



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
August 3, 2025

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

Announcements/Joys & Concerns

Welcome

Prelude “Glory and Grace” Ruth Elaine Schram

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

One: God of the past, who whispered in the prophets' ears, who rescued us from sin's slavery:

Many: we are here to thank you.

One: God of the future, who is tearing down the old world, and building your kingdom in our midst:

Many: we are here because we trust you.

One: God of the present who, in the giftedness of our diversity, creates us to be one people:

Many: we are here to praise you.

One: God of life that surprises us when we find it within us:

Many: we celebrate your grace.

One: Let us pray:

Many: How can we forget them, Loving God, those who have been thrown aside by the world, those whose cries are no longer heard by the powerful? How can we judge them, those who make choices with which we disagree, those who are so different from us? How can we still follow the hurlers of angry words, the purveyors of prejudice? Continue to teach us better ways of living and doing, God of grace. You gather us from our foolishness, so we might be led into acts of mercy. You redeem us from our mistakes so we might bend down and feed those who hunger for hope. Your compassion, so warm and tender, is gifted to us through Jesus the Christ, the One who taught us to pray: 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** “When Morning Gilds the Skies”(Laudes Domini) v.1-4 Pilg #35
(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.]

Scripture Psalm 107:1-9 p. 559 Don Reutershan

Message “Psalms for Summer: Introduction”

Special Music “Every Time I Feel the Spirit” arr. Joyce Johnson Joel Johnson & Cynthia McGuire
Don Reutershan, piano

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: “He’s Got the Whole World In His Hands/Rocka My Soul” Joel, Cynthia, & Don

***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 “Here, O My Lord, I See Your Face to Face” v.1 & 5 (Morecambe) NCH #336

Story and Communion Prayer

Sharing of the Elements

Communion Music “At the Table” (Forever True) Brian Gibson

Prayer and Response

***Hymn** “Great is Your Faithfulness” (Faithfulness) NCH #423
(words can be found on the Announcements page)

***Blessing**

Postlude “Postlude Brevis” David Lasky

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 *Lectionary Liturgies by the Rev. Thom Shuman* at <https://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com/>

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Announcements and Hymns for 8/03/25

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

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

MEETINGS/EVENTS THIS WEEK:

Tuesday, 8/5	1:00	Outreach Team Meeting
	4:30	Bread of Life Dinner Delivery
Thursday, 8/7	10:00	Parish House Design Team

BIBLE BUNCH— is now on summer break.

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

AUGUST SERMON SERIES: Psalms for Summer

August 3— Introduction; Psalm 107:1-9

August 10— Lament; Psalm 13

August 17— Protection; Psalm 121

August 24— Deliverance, Psalm 40:1-10

August 31— Confidence; Psalm 27:1-6

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 AUGUST: Kennebec County Jail Inmates Fund

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 HYMNS

When Morning Gilds the Skies

(*Laudes Domini*)

Pilgrim #35

1 When morning gilds the skies, My heart awaking cries, May Jesus Christ be praised!
Alike at work and prayer, To Jesus I repair; May Jesus Christ be praised!

2 The night becomes as day, When from the heart we say, May Jesus Christ be praised!
The powers of darkness fear, When this sweet chant they hear, May Jesus Christ be praised!

3 Ye nations of mankind, In this your concord find, May Jesus Christ be praised!
Let all the earth around Ring joyous with the sound, May Jesus Christ be praised!

4 To God, the Word, on high, The hosts of angels cry, May Jesus Christ be praised!
Let mortals, too, upraise Their voice in hymns of praise, May Jesus Christ be praised!

Public Domain Hymn

Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face

(*Morecambe*)

NCH #336

1 Here, O my Lord, I see you face to face; here would I touch and handle things unseen;
Here grasp with firmer hand the eternal grace, And all my weariness upon you lean.

5 We have no help but yours, nor do we need another strength than yours to lean upon.
It is enough, O Lord, enough indeed; our faith is in your might, your might alone.

Public Domain Hymn

Great is Your Faithfulness

(*Faithfulness*)

NCH #423

1 Great is your faithfulness, O God, Creator, with you no shadow of turning we see.
You do not change, your compassions they fail not; all of your goodness forever will be.

Refrain: Great is your faithfulness! Great is your faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed your hand has provided, Great is your faithfulness, God, unto me!

2 Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness to your great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Refrain

3 Pardon for sin and a peace so enduring, your own dear presence to cheer and to guide.
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine with ten thousand beside.

Refrain

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