



**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  
June 29, 2025 Third Sunday of Pentecost**

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

**Announcements/Joys & Concerns**

Christine Bartlett

**Welcome**

**Prelude** “Prelude on *Harewood*” Karen Beaumont

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

Jane Campbell

Leader: This is the day that God has made,

**People: let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Leader: O come, let us worship and bow down,

**People: let us kneel before God, our Maker.**

**Let us pray. Each day, each night, Each light, each dark, Be near us, uphold us, Our treasure, our truth. God of light and darkness, you give us seasons, reminding us of your presence in the bleak as well as the brilliance. In these days of chaos and skepticism, you remind us of the predictable patterns that offer us comfort. We need this comfort as we move forward, as promised in the prayer Jesus taught 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.**

**\*Hymn and Lighting of Candles** “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” (Beecher) Pilgrim #228  
(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 16 p. 495

Don Reutershan

**Scripture** Luke 9:51-62 p. 70

**Message** "Thank you for the invitation, but...."

Ron Bansmer, Worship Leader

**Special Music** "Spirit Song" John Wimber

Cynthia McGuire & Bonnie Dufty

**Mission Moment**

Bonnie Dufty

**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:** "All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly" Jason W. Krug

**\*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 for Prayer** Silence, Pastoral Prayer, Response

**\*Hymn** "O Jesus, I Have Promised" (Angel's Story)  
(words can be found on the Announcements page)

NCH #493

**\*Blessing**

**\*Sung Response** "I Come with Joy" (Dove of Peace)

NCH #349

Verse 5: *Together met, together bound, in friendship we will stay, And go with joy to love the world and live the way we pray, and live the way we pray.*

**Postlude** "Morning Fanfare" Phil Lehenbauer

**Fellowship**

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

**More Info/Contact Info**

The Call to Worship/Invocation: From Worship Resources in the New Century Hymnal. Invocation (Partially written by John Philip Newell) [worldinprayer.org](http://worldinprayer.org) and pastoral prayer also from [worldinprayer.org](http://worldinprayer.org)

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

## **Announcements and Hymns for 6/29/25**

Many thanks to Christine Bartlett and Ron Bansmer for leading our worship service today. Pastor Susan will be back next Sunday.

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.

### **MEETINGS/EVENTS THIS WEEK:**

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

### **CHANGE TO WORSHIP TIME STARTING IN JULY:**

The Oversight Committee approved a slight change to the timing of worship, starting next month. **Announcements and Community Concerns will be at 9:50am. Worship will begin at 10:00.**

### **JULY WORSHIP**

For July, we will focus on “Our Church in These Days,” paying particular attention to exploring who we are and what we are called to be, potentially without the building in which we have gathered for many, many years.

July 6	Our Church in These Days: Each One a Beloved Child	Mark 5:25-34
July 13	Our Church in These Days: Each One God's Masterpiece After Worship “Community Conversation”	Ephesians 2:3-9
July 20	Our Church in These Days: A New Identity in Christ	2 Corinthians 5:1-10
July 27	Our Church in These Days: Our Call	2 Corinthians 5:11-21
July 31 (Thurs)	Community Conversation, Noon, in the Parish House, Bring Something to Share for a Potluck Lunch!	

### **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: July 13. 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*

**O Jesus, I Have Promised**                      **(Angel's Story)**                      **NCH #493**

1 O Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;  
Remain forever near me, my Savior and my Friend:  
I shall not fear life's struggles if you are by my side,  
Nor wander from the pathway if you will be my guide.

2 O let me hear you speaking in accents clear and still,  
Above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will!  
O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control!  
O speak, and make me listen, O guardian of my soul!

3 O Jesus, you have promised to all who follow you  
That where you are in glory your servant shall be, too;  
And, Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;  
O give me grace to follow my Savior and my Friend!

*Public Domain Hymn*

**Benediction Response**

**I Come with Joy**                      **(Dove of Peace)**                      **NCH #349**

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