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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
November 2, 2025

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

Announcements/Joys & Concerns

Welcome

Prelude "This Little Light of Mine" Jason Krug

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

Call to Worship, Invocation and Lord's Prayer

Bonnie Neilson

One: As the days grow shorter and the air cools,

Many: As the colors of the season begin to turn brown and gray,

One: And, leaves fall to the ground,

Many: Gather us in, Holy God,

One: And, help us to explore anew,

Many: Your presence and our faith,

One: Your love and our small attempts at living in Your way.

Many: Bless us in this time,

One: That we may be renewed and strengthened. Let us pray:

Many: Loving and Merciful God, as we worship this day, may we praise you and thank you with all of ourselves, and may we be open to a new awareness of how You move in our midst and how You seek to lead us. Make us trusting and eager to be about Your ministry, as we welcome Your healing touch, today and always: 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 a Song of the Saints of God" (*Grand Isle*) Pilgrim #481
(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

Christine Bartlett

Scripture John 5:2-9 p.96

Message "Got Questions? Jesus Did Too: Do you want to be made well?"

Anthem "A Jubilant Song"

Mary Lynn Lightfoot

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: "I Will Arise and Go to Jesus" Ty Robert Thornton

***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.

Remembering

The Sacrament of Communion

Invitation

*Hymn "As We Gather at Your Table," verses 1 & 3 (Beach Spring) NCH #332

Story and Communion Prayer

Sharing of the Elements

Communion Music "O Love That Will Not Let Me Go" Albert Peace/arr. Jay Rouse

Prayer and Response

***Hymn** "Forward through the Ages" (St. Gertrude) NCH #377
(words can be found on the Announcements page)

***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 "I'm Gonna Sing" André Thomas/arr. Douglas Wagner

Fellowship

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

More Info/Contact Info

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Announcements and Hymns for 11/2/25

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

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

TODAY is REMEMBERING SUNDAY— during the “Remembering” part of worship, you are invited to come forward to share the name of those who have passed away in the last year or so. There will be a chime played between each name.

MEETINGS/EVENTS THIS WEEK:

TODAY— after worship, the Occasional Book Group meets, to discuss *Call Me American*, by Abdi Nor Iftin.

Tuesday

4:30 Bread of Life Dinner Delivery

Wednesday

4:00 Choir rehearsal, Sanctuary (New members welcome!)

5:30 Bell Choir rehearsal

Thursday

1:00 Outreach Team

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

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: How many loaves do you have? Matthew 15:34

Nov 23: TBA

FALL EVENTS!

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.

Also, today, Time, Talent and Treasure auction items are due!

Tuesday, November 4— Bread of Life Dinner Delivery, 4:30 (the sign up is posted)

Saturday, November 8— Work Day, focused on the Parish House, 9:30.

Sunday, November 16— Time, Talent and Treasure Auction and Potluck, after worship. The potluck sign up has been posted.

BIBLE BUNCH— is on a break until next month. We'll meet December 2, 9 and 16 to discuss 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 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 NOVEMBER: Nov 2: Bread of Life Ministries; Nov 9, 16, 23 & 30: Holiday Giving

HANNAFORD PROGRAM: Next deadline: November 16th. Send your check to the office, or place in the offering plate. Please mark your check clearly for Hannaford.

TODAY'S HYMNS

I Sing a Song of the Saints of God **(Grand Isle)** **Pilgrim #481**

1 I sing a song of the saints of God Patient and brave and true
Who toiled and fought and lived and died For the Lord they loved and knew.
And one was a doctor and one was a queen, And one was a shepherdess on the green:
They were all of them saints of God, and I mean, God helping, to be one too.

2 They loved their Lord so dear, so dear, And his love made them strong;
And they followed the right, for Jesus' sake, The whole of their good lives long.
And one was a soldier, and one was a priest, And one was slain by a fierce wild beast:
And there's not any reason, no, not the least, Why I shouldn't be one too.

3 They lived not only in ages past, There are hundreds of thousands still;
The world is bright with the joyous saints Who love to do Jesus' will.
You can meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea, In church or in trains, or in shops or at tea;
For the saints of God are just folk like me, And I mean to be one too.

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As We Gather at Your Table **(Beach Spring)** **NCH #332**

1 As we gather at your table, as we listen to your word,
help us know, O God, your presence: let our hearts and minds be stirred.
Nourish us with sacred story till we claim it as our own,
Teach us through this holy banquet how to make Love's victory known.

3 Gracious Spirit, help us summon other guests to share that feast
Where triumphant Love will welcome those who had been last and least.
There no more will envy bind us nor will pride our peace destroy,
As we join with saints and angels to repeat the sounding joy.

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Forward through the Ages

(St. Gertrude)

NCH #377

1 Forward through the ages, in unbroken line, move the faithful spirits at the call divine;
Gifts in differing measure, hearts of one accord, manifold in service, one the sure reward.

Refrain: Forward through the ages, in unbroken line, Move the faithful spirits at the call divine.

2 Wide grows God's dominion, reign of love and peace; for it we must labor, till all strivings cease.
Prophets have proclaimed it, teachers testified, poets sung its glory, martyrs for it died. *Refrain*

3 Not alone we conquer, not alone we fall; in each loss or triumph, lose or triumph all.
Bound by God's far purpose in one living whole, move we on together to the shining goal. *Refrain*

God's Blessing Sends Us Forth

(Crusader's Hymn)

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.

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