



**Welcome to Old South Congregational Church, United Church of Christ
Hallowell, Maine**

Hybrid Worship (in person: sanctuary)

10:00 am– Announcements and Community Joys & Concerns

10:10 am– Worship begins

September 14, 2025

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

Announcements/Joys & Concerns

Welcome

Prelude “A Lullaby” Richard deCosta

Introit “Gathered Here” Phil Porter Choir

Call to Worship, Invocation and Lord's Prayer Darlene Davis

One: We raise our voices in thanksgiving, Gracious and Holy God,

Many: That You have gathered us together this day.

One: May our time together be joyful and renewing,

Many: A time of reconnection, to each other and to our God.

One: May all our days

Many: Be blessed with God's grace.

One: Let us pray:

Many: Loving God, we endeavor to be Your people, though the way is often challenging and unexpected. Sometimes we stumble; forgive us. Sometimes we manage to rise to the occasion; celebrate with us. With wonder in our hearts, we are amazed that You care for us and show us the way to fullness of life: 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 Lord, the Almighty” (*Lobe den Herren*) Pilgrim#15
(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 100 p. 552

Bonnie Nielson

Scripture Psalm 138 p. 577

Message "Psalms for Psummer: Thanksgiving"

Anthem "It Is Good to Sing Thy Praises" arr. John Carter

Choir

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: "Jesus Loves the Little Children" Mark Hayes/arr. Marvin Gaspard

***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** "God Speak to Me, That I May Speak" (Canonbury)
(words can be found on the Announcements page)

NCH #531

***Blessing**

***Benediction Response** "God Be With You Till We Meet Again" (*God Be With You*) Pilgrim #62
*1 God be with you till we meet again; By his counsels guide, uphold you,
With his sheep securely fold you: God be with you till we meet again.*

Postlude "Postlude on *Laudate Dominum*" C. Hubert Parry/Richard Williamson

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 written by Susan Reisert.

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Ms. Marcy Fullmer, Sexton

Announcements and Hymns for 9/14/25

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

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

MEETINGS/EVENTS THIS WEEK:

Today

2:00 Living Water Association Meeting, Pilgrim Lodge

Wednesday

4:00 Choir rehearsal (New members welcome!)

Our FALL Worship Series: Got Questions? Jesus Did Too!

Sept 21: Why do you raise such questions? Mark 2:1-12

Sept 28: With what can we compare the kingdom of God? Mark 4:26-32

Oct 5: If you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Matthew 5:43-48

Oct 12: Why are you afraid? Matthew 8:23-27

Oct 19: Why do you worry? Luke 12:22-31

Oct 26: When the Son of Man comes, will he find justice on earth? Luke 18:1-8

Nov 2: Do you want to be made well? John 5:1-9

Nov 9: Do you love me more than these? John 21:15-19

Nov 16 and 23: tba

FALL EVENTS!

Sunday, October 5— Fall Harvest Potluck & Trivia Time, after worship.

Sunday, October 26— Outreach Event (see below)

Sunday, November 2— the Occasional Book Group returns! We'll discuss *Call Me American* by Abdi Nor Iftin, after worship.

Sunday, November 16— Time & Talent Auction Potluck, after worship.

BIBLE BUNCH— will start up again on Tuesday, Sept 23, at Noon, in the parish house and on Zoom. We will discuss the Questions series. We'll meet every Tuesday at Noon through the end of October. Then, we'll have a fall break through November. December 2, 9 and 16 will be focused on Advent.

AUGUST/EARLY SEPT SERMON SERIES: Psalms for Psummer

Have you written a psalm? If so, please share it! Please email it to the church email address and consider sharing it during worship in October or November!

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 SEPTEMBER: Kennebec Behavioral Health

SAVE THE DATE! Fall Outreach Event will be **Sunday, October 26**, when we welcome the Executive Director of Bread of Life Ministries to worship. She will offer the Mission Moment and will offer a presentation, after worship, on Bread of Life programs and services.

HANNAFORD PROGRAM: Next deadline: Today, 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 Lord, the Almighty **(Lobe Den Herren)** **Pilgrim #15**

1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, Now to his temple draw near;
Join me in glad adoration!

2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen How thy desires e'er have been
Granted in what he ordaineth?

3 Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew What the Almighty can do,
If with his love he befriend thee.

4 Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.
Let the Amen Sound from his people again:
Gladly for aye we adore him.

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God, Speak to Me, That I May Speak **(Canonbury)** **NCH #531**

1 God, speak to me, that I may speak in living echoes of your tone;
As you have sought, so let me seek your erring children lost and lone.

2 O lead me, God, that I may lead some wanderers along life's way;
O feed me so that I may feed your hungry ones without delay.

3 O fill me with your fullness, God, your overflowing love to know;
In glowing word and kindling thought, your love to tell, your praise to show.

4 O use me, God, use even me just as you will, and when, and where,
Until your blessed face I see, your rest, your joy, your glory share.

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God Be With You Till We Meet Again **(God Be With You)** **Pilgrim #62**

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