Welcome to Old South Congregational Church, United Church of Christ Hallowell, Maine

Hybrid Worship

10:00 am- Announcements and Community Joys & Concerns 10:10 am-Worship begins

Transfiguration Sunday March 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 "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" Fave López

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

Call to Worship, Invocation and Lord's Prayer

Deb Morgan

One: The call of the Holy One has brought us together. Many: We have been called to pray and to praise.

One: We are called to worship and to holy wonder.

Many: May the light of Love burn brightly in us.

One: May it transfigure and transform our hearts and minds. Many: May it become a beacon of hope for others.

One: Let us pray:

Many: God of mountains and valleys, of high places and low, and everywhere in between, we offer our gratitude that You meet us where we are. We offer our praise for leading us to this place of prayer and renewal. As we gather this day, enlighten our minds, open our hearts, and ready us for Your Word of love. May it shine in and through us, lighting a path of grace, hope, and joy. May the same transfiguring power, shown forth in Jesus Christ, also shine in us for the good of the world: 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

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" (St. Denio) *Opening Hymn NCH #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 99 Ron Bansmer p. 552

Scripture Luke 9:28-43a p. 69

"Spectacular Amazingness and Then.." Message

Anthem "Jesus Is the Answer/Seek Ye First" A. Crouch and K. Lafferty arr. B. Harlan Choir

Mission Moment

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

Offertory: "Jesus Paid It All" Tracey Craig McKibben

***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" (Dove of Peace)

NCH #349

Communion Prayer, Story, Consecration & Sharing of the Elements

Music: "Will You Come and Follow Me?"

Prayer of Thanksgiving, Pastoral Prayer and Response

*Hymn "Be Thou My Vision" (*Slane*) (words can be found on the Announcements page)

Pilgrim #391

*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 "Blessings and Honor" Terry Osman

*Please stand, if you are able

More Info/Contact Info

Call to Worship/Invocation adapted from "Worship Ways" at ucc.org. Image at the top of the bulletin is from Google Images.

Greeter: Bonnie Dufty Worship Asst: Cynthia McGuire Zoom: Joseph Reisert

Hospitality: Donna Bansmer

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Ms. Cynthia McGuire, Administrative Assistant
Mr. Bradley Krueger, Music Director
Ms. Marcy Fullmer, Sexton

Announcements and Hymns for 3/2/25

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

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

MEETINGS/EVENTS THIS WEEK:

Sun, March 2

10:00 Worship

After Worship Tales from the Trail with John Reisert

Tues, March 4

4:30 Bread of Life Dinner Delivery

5:00 Shrove Tuesday Breakfast for Dinner Potluck Gathering, Parish House

Wed, March 5

Noon - 2:00 Reflection, Meditation, Prayer Stations

Choir?

Thurs, March 6

11:00 Outreach Team

Noon Bible Bunch

Sunday, March 9

Daylight Saving Time. Spring Forward!

9:00 Choir

10:00 Worship

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL— this year's devotional, "Lift up Your Voice: Singing Through Lent and Easter," is from the SALT Project. A digital version of the booklet was attached to last week's Thursday News (and it will be attached to this Tuesday's). A few printed copies are available today.

EVENTS:

SUNDAY, March 2, after worship-- Tales from the Trail. John Reisert will share some of his experiences as a "thru hiker" on the Appalachian Trail (over 5 months, in 2023, he hiked all 2200 miles, from Georgia to Maine), as well as from the Colorado Trail, which he hiked last summer.

SHROVE TUESDAY-- March 4, 5:00 - 6:30. This year, for our Shrove Tuesday Supper, we'll have a breakfast-themed potluck. A sign up is posted.

<u>Make it a double!</u> Since it's also our monthly Bread of Life dinner delivery, the theme of the delivery will be Breakfast for Dinner. Please see the separate sign up.

ASH WEDNESDAY-- March 5, Noon - 2:00. We will not have a service. Instead, we'll have prayer/reflection/meditation stations in the parish house.

LENTEN BIBLE BUNCH-- MOVES TO THURSDAYS. Our discussions will be linked to this year's Lenten devotional. We will meet:

March 6, Noon - 1:00

March 13, 11:45 - 12:45

March 20-- NO Meeting (unless someone in the group would like to lead)

March 27, Noon - 1:00

April 3, Noon - 1:00

April 10, Noon - 1:00

BIBLE BUNCH meets on Thursdays (during Lent), at Noon, in the parish house and on Zoom, with discussions focused on the Lenten devotional.

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//Feb 23 for the Maine School of Ministry

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

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise (St. Denio) NCH #1

- 1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes, Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, your great name we praise.
- 2 Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light, not wanting, not wasting, but ruling in might; Your justice like mountains high soaring above, your clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.
- 3 Your life is life-giving—to both great and small; in all life you're living, the true life of all; We blossom and flourish as leaves and as flowers, then wither and perish—but naught dims your powers.
- 4 So perfect your glory, so brilliant your light, you angels adore you, all veiling their sight; All praise we now render as your angels do: in awe at the splendor of light hiding you. *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.
- 4 And thus we meet, and better know the Presence, ever near, And join our hearts and sing with joy that Christ is risen here, that Christ is risen here.
- 5 Together met, together bound, in friendship we will stay, And go with joy to love the world and live the way we pray, and live the way we pray.
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Be Thou My Vision

(Slane)

Pilgrim #391

1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; Nought be all else to me save that thou art. Thou my best thought, by day or by night, Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; Thou my great Father, I thy true son; Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

3 Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise Thou mine inheritance, now and always; Thou and thou only, first in my heart, High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

4 High King of heaven, my victory won, May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Public Domain Hymn

Benediction 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!

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