



**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 10, 2025

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

Announcements/Joys & Concerns

Welcome

Prelude "Wayfaring Stranger" Spiritual/Mark Hayes

Call to Worship, Invocation and Lord's Prayer

Warren Bartlett

One: We are people who have been called to follow where God leads us.

Many: By faith we can obey, even when asked to walk into an unknown future.

One: We are people who have been challenged to tell God's story to others.

Many: By faith we have the ability to share the good news.

One: We are God's children who are invited to feast at the Table of grace.

Many: By faith we will embrace our sisters and brothers in Christ.

One: Let us pray:

Many: Gracious and Holy God, when our sins stain our lives, You dissolve them with Your mercy; when our souls become calloused by the hardness of our hearts, Your grace makes them as soft as a cashmere sweater so we can be dressed to serve others. In this time of worship, may we open our hearts and our minds to Your mercy and Your guidance, even as we also consider when You feel far away and distant. God in Community, Holy in One, as we seek to grow in our faith, hear us as we pray as Jesus has 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** "Be Thou My Vision" (Slane)

Pilgrim #391

(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 22:1-11 p. 500

Bonnie Nielson

Scripture Psalm 13 p. 494

Message "Psalms for Summer: Lament"

Special Music "The Gift of Love" arr. Hal Hopson Christine Bartlett, Cynthia McGuire, Bonnie Duffy

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: "My Life Flows On (How Can I Keep from Singing?)" Arthur Frackenpohl

***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** "In the Bulb There Is a Flower" (Promise) NCH #433
(words can be found on the Announcements page)

***Blessing**

Postlude "Blessed Be the Name" James Mansfield

Fellowship

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

More Info/Contact Info

The photo at the top of the bulletin is from the New York Times ("How to Lament," 8/4/2017). The Call to Worship and Invocation is adapted from Lectionary Liturgies, from The Rev. Thom Shuman, available at lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com.

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Announcements and Hymns for 8/10/25

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

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

MEETINGS/EVENTS THIS WEEK: None!

BIBLE BUNCH— is now on summer break.

AUGUST SERMON SERIES: Psalms for Summer (and beyond?)

This month, and perhaps into September, we'll be exploring the book of Psalms. As we've done in the past, you are invited to consider writing a psalm of your own. If you've written one in the past, you might think about it with new eyes and update it. Or, you might try a new psalm.

The book of Psalms covers a wide range of human experiences and the connection between God and humanity— praise, thanksgiving, comfort, singing, loss, grief, distance, alienation. There are also passages that are problematic and unsettling.

Please consider writing a psalm! We'll also have two opportunities to gather to help each other in our writing:

Thurs, 8/28 at Noon (parish house and Zoom)

Tues, 9/2 at Noon (parish house and Zoom)

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

TODAY'S HYMNS

Be Thou My Vision

(*Slane*)

Pilgrim #391

1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; Nought be all else to me save that thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night, Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I thy true son; Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

3 Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise, Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and thou only, first in my heart, High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

4 High King of heaven, my victory won, May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Public Domain Hymn

In the Bulb There Is a Flower

(*Promise*)

NCH #433

1 In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;
In cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

2 There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;
There's a dawn for every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

3 In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;
In our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

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