

# Old South Congregational Church, United Church of Christ Hallowell, Maine Hybrid Worship (In-person: Sanctuary)

9:50 am – Announcements and Community Joys & Concerns 10:00 am – Worship begins July 6, 2025

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

## **Announcements/Joys & Concerns**

#### Welcome

Prelude "Amazing Grace" Early American Melody arr/Daniel Kelley (clarinet solo) Cynthia and Don

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

Jane Campbell

One: Sing praise to God's holy name.

Many: Let us raise our voices in wonder and thanksgiving.

One: Sing praise to God's holy name.

Many: Let us open our hearts and minds, to be renewed in service.

One: Sing praise to God's holy name.

Many: Today and always.

One: Let us pray:

Many: How wondrous it is to gather as Your people, Gracious and Holy God. In this time of worship, shower upon us Your blessings, that we may become reacquainted with Your ways and better attuned to the movement of Your Spirit. Hold us close so that we may be strengthened as Your people. We continue our 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 "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above" (Mit Freuden Zart)
Pilgrim #20

(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 66:1-9 p. 528 Deb Morgan

**Scripture** Mark 5:25-34 p. 39

**Message** "Our Church in These Days: Each One a Child of God"

**Special Music** "Let There Be Peace On Earth" Miller/Jackson arr. C.Courtney Cynthia & Don

#### **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**: "Andante" F.J. Haydn flute solo Cynthia McGuire & Don Reutershan \***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.

#### The Sacrament of Communion

Invitation

\*Hymn "As We Gather At Your Table" (Beach Spring) NCH #332, Verses 1 & 2

Story and Communion Prayer

Sharing of the Elements

Communion Music "Cantilena" Timothy Price Cynthia McGuire & Don Reutershan

Prayer and Response

\*Hymn "Jesus Loves Me" (*Jesus Loves Me*) (words can be found on the Announcements page)

NCH #327

## \*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 "America (My Country 'Tis of Thee)" Traditional arr. Cindy Berry Don Reutershan, piano

# **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 and Invocation were written by Susan Reisert.

Greeter: Bonnie Dufty Worship Asst: Jane Campbell Zoom: Joseph Reisert

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#### **Old South Staff:**

The Rev. Susan M Reisert, Pastor and Teacher

Mr. Bradley Krueger, Music Director

Ms. Cynthia McGuire, Administrative Assistant Ms. Marcy Fullmer, Sexton

## Announcements and Hymns for 7/6/25

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

**OFFICE HOURS**–Tuesday & Thursday, 9:00 - Noon. Cynthia will be out of the office on Thursday.

**MEETINGS/EVENTS THIS WEEK: None!** 

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

### CHANGE TO WORSHIP TIME STARTING IN JULY:

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	Ephesians 2:3-9

**After Worship "Community Conversation"** 

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 24 (Thurs) Community Commu

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: <a href="https://oldsouthhallowell.org/">https://oldsouthhallowell.org/</a>

**OUTREACH FUND FOR JULY:** Strengthen the Church (U.C.C.)

**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**

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above (Mit Freuden Zart) Pilgrim #20

1 Sing praise to God who reigns above, The God of all creation,

The God of power, the God of love, The God of our salvation;

With healing balm my soul he fills, And every faithless murmur stills:

To God all praise and glory.

2 What God's almighty power hath made, His gracious mercy keepeth; By morning glow or evening shade His watchful eye ne'er sleepeth; Within the kingdom of his might, Lo! All is just and all is right: To God all praise and glory.

3 Then all my gladsome way along, I sing aloud thy praises, That men may hear the grateful song My voice unwearied raises; Be joyful in the Lord, my heart, Both soul and body all is right: To God all praise and glory.

4 O ye who name Christ's holy name, Give God all praise and glory; All ye who own his power, proclaim Aloud the wondrous story! Cast each false idol from his throne, The Lord is God, and he alone: To God all praise and glory.

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#### As We Gather At Your Table

(Beach Spring)

NCH #332

1 As we gather at your table, as we listen to your word, Help us know, O God, your presence; let our hearts and minds be stirred. Nourish us with sacred story till we claim it as our own; Teach us through this holy banquet how to make Love's victory known.

2 Turn our worship into witness in the sacrament of life; Send us forth to love and serve you, bringing peace where there is strife. Give us, Christ, your great compassion to forgive as you forgave; May we still behold your image in the world you died to save.

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## Jesus Loves Me (Jesus Loves Me)

NCH #327

1 Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so, Little ones to him belon; they are weak, but he is strong.

*Refrain:* Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

2 Jesus loves me! This I know, as he loved so long ago, Taking children on his knee, saying, "Let them come to me." *Refrain* 

3 Jesus loves me! Still today, walking with me on my way, Wanting as a friend to give light and love to all who live. *Refrain* 

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# **Benediction 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.

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