



**Welcome to
Old South Congregational Church, United Church of Christ
Hallowell, Maine
Zoom ONLY Worship
9:50 am– Announcements and Community Joys & Concerns
10:00 am– Worship begins
July 27, 2025**

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

Announcements/Joys & Concerns

Welcome

Prelude “The Lone, Wild Bird” Wm. Walker/arr. Anthony Giamanco

Call to Worship, Invocation and Lord’s Prayer

One: Praise be to God. Praise be to God for the gift of life. Praise be to God for the gift of hope. Praise be to God for the gift of grace. Praise be to God for the gifts of love, grace and hope intermingled, and at work in our midst. Let us pray:

Many: O Holy One, may our time together be filled with Your Spirit. Gentle us into an unclenched moment, a deep breath, a letting go of heavy expectations, of shriveling anxieties, of dead certainties, that, softened by Your love, surrounded by Your light, and open to Your mystery, we may be found by wholeness, upheld by the unfathomable, entranced by the simple, and filled with the joy that is You: 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.

Psalm Reading Psalm 138 p. 577 Deb Morgan

Scripture 2 Corinthians 5:11-21 p. 181

Message “Our Church in These Days: Our Call”

Special Music “People Need the Lord” Gregg Nelson & Phill McHugh Bradley Krueger

Mission Moment

Offering

Time of Prayer

Silence and Pastoral Prayer

***Hymn** "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" (In Babilone)
(words can be found on the Announcements page)

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*Blessing

Postlude "I Love Thee" Jeremiah Ingalls/arr. Patti Drennan

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. Cynthia McGuire, Administrative Assistant

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

Announcements and Hymns for 7/27/25

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

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

MEETINGS/EVENTS THIS WEEK:

Tuesday, 7/29, Oversight, 5:00, at Pastor Susan's house

July 31 (Thurs) Community Conversation, Noon, in the Parish House, Bring Something to Share for a Potluck Lunch!

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.

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 10. Send your check to the office, or place in the offering plate. Please mark your check clearly for Hannaford.

TODAY'S HYMN

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

(In Babilone)

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1 There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea;
There's a kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty.
There's no place where earthly sorrows are more felt than in God's heaven;
There's no place where earthly failings have such kindly judgment given.

2 For the love of God is broader than the measure of our minds;
And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.
If our love were but more faithful, we would gladly trust God's word;
And our lives would show thanksgiving for the goodness of our God.

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