



**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 24, 2025

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

Announcements/Joys & Concerns

Welcome

Prelude “Meditation on *Moment by Moment*”

May Moody/James Conely

Call to Worship, Invocation and Lord's Prayer

Bonnie Childs

One: In the midst of trouble and turmoil, God is our refuge.

Many: God is our mighty fortress and shield.

One: In God's strength we shall be healed.

Many: In God's love we shall witness the Good News.

One: Come, let us worship God, grateful for God's wondrous power.

Many: Open our hearts, Lord, that we might truly become bearers of peace and justice.

One: Let us pray:

Many: Gracious and Holy God, whose power and mercy have extended to all ends of creation, pour Your love on us this day, as we gather together as Your people, that we might be healed and be made ready to serve You by serving others in this world that you have created, sharing love and hope, in trust and faithfulness: 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** “Praise to the Living God”

(*Diademata*)

NCH #8

(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 18:1-6 p. 497

Jane Campbell

Scripture Psalm 40:1-10 p. 513

Message "Psalms for Summer: Deliverance"

Special Music "Why Am I Afraid to Love?" Ken Medema

Bradley Krueger, tenor

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: "But the Lord is Mindful of His Own" F. Mendelssohn/arr. A. Louis

***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** "Lord of All Hopefulness" (Slane)
(words can be found on the Announcements page)

Pilgrim #217

***Blessing**

Postlude "Nothing but the Blood of Jesus" Robert Lowry/arr. Marianne Kim

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 are adapted from Ministry Matters, at ministrymatters.com.

Greeter: Deb Morgan

Worship Asst:

Zoom: Joseph Reisert

Hospitality: Darlene & Galen (leftovers from last week!)

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Ms. Cynthia McGuire, Administrative Assistant

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

Announcements and Hymns for 8/24/25

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 Tuesday.

MEETINGS/EVENTS THIS WEEK: None!

BIBLE BUNCH— is now on summer break. Look next week for an announcement regarding our plan for the fall!

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:

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: September 14th. Send your check to the office, or place in the offering plate. Please mark your check clearly for Hannaford.

TODAY'S HYMNS

Praise to the Living God (*Diademata*)

NCH #8

1 Praise to the living God, the God of love and light,
Whose word brought forth the myriad suns and set the worlds in flight;
Whose infinite design, which we but dimly see,
Pervades all nature, making all a cosmic unity.

2 Praise to the living God, from whom all things derive,
Whose Spirit formed upon this sphere the first faint seeds of life,
Who caused them to evolve, unwitting, toward God's goal,
Till humankind stood on the earth, as living, thinking souls.

3 Praise to the living God, who knows our joy and pain,
Who shares with us our common life, the sacred and profane.
God toils where'er we toil, in home and mart and mill;
And deep within the human heart God leads us forward still.

4 Praise to the living God, around, within, above,
Beyond the grasp of human mind, but whom we know as love.
In these tumultuous days, so full of hope and strife,
May we bear witness to the Way, O Source and Goal of life.

Public Domain Hymn

Lord of All Hopefulness (*Slane*)

Pilgrim #217

1 Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever childlike no cares could destroy,
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

2 Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
Be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

3 Lord of all kindliness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

4 Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

