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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 16, 2025

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

Announcements/Joys & Concerns

Welcome

Prelude "Peace Be With You" Daniel Gawthrop

Introit "The Lord is in His Holy Temple" Donovan D. Klotzbeacher Choir

Call to Worship, Invocation and Lord's Prayer Don Reutershan

One: You gather us together, holy and merciful God,

Many: That we may praise You and thank You for the blessings and grace of this life,

One: That we may ponder Your ways and Your call to us.

Many: Bless us in this time of worship,

One: Strengthen us and grant us courage,

Many: For the challenges we face.

One: Let us pray:

Many: Loving God, creator of this wondrous universe, You are attentive to all things, even to this small gathering of Your faithful people. In this time of worship, may we hear anew Your call to love and to cherish, to reach out in boldness to share Your love with others. We may think that we do not have enough, that we cannot make much of a difference in the world. Yet, the stories of Holy Scripture tell a different story. Help us to believe, to act, and to set our sights on grand goals of justice and righteousness, 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** "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above" *Mit Freuden Zart* Pilg.20
(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

Jane Campbell

Scripture Matthew 15:29-39 p.17

Message “Got Questions? Jesus Did Too: How many loaves do you have?”

Anthem “A Time for All Things” Douglas Wagner

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: “More About Jesus” arr. Tedd Smith

***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** “Come, O Fount of Every Blessing” (Nettleton)
(words can be found on the Announcements page)

NCH #459

***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 “Voluntary in F” Robert Lau

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 was written by Susan Reisert.

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Ms. Marcy Fullmer, Sexton

Announcements and Hymns for 11/16/25

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

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

MEETINGS/EVENTS THIS WEEK:

TODAY— Time, Talent and Treasure Auction after worship, in the parish house

Tuesday

5:00 Oversight, on Zoom

Wednesday

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

5:30 Bell Choir rehearsal

Thursday

10:30 Nominating Committee

11:30 Bylaws Committee

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

Nov 23: Matt 16:21-28 For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life?

TODAY!— Time, Talent and Treasure Auction and Potluck, after worship. We hope you are planning to join us, even if you can only stay long enough for lunch. This is a fun event and a great time to be together as community.

SILENT AUCTION & LIVE AUCTION INFORMATION:

First, a very big THANK YOU to everyone who contributed. We were overwhelmed!

The Auction Committee divided up the items into “live auction items” that will be auctioned off during the event today. We also have a wondrous array of “silent auction items.” These have been set up in the parish house. After the auction today, they will be moved to the vestry, so they can be perused and bid on until December 7!

STEWARDSHIP— It's that time of year! This year's Stewardship Letter and accompanying form will be emailed. For those who need a paper copy of the form, there are a few available in the parish house. Please ask Cynthia or Susan.

BIBLE BUNCH— is on a break until next month. We'll meet December 2, 9 and 16 to discuss Advent.

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

TODAY'S HYMNS

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above *(Mit Freuden Zart)*

Pilgrim #20

1 Sing praise to God who reigns above, The God of all creation,
The God of power, the God of love, The God of our salvation;
With healing balm my soul he fills, And every faithless murmur stills:
To God all praise and glory.

2 What God's almighty power hath made, His gracious mercy keepeth;
By morning glow or evening shade His watchful eye ne'er sleepeth;
Within the kingdom of his might, Lo! All is just and all is right:
To God all praise and glory.

3 Then all my gladsome way along, I sing aloud thy praises,
That men may hear the grateful song My voice unwearied raises;
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart, Both soul and body bear your part:
To God all praise and glory.

4 O ye who name Christ's holy name, Give God all praise and glory;
All ye who own his power, proclaim Aloud the wondrous story!
Cast each false idol from his throne, The Lord is God, and he alone:
To God all praise and glory.

Public Domain Hymn

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.

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

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