 489 Carol Booth

Scripture Luke 6: 17-26 p. 64

Message “Holy Habits: Blessings and Woes ”

Anthem “Blessed Are the Poor in Spirit” Rusty Edwards Bradley Krueger

Mission Moment Christine Bartlett

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

Offertory:

***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** “Your Ways Are Not Our Own” (*Schumann*) NCH #170
(words can be found on the Announcements page)

***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 “Great Day” Emma Lou Diemer

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

More Info/Contact Info

Call to Worship/Invocation written by Susan Reisert.

Image at the top of the bulletin: *Sermon on the Mount*. <http://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=58932>

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

Announcements and Hymns for 2/16/25

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 16

10:00 Worship

Tues, Feb 18

Noon Bible Bunch (parish house and on Zoom)

Wed, Feb 19

4:00 Choir rehearsal

Thurs, Feb 20

5:00 Personnel (Zoom)

Sun, Feb 23

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

TODAY'S HYMNS

How Firm a Foundation

(Adeste Fideles)

Pilgrim #372

1 How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, Is laid for your faith in his excellent word!
What more can he say than to you he hath said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled? To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

2 "Fear not, I am with thee, oh, be not dismayed, For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid.
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand, Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand."

3 "When through the deep waters I call thee to go, The rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;
For I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless,
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress, And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress."

4 "When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie, My grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply.
The lame shall not hurt thee: I only design
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine, Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine."

5 "The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose, I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake. I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake!"

Public Domain Hymn

Your Ways are Not Our Own

(Schumann)

NCH #170

1 Your ways are not our own, O gracious God most high,
Yet we would follow in your paths and on your love rely.

2 Christ teaches us to bless the ones who curse and harm,
To turn the other cheek when struck, attackers to disarm.

3 Yet, we cannot excuse abuse in any form,
For all are children of your care, and love must be our norm.

4 How shall we show your love, your pardon to believe?
You bid us share as we are blessed and give as we receive.

5 Forgiveness is our joy, receiving, giving, too.
Keep us from judgments hard and cruel, that we may dwell with you.

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Benediction response:

You Are Salt for the Earth, O People

(Bring Forth)

NCH #181

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