



**Welcome to
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 20, 2025**

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

Announcements/Joys & Concerns

Welcome

Prelude “To a Wild Rose” MacDowell/arr. Robert Lau

Introit “He Is Here” Gaither Vocal Band Jean Davenport & Joan Morgan

Call to Worship, Invocation and Lord’s Prayer Cynthia McGuire

One: O Most Holy God, we give you thanks that You are among us.

Many: We thank you for the gift of Your creation;

One: For the gift of friends and family;

Many: For the gift of stories;

One: For the gifts of learning and knowledge;

Many: For the gifts of question and doubt;

One: For the fire of enthusiasm;

Many: For the wind of reason.

One: For all we understand, for all that remains a mystery, for Your loving presence in and through it all,

Many: We give You thanks.

One: Let us pray:

Many: Come, Holy Spirit, come. Renew Your whole creation, nature and grace, soul and body, and all manner of matter. Move in and around us and fill us with Your creative energy and extravagant light. May our hearts be open, may our hearts be stirred, for the work of love to which You call us and the hope of the world for which we labor: 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** “For the Beauty of the Earth” (Dix) NCH #28

(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 Reading Psalm 15 p. 495 Jane Campbell

Scripture 2 Corinthians 5:1-10 p. 181

Message “Our Church in These Days: A New Identity in Christ”

Special Music “Since Jesus Passed By” Lynda Randle Jean Davenport & Joan Morgan

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: “In the Garden Medley” as sung by Sandi Patty Jean and Joan

***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** “Savior Again, to Thy Dear Name” (Ellers) Pilgrim #60
(words can be found on the Announcements page)

***Blessing**

Postlude “Postlude on *Faithfulness*” Douglas Wagner

Fellowship

***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 adapted from *Before the Amen: Creative Resources for Worship*, edited by Maren C. Tirabassi and Maria I. Tirabassi..

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Ms. Marcy Fullmer, Sexton

Announcements and Hymns for 7/20/25

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

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

MEETINGS/EVENTS THIS WEEK: none!

IMPORTANT REMINDER! Next week's worship, July 27, will be ZOOM ONLY, because of the Ironman competition.

BIBLE BUNCH— is now on summer break.

OUTREACH TEAM is meeting August 5 at 1:00, location: tba.

BREAD OF LIFE DINNER DELIVERY for August 5 has been posted, and is available online.

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 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/>

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

HANNAFORD PROGRAM: Next deadline: August 10th. Send your check to the office, or place in the offering plate. Please mark your check clearly for Hannaford.

TODAY'S HYMNS

For the Beauty of the Earth

(Dix)

NCH #28

1 For the beauty of the earth, for the splendor of the skies
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies.

Refrain: God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

2 For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light. *Refrain*

3 For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild. *Refrain*

4 For the good that love inspires, for a world where none exclude,
For a faith that never tires, and for every heart renewed. *Refrain*

Public Domain Hymn

Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name

(Ellers)

Pilgrim #60

1 Savior, again to thy dear name we raise With one accord our parting hymn of praise;
We stand to bless thee ere our worship cease, Then, lowly kneeling, wait thy word of peace.

2 Grant us thy peace upon our homeward way; With thee began, with thee shall end the day;
Guard thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame, That in this house have called upon thy name.

3 Grant us thy peace, Lord, through the coming night; Turn thou for us its darkness into light;
From harm and danger keep thy children free, For dark and light are both alike to thee.

4 Grant us thy peace throughout our earthly life, Our balm in sorrow, and our stay in strife;
Then, when thy voice shall bid our conflict cease, Call us, O Lord, to thine eternal peace.

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