



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
April 27, 2025
2nd Sunday of Easter

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

Announcements/Joys & Concerns

Welcome

Prelude “Intermezzo on *Now the Green Blade Riseth*” French Carol/arr. John Dixon

Introit “This Is the Day” Les Garrett Choir

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

One: Unlock your hearts.

Many: God wants to come in.

One: Open your lives.

Many: God needs a home.

One: Swing wide all the doors.

Many: God's children need shelter.

One: Easter rolls the stone away.

Many: And nothing can be shut anymore!

One: Let us pray:

Many: In this Easter season, we are awed by Your love and hope, the joy of Christ's resurrection. Gracious and Holy God, bless us with the grace we need to live as You would have us live. Help us to see and to be assured of Your way for us. Help us to trust and to follow. Be among us that we may truly live in Your light, encouraging each other and sharing Your love with reckless abandon. In the name of our Risen Savior, we pray, and continue in prayer with the words Jesus taught: 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.

***Hymn and Lighting of Candles** “Come Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain” (*St. Kevin*) Pilgrim #185
(words 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 may light a candle and keep it close by during the service.]

Psalm Psalm 150 p. 583 Lindsey Childs

Scripture Luke 24:13-32 p. 90

Message “Good News”

Anthem “Because He Lives” Gaither arr. Jack Schrader Choir

Mission Moment

Offering (for those who attend worship in person, you may come forward during the offertory, to place your offering in one of the offering plates or you may place your offering in the plate near the door as you depart after worship)

Offertory: “Saviour More Than Life to Me” William Doane/arr. Stan Pethel

***Doxology** (Pilgrim #515)

You may sing the traditional version or the inclusive language version:

Traditional: 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 blessing flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host: Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

A Time for Prayer Silence, Pastoral Prayer, Response

***Hymn** “Yours Is the Glory, Resurrected One!” (*Judas Maccabeus*) NCH #253
(words can be found on the Announcements page)

***Blessing**

***Sung Response** “This Is the Day” (*This Is the Day*) NCH #84

2 This is the day, this is the day that our God has made, that our God has made; we will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it. This is the day that our God has made, we will rejoice and be glad in it; This is the day, this is the day that our God has made.

Postlude “Postlude on *Hallelujah! Thine the Glory*” W.P. Mackay/David Lasky

Fellowship

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

More Info/Contact Info

The photo at the top of the bulletin is of a plaque with scenes from Emmaus, Northern France, ca 850-900, Cloisters Collection. Photo by Susan Reisert.

The Call to Worship is from *Before the Amen: Creative Resources for Worship*, edited by Maren Tirabassi and Maria Tirabassi.

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Ms. Marcy Fullmer, Sexton

Announcements and Hymns for 4/20/25

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

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

PILGRIM LODGE— programs and camp information is available at pilgrimlodge.org. We have funds to help Old South folk attend! Please let Pastor Susan know by May 15, if you plan to attend any PL camps/programs this season.

MEETINGS/EVENTS THIS WEEK:

Sunday, April 27

9:00 Choir

10:00 Worship

Wednesday, April 30

1:00 Outreach Team

3:00 Worship Team

4:00 Choir rehearsal

Thursday, May 1

Noon Bible Bunch

BIBLE BUNCH— starts up again this week. We'll meet May 1, 8, 15 and 22 before we begin a summer break. The focus of our discussions will be the Easter stories from the Gospels:

May 1— Mark 16:1-8

May 8— Luke 24:1-12

May 15— Matthew 28:1-10

May 22— John 20:1-18

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: May 11 . Send your check to the office, or place in the offering plate. Please mark your check clearly for Hannaford.

EASTER PLANTS:

In memory of Clyde Morgan, Louise Morgan Perkins and Roy Perkins, given by their family

In memory of Rev. Terry Smith and Heidi Arsenault, given by Tina and Michael Smith

In memory of Paula Bruce Davis 'Grammy' Maxwell, from the Reisert family

In memory of our family and friends who have died and in honor of those still with us, from Warren and Christine Bartlett

In memory of our loved ones, from Cynthia and Bob McGuire

TODAY'S HYMNS

Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

(St. Kevin)

Pilgrim #185

1 Come, ye faithful, raise the strain Of triumphant gladness
God hath bright his Israel Into joy from sadness;
Loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke Jacob's sons and daughters;
Led them with unmoistened foot Through the Red Sea waters.

2 'Tis the spring of souls today; Christ hath burst his prison,
And from three days' sleep in death As a sun hath risen;
All the winter of our sins, Long and dark, is flying
From his light, to whom we give Laud and praise undying.

3 Now the queen of season, bright With the day of splendor,
With the royal feast of feasts, Comes its joy to render;
Comes to glad Jerusalem Who with true affection
Welcomes in unwearied strains Jesus' resurrection.

4 Neither might the gates of death, Nor the tomb's dark portal,
Nor the watchers, nor the seal Hold thee as a mortal;
But today amidst the twelve Thou didst stand, bestowing
That thy peace which evermore Passeth human knowing.

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Yours Is the Glory, Resurrected One! (*Judas Maccabeus*) NCH #253

1 Yours is the glory, Resurrected One! Endless is the victory you o'er death have won.
Angels clothed in radiance rolled the stone away; conquered is the grave in which your body lay.

Refrain: Yours is the glory, Resurrected one! Endless is the victory you o'er death have won.

2 See, it is Jesus, Jesus has appeared; do not doubt at all for nothing you will fear.
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing; tell it without ceasing: Death has lost its sting.
Refrain: Yours is the glory, Resurrected one! Endless is the victory you o'er death have won.

3 Am I still frightened? One whom I adore, Jesus lives again, gives peace forevermore.
Jesus is my victory, life and strength and Head: Jesus is my glory, nothing shall I dread.
Refrain: Yours is the glory, Resurrected one! Endless is the victory you o'er death have won.

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Benediction Response

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This is the day that our God has made, we will rejoice and be glad in it;
This is the day, this is the day that our God has made.

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