



**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 25, 2025  
6th 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** “I Come with Joy to Meet My Lord” (Land of Rest) Robert Lau

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

**Call to Worship, Invocation and Lord's Prayer** Bonnie Nielson

One: Gather us together, Holy God,

**Many: And inspire us to use our imaginations,**

One: To envision new ways for us to be Your people.

**Many: Help us to trust in Your way,**

One: And to follow in faith,

**Many: Today and always.**

One: Let us pray:

**Many: Loving and Merciful God, You gather us together as Your holy people. In this season of Easter, You encourage us to listen attentively and openly, that we may be strengthened in faith. Hold us close, Gracious God, that we may be bold and courageous as we seek to spread Your love near and far. In the name of Jesus the Christ, we pray, the One who taught us to pray together: 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** “God of Grace and God of Glory”(CWM Rhondda) Pilgrim #366  
(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 67 p. 529 Debra Morgan

**Scripture** Acts 16:9-15 p. 136

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

**Anthem** “It Is Well With My Soul” Philip Bliss/arr. Courtney & Beck 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:** “O Day of Radiant Gladness” arr. 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** “Forward Through the Ages” (St. Gertrude) NCH #377  
(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.*

**Postlude** “Postlude on St. Elizabeth” Nigel Williams

### **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.  
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Ms. Cynthia McGuire, Administrative Assistant

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

**Announcements and Hymns for 5/25/25**

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 available at [pilgrimlodge.org](http://pilgrimlodge.org).

**MEETINGS/EVENTS THIS WEEK:**

Sunday, May 25

9:00 Choir

10:00 Worship

Wednesday, May 28

4:00 Choir rehearsal

Sunday, June 1, NO Communion

9:00 Choir

10:00 Worship, with Sarah Mills leading

**SPECIAL MEETING OF MEMBERS LAST SUNDAY**

The assembled group voted, last Sunday, to add the parish house to the real estate listing. Many thanks to everyone who participated. Oversight will keep everyone updated as we proceed.

**LIVING WATER ASSOCIATION SPRING MEETING**

Many thanks to our delegates— Rick Campbell, Jane Campbell and Nancy Ruark— as well as members of Old South who serve on the LWA Executive Committee— Christine Bartlett and Ted Ruark— for attending last Sunday's meeting at Pilgrim Lodge.

**BIBLE BUNCH**— is now on summer break.

**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: June 15. Send your check to the office, or place in the offering plate. Please mark your check clearly for Hannaford.

## TODAY'S HYMNS

### **God of Grace and God of Glory      (CWM Rhondda)      Pilgrim #366**

1 God of grace and God of glory, On thy people pour thy power;  
Crown thine ancient church's story; Bring her bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, Grant us courage, For the facing of this hour, For the facing of this hour.

2 Lo! The hosts of evil round us Scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!  
From the fears that long have bound us, Free our hearts to faith and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, Grant us courage, For the living of these days, For the living of these days.

3 Cure thy children's warring madness; Bend our pride to thy control;  
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness, Rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, Grant us courage, Lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,  
Lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

4 Set our feet on lofty places; Gird our lives that they may be  
Armored with all Christ-like graces In the fight to set men free.  
Grant us wisdom, Grant us courage, That we fail not man nor thee, That we fail not man nor thee.

5 Save us from weak resignation To the evils we deplore;  
Let the search for thy salvation Be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, Grant us courage, Serving thee whom we adore, Serving thee whom we adore.

*Public Domain Hymn*

### **Forward Through the Ages      (St. Gertrude)      NCH #377**

1 Forward through the ages, in unbroken line, move the faithful spirits at the call divine;  
Gifts in differing measure, hearts of one accord, manifold in service, one the sure reward.

*Refrain:* Forward through the ages, in unbroken line, Move the faithful spirits at the call divine.

2 Wide grows God's dominion, reign of love and peace; for it we must labor, till all strivings cease.  
Prophets have proclaimed it, teachers testified, poets sung its glory, martyrs for it died. *Refrain*

3 Not alone we conquer, not alone we fall; In each loss or triumph, lose or triumph all.  
Bound by God's far purpose in one living whole, move we on together to the shining goal. *Refrain*

*Public Domain Hymn*

## **Benediction 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.

