



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 30, 2025

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

Announcements/Joys & Concerns

Welcome

Prelude “Just As I Am” William Bradbury/arr. Timothy Cooper

Introit “Create in Me a Clean Heart” Donovan D. Klotzbeacher Choir

Call to Worship, Invocation and Lord's Prayer Darlene Davis

One: Loving God, You gather us here, eager to be close to us,

Many: Help us to allow ourselves to be drawn closer to You.

One: Loving God, You desire to forgive us and lavish us with love and mercy.

Many: Help us to accept and find joy in Your forgiveness.

One: Loving God, You hold us in our frailty, and love us unconditionally.

Many: Help us to open our hearts to Your empowering love.

One: Let us pray:

Many: Gracious and Holy God, even as we wander far from You, You plant in our hearts the reminder that we can return. Help us to bring to You all our faults and failings. Open our eyes to the ways we faltered and stumbled in our faith, when we have turned our back on Your desires and designs for our happiness and flourishing. For the times we have walked away or turned away, for the times we have resented the grace-filled homecomings of others, we ask for Your forgiveness, knowing too that You are always there to meet us and to shower upon us Your mercy: 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** “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” (Hymn to Joy) Pilgrim #8
[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 32 p.506 Don Reutershan

Scripture Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 p.78

Message “A New Look at an Old Story”

Anthem “Walk Worthy” J. Paul Williams/Joseph M. Martin Choir

Mission Moment

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

Offertory: “Will You Come and Follow Me?” arr. C.E. Walz

***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** “I’ve Got Peace Like a River” (Peace Like a River) NCH #478
(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 “Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain” Arthur Sullivan/arr. Lani Smith

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

More Info/Contact Info

Call to Worship and Invocation adapted from churchofscotland.org.

Image at the top of the bulletin is from the SALT Project.

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Ms. Cynthia McGuire, Administrative Assistant

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

Announcements and Hymns for 3/30/25

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 30

9:00 Choir

10:00 Worship

After Worship Tales from the Trail

Tuesday, April 1

4:30 Bread of Life Dinner Delivery

Wednesday, April 2

4:00 Choir

5:30 Bell Choir

Thursday, April 3

Noon Bible Study

Sunday, April 6

9:00 Choir

10:00 Worship with Communion

EASTER BREAKFAST??? Is anyone interested in coordinating a breakfast for Easter Sunday?

EVENTS:

TODAY 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:

April 3, Noon - 1:00

April 10, Noon - 1:00

BREAD OF LIFE DINNER DELIVERY is this Tuesday! The Sign Up is posted.

HOLY WEEK:

April 13 Palm/Passion Sunday

April 17 Maundy Thursday Potluck and Service, with Communion, Parish House, 5:30

April 18 Good Friday Service, Sanctuary, Noon

April 20 Easter Worship at 10:00

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

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee (*Hymn to Joy*)

Pilgrim #8

1 Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day.

2 All thy works with joy surround thee, Earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around thee, Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain, Call us to rejoice in thee.

3 Thou art giving and forgiving, Ever blessing, ever blest,
Well-spring of the joy of living, Ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother, All who live in love are thine;
Teach us how to love each other, Lift us to the joy divine.

4 Mortals, join the happy chorus Which the morning stars began;
Father love is reigning o’er us, Brother love binds man to man.
Ever singing, march we onward, Victors in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us sunward In the triumph song of life.

Public Domain Hymn

I've Got Peace Like a River

(Peace Like a River)

NCH #478

1 I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river, in my soul.
I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river in my soul.

2 I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain, in my soul.
I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain in my soul.

3 I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean, in my soul.
I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean in my soul.

4 I've got faith like an anchor, I've got faith like an anchor, I've got faith like an anchor, in my soul.
I've got faith like an anchor, I've got faith like an anchor, I've got faith like an anchor in my soul.

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Benediction response:

You Are Salt for the Earth, O People

(Bring Forth)

NCH #181

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