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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, Community Joys & Concerns

10:10 am– Worship begins

October 12, 2025

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

Announcements/Joys & Concerns

Welcome

Prelude “Prelude on *Halifax*” Anthony Giamanco

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

Choir

Call to Worship, Invocation and Lord's Prayer

Jane Campbell

One: We celebrate the Holy One who eases our souls.

Many: Come and see what God has done!

One: We celebrate the Holy One who keeps us from slipping.

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One: We celebrate the Holy One whose steadfast love sustains us.

Many: Come and see what God has done!

One: Let us pray:

Many: As we gather for worship this day, help us, O God, to open our eyes and our hearts to perceive Your presence and to recognize all that You have done and all that You are doing in the midst of Your people. Bless us with grace and courage that we may be renewed in compassion and in care, as we consider anew the path You lay out for 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** “Come, O Fount of Every Blessing” (*Nettleton*) NCH #459

(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.]

Psalms from Old South

Darlene Davis

Scripture Matthew 8:23-27 p.8

Message “Got Questions? Jesus Did Too: Why Are You Afraid?”

Anthem "Somebody's Knocking at Your Door" arr. Roger C. Wilson

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: "Meditation in C" John Dixon

***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** "Be Still, My Soul" (Finlandia)
(words can be found on the Announcements page)

Pilgrim #77

*Blessing

***Benediction Response** "God's Blessing Sends Us Forth" (*Crusader's Hymn*)

Tune of "Fairest Lord Jesus"

God's blessing sends us forth Strengthened for our task on earth, Refreshed in soul, renewed in mind. May God with us remain, Through us the spirit reign that Christ be known to humankind.

Postlude "Postlude on *La Morisque*" Tielman Susato

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 is from "Worship Ways" at ucc.org. The Invocation was written by Susan Reisert.

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Announcements and Hymns for 10/12/25

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!)

Friday and Saturday

Maine Conference Annual Meeting at Pilgrim Lodge

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

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 26— Outreach Event, with Bread of Life Ministries (see more below)

Sunday, November 2— the Occasional Book Group returns! We'll discuss *Call Me American* by Abdi Nor Iftin, after worship. Note: This book was also our OBG book in the fall of 2020, in conjunction with an event with the author at the Annual Meeting of the Maine Conference. Given that the material in the memoir is still significant and relevant, we will discuss it again.

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

BIBLE BUNCH— we meet on Tuesdays, at Noon, in the parish house and on Zoom. We are discussing 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!

OCCASIONAL BOOK GROUP for January/February— North Woods, by Daniel Mason.

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 OCTOBER 5: Neighbors in Need; **Oct.12&19:** Hallowell Food Pantry; **Oct.26:** Bread of Life Ministries

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 19th**. Send your check to the office, or place in the offering plate. Please mark your check clearly for Hannaford.

TODAY'S HYMNS

Come, O Fount of Every Blessing (Nettleton)

NCH #459

1 Come, O Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing your grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of endless praise,
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount; I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unfailing love.

2 Here I pause in my sojourning, giving thanks for having come,
Come to trust, at every turning, God will guide me safely home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God,
Came to rescue me from danger, blessed body, precious blood.

3 O to grace how great a debtor daily I am drawn anew!
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to you.
Prone to wander, I can feel it, wander from the love I've known:
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for your very own.

Public Domain Hymn

Be Still, My Soul

(Finlandia)

Pilgrim #77

1 Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side; Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
Leave to thy God to order and provide; In every change he faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heavenly friend Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

2 Be still, my soul: thy God doth undertake To guide the future as he has the past.
Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake; All now mysterious shall be bright at last,
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know His voice who ruled them while he dwelt below.

3 Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on When we shall be forever with the Lord,
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone, Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past, All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

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