



**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  
May 11, 2025  
4th 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** “The Good Shepherd” Gregg Sewell

**Introit** “Gathered Here” NCH #742 Phil Porter Choir

**Call to Worship, Invocation and Lord's Prayer** Daniel O'Neill

One: Gather us in, Holy God,

**Many: And help us to perceive Your presence in our midst.**

One: In our difficulties,

**Many: Grant us Your blessing and Your peace.**

One: In our worship,

**Many: May we open our hearts and our minds,**

One: That we may follow, trusting in Your way for us,

**Many: Today and always.**

One: Let us pray:

**Many: As we come together for worship, in this holy season of Easter, renew us, Gracious and Loving God, and remake us into the people You call us to be. May we seek to work together to bring Your light and Your life, and may we be of service, actively engaged in sharing Your love with all. Bless us with strength and courage to be about Your holy work: 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** “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us” (Bradbury) Pilgrim #327

(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 23 p. 501 Bonnie Childs

**Scripture** Acts 9:36-43 p. 128

**Message** “Open Wide the Doors of Your Imagination: Tabitha”

**Special Music** “There Is a Redeemer” Melody Green/arr. Jack Schrader Bradley Krueger, trumpet

### **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:** “O Day of Radiant Gladness” German/Lani Smith

**\*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 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** “Peace I Leave with You, My Friends” (*Peace My Friends*) NCH #249

*Peace I leave with you, my friends, shalom, my peace, in all you do. Peace I leave with you, my friends. I give to you so you can give to others, too.*

*1 To share God’s love is why I came, to show God’s kindness without end. Go now, my friends, and do the same, until I come again. Peace, I leave....*

**Postlude** “All People that on Earth Do Dwell” Bourgeois/Daniel Burton

### **Fellowship**

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

## More Info/Contact Info

The photo at the top of the bulletin is from Google images.  
The Call to Worship was written by Susan Reisert.

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## Old South Staff:

The Rev. Susan M Reisert, Pastor and Teacher  
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Mr. Bradley Krueger, Music Director  
Ms. Marcy Fullmer, Sexton

## Announcements and Hymns for 5/11/25

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

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

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY! To all of our moms, grandmothers, aunties!**

**PILGRIM LODGE**— programs and camp information is available at [pilgrimlodge.org](http://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, May 11

9:00 Choir

10:00 Worship

Wednesday, May

4:00 Choir

Thursday, May

11:45 Bible Bunch (NOTE slight change in time!)

Sunday, May 18

9:00 Choir

10:00 Worship

After worship Special Congregational Meeting

3:00 Living Water Association Meeting, Pilgrim Lodge

**The Oversight Committee has called for a Special Meeting of Members for next Sunday, May 18, after worship, to vote on the following recommendation:**

The Oversight Committee be given the following specific authority in accordance with the Bylaws of Old South Congregational Church United Church of Christ, Hallowell, Maine (Article VIII.9.b.9):

1. To create a new listing agreement with our realtor to:
  - a) List the sanctuary building and the parish house together as a package for a price to be recommended by our realtor; and
  - b) Continue to list the sanctuary building as a separate option at a price recommended by our realtor.
2. To authorize the Oversight Committee to accept a reasonable offer, 1.a) or 1.b) above, and to sign a purchase and sale agreement based on the vote of the congregation at this Special Meeting of Members, May 18, 2025.
3. To endeavor to find a new home for the organ if the buyer of the property is not interested in having the organ included in the sale.

**BIBLE BUNCH**– The focus of our discussions for May are the Easter stories from the Gospels:

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

**TODAY'S HYMNS**

**Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us**

**(Bradbury)**

**Pilgrim #327**

1 Savior, like a shepherd lead us, Much we need thy tender care;  
In thy pleasant pastures feed us, For our use thy folds prepare.  
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus, Thou hast bought us, thine we are;  
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus, Thou hast bought us, thine we are.

2 We are thine; do thou befriend us; Be the guardian of our way;  
Keep thy flock; from sin defend us; Seek us when we go astray.  
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus, Hear thy children when they pray;  
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3 Early let us seek thy favor; Early let us do thy will;  
Blessed Lord and only Savior, With thy love our bosoms fill.  
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus, Thou hast loved us, love us still;  
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus, Thou hast loved us, love us still.

*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**

**Peace I Leave with You, My Friends**

**(Peace, My Friends)**

**NCH #249**

*Refrain:* Peace I leave with you, my friends, shalom, my peace, in all you do.

Peace I leave with you, my friends. I give to you so you can give to others, too.

1 To share God's love is why I came, to show God's kindness without end. Go now, my friends, and do the same, until I come again. *Refrain*

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