



**Welcome to**  
**Old South Congregational Church, United Church of Christ**  
**Hallowell, Maine**  
**Hybrid Worship (in person: sanctuary)**  
**10:00 am– Announcements and Community Joys & Concerns**  
**10:10 am– Worship begins**  
**March 23, 2025**

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

**Announcements/Joys & Concerns**

**Welcome**

**Prelude** "Fantasia on *O How I Love Jesus*" Jason Krug

**Introit** "Create in Me a Clean Heart" Donovan D. Klotzbeacher Choir

**Call to Worship, Invocation and Lord's Prayer** Don Reutershan

One: You who are thirsty:

**Many: Come to receive living water.**

One: You who are hungry:

**Many: Taste the bread that satisfies.**

One: You who long for connection:

**Many: Receive the fellowship of this community, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit.**

One: You who search for love:

**Many: Experience the love of Jesus expressed in music, prayer, community, word and action.**

One: May this time of worship fill and refresh you.

**Many: Let us worship God together!**

One: Let us pray:

**Many: Gather us in, Holy God, during this time of worship, praise and wonder. As we sing and pray, as we listen and speak, may our hearts be opened to Your presence. In this holy season, may we be especially attentive to the unexpected ways that You make Yourself known to us: 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** “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” (*Beecher*) Pilgrim #228  
[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 63:1-8 p.527 Christine Bartlett

**Scripture** Luke 13:1-9 p.76

**Message** “All in Good God Time” Sarah Mills, Worship Leader

**Anthem** “We Are the Hands of Christ” John Parker/Joel Raney Choir

### **Mission Moment**

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

**Offertory:** “No, Not One” Anthony Giamanco

**\*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** “Come, O Fount of Every Blessing” (*Nettleton*) NCH #459  
(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** “When I Can Read My Title Clear” Douglas Wagner

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

### **More Info/Contact Info**

Call to Worship is from “Worship Ways” at ucc.org. Invocation written by Susan Reisert.  
Image at the top of the bulletin is from the SALT Project.

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Pastor Susan's blog: [hopeinthewilderness.com](http://hopeinthewilderness.com)

**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 3/23/25**

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

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

**MEETINGS/EVENTS THIS WEEK:**

Sunday, March 23

9:00 Choir

10:00 Worship

Wednesday, March 26

3:00 Worship Team

4:00 Choir

5:30 Bell Choir

Thursday, March 27

Noon Bible Bunch

Sunday, March 30

9:00 Choir

10:00 Worship

After Worship      Tales from the Trail

**EVENTS:**

**RESCHEDULED: SUNDAY, March 30, 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.

**LENTEN BIBLE BUNCH-- IS MEETING ON THURSDAYS.** Our discussions will be linked to this year's Lenten devotional. We will meet:

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/March and April: Pilgrim Lodge**

**BREAD OF LIFE DINNER DELIVERY**– The next one is 4/1/25. The Sign Up is 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: April 13th. Send your check to the office, or place in the offering plate. Please mark your check clearly for Hannaford.

## **TODAY'S HYMNS**

**Love Divine, All Loves Excelling**

**(Beecher)**

**Pilgrim #228**

1 Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven, to earth come down,  
Fix in us thy humble dwelling, All thy faithful mercies crown;  
Jesus, thou art all compassion, Pure, unbounded love thou art;  
Visit us with thy salvation, Enter every trembling heart.

2 Breathe, O breathe thy loving spirit Into every troubled breast;  
Let us all in thee inherit, Let us find thy promised rest;  
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;  
End of faith, as its beginning, Set our hearts at liberty.

3 Come, almighty to deliver, Let us all thy life receive;  
Suddenly return, and never, Nevermore thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing, Serve thee as thy hosts above,  
Pray, and praise thee without ceasing, Glory in thy perfect love.

4 Finish, then, thy new creation; Pure and spotless let us be;  
Let us see thy great salvation Perfectly restored in thee;  
Changed from glory into glory, Till in heaven we take our place,  
Till we cast our crowns before thee, Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

*Public Domain Hymn*

**Come, O Fount of Every Blessing**

**(Nettleton)**

**NCH #459**

1 Come, O Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing your grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of endless praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount; I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unfailing love.

2 Here I pause in my sojourning, giving thanks for having come,  
Come to trust, at every turning, God will guide me safely home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God,  
Came to rescue me from danger, blessed body, precious blood.

3 O to grace how great a debtor daily I am drawn anew!  
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to you.  
Prone to wander, I can feel it, wander from the love I've known:  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for your very own.

*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,  
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