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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 21, 2025

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

Announcements/Joys & Concerns

Welcome

Prelude “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” Anna Laura Page

Introit “Bless the Lord, O My Soul” Donovan D. Klotzbeacher Choir

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

One: Gather us in, Holy God,

Many: As we gather for worship,

One: To praise and to ponder,

Many: To spend time in holy wonder.

One: May this time together,

Many: Renew and strengthen us,

One: For the significant ministry ahead. Let us pray:

Many: As we gather for worship this day, our thoughts turn to You, holy and eternal God, and how it is that You bless us with purpose and love. As we consider important questions of our faith, may we remain rooted in our devotion and connection to our Savior. May we be nurtured and filled with grace, that we may explore the depths of Your call to 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** “I Sing the Mighty Power of God” (Ellacombe) Pilgrim #68
(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 113 p. 563 Debra Morgan

Scripture Mark 2:1-12 p. 36

Message “Got Questions? Jesus Did Too! Why do you raise such questions?”

Anthem “Shine Your Light (with *This Little Light of Mine*)” arr. George L.O. Strid Choir

Mission Moment Elizabeth Booth

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: “Thy Holy Wings, O Savior” Swedish/Terry Osman

***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** “Won’t You Let Me Be Your Servant?” (Servant Song) NCH #539
(words can be found on the Announcements page)

***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 “When I Can Read My Title Clear” Dan Forrest/arr. Douglas Wagner

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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Announcements and Hymns for 9/21/25

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

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

MEETINGS/EVENTS THIS WEEK:

Tuesday

Noon Bible Bunch, parish house and Zoom

Wednesday

4:00 Choir rehearsal (New members welcome!)

Flowers: The flowers, this morning, are in memory of Louise Perkins. (Her birthday was Sept.18.)
Donated by her family.

A special welcome to Elizabeth Booth this morning, as she shares a bit of her experience at Pilgrim Lodge this past summer!

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 this coming 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.

PSALMS! 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: October 12th. Send your check to the office, or place in the offering plate. Please mark your check clearly for Hannaford.

TODAY'S HYMNS

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

(Ellacombe)

Pilgrim #68

1 I sing the mighty power of God, That made the mountains rise,
That spread the flowing seas abroad, And built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained The sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at his command, And all the stars obey.

2 I sing the goodness of the Lord, That filled the earth with food;
He formed the creatures with his word, And then pronounced them good.
Lord, how thy wonders are displayed, Where'er I turn my eye:
If I survey the ground I tread, Or gaze upon the sky!

3 There's not a plant or flower below, But makes thy glories known;
And clouds arise, and tempests blow, By order from thy throne,
While all that borrows life from thee Is ever in thy care,
And everywhere that man can be, Thou, God, art present there.

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Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant?

(Servant Song)

NCH #539

1 Won't you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.

2 We are pilgrims on a journey, we are travelers on the road;
We are here to help each other go the mile and bear the load.

3 I will hold the Christ-light for you in the shadow of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.

4 I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh, I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through.

5 When we sing to God in heaven we shall find such harmony,
Born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.

6 Won't you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.

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.

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