



Welcome to Old South Congregational Church, United Church of Christ

Hallowell, Maine

Hybrid Worship (in person: parish house)

10:00 am– Announcements, Community Joys & Concerns 10:10 am– Worship begins

February 1, 2026 Annual Meeting Day

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

Announcements/Joys & Concerns

Welcome

Prelude "Call to Worship" Iouri Grichetchkine

Introit "I to the Hills Will Lift Mine Eyes" Donovan Klotzbeacher Choir

Call to Worship, Invocation and Lord's Prayer Wendy Wells

One: With what shall we come before God and bow ourselves before God on high?

Many: Shall we come before the Holy One with burnt offerings, with calves a year old?

One: Will God be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rams of oil?

Many: Shall we give our firstborn for our transgression, the fruit of our bodies for the sin of our souls?

One: God has told us, fellow mortals, what is good and what is required of us.

Many: But to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with our God.

One: Let us pray:

Many: Holy One, you aren't just good, you are The Good. We welcome Your goodness as we gather this morning as Your people. May something be preached, prayed, or sung, that leads us to goodness. Though the ways of goodness can be overwhelming, and we may be tempted to retreat or stay silent, help us to remember all that You do for our good, so that we may be blessed with courage to live in the ways of goodness. 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 & Lighting of Candles "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" (Hymn to Joy) Pilgrim #8**
(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.]

First Reading Micah 6:1-8 p.866 Ron Bansmer

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 p.166

Message "Epiphany People #3"

Anthem "At the Table of the Lord" Jay Althouse 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)

Offertory: "A Wordless Hymn" John Turner

***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.

The Sacrament of Communion

Invitation

*Hymn "Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face" (*Morecambe*) v.1&5 NCH #336

Words of Institution & Communion Prayer

Sharing of the Elements

Communion Music "Bread of the World" John Hodges/arr. Lyndell Leatherman

Prayer and Response

*Hymn "O for a World" (*Azmon*) NCH #575

(words can be found on the Announcements page)

***Blessing**

***Benediction Response** "Go My Children, with My Blessing" NCH #82

1 Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone; Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own; In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever, Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.

Postlude "To God Be the Glory" arr. Larry Shackley

Fellowship

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

More Info/Contact Info

The photo at the top of the bulletin from Google Images.

The Call to Worship and Invocation: adapted from “Worship Ways” at ucc.org.

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Ms. Cynthia McGuire, Administrative Assistant

Mr. Bradley Krueger, Music Director

Ms. Marcy Fullmer, Sexton

Announcements and Hymns for 2/1/2026

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

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

MEETINGS/EVENTS THIS WEEK:

Tuesday— NO Bible Bunch

2:00 - 4:30 Drop In Hours

4:30 Bread of Life Dinner Delivery

Wednesday

4:00 Choir (new members welcome!)

BIBLE BUNCH— will meet again on Feb. 10. And, then our Lenten dates will be: 2/24, 3/3, 3/10, 3/17, and 3/24.

QUARTER FUND— you may have noticed the “Quarter Tray” next to the offering plate near the kitchen. We gather quarters to help out a couple of people in the congregation who require quarters to do their laundry.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Tuesday, February 17— Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, 5:00 - 6:30

Wednesday, February 18– Ash Wednesday. The parish house will be open for a self-guided time of meditation and reflection, Noon - 4:00.

February 22– the Occasional Book Group will meet after worship to discuss 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 February: Maine School of Ministry (MeSoM)

HANNAFORD PROGRAM: Next deadline: February 15

TODAY'S HYMNS

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee *(Hymn to Joy)* **Pilgrim #8** *Public Domain Hymn*

1 Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day.

2 All thy works with joy surround thee, Earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around thee, Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain, Call us to rejoice in thee.

3 Thou art giving and forgiving, Ever blessing, ever blest,
Well-spring of the joy of living, Ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother, All who live in love are thine;
Teach us how to love each other, Lift us to the joy divine.

4 Mortals, join the happy chorus Which the morning stars began;
Father love is reigning o'er us, Brother love binds man to man.
Ever singing, march we onward, Victors in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us sunward In the triumph song of life.

Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face *(Morecambe)* **NCH #336** *Public Domain Hymn*

1 Here, O my Lord, I see you face to face; here would I touch and handle things unseen;
Here grasp with firmer hand the eternal grace, And all my weariness upon you lean.

5 We have no help but yours, nor do we need another strength than yours to lean upon.
It is enough, O Lord, enough indeed; our faith is in your might, your might alone.

O for a World

(Azmon)

NCH #575

1 O for a world where everyone respects each other's ways,
Where love is lived and all is done with justice and with praise.

2 O for a world where goods are shared and misery relieved,
Where truth is spoken, children spared, equality achieved.

3 We welcome on world family and struggle with each choice
That opens us to unity and gives our vision voice.

4 The poor are rich, the weak are strong, the foolish ones are wise.
Tell all who mourn: outcasts belong, who perishes will rise.

5 O for a world preparing for God's glorious reign of peace,
Where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

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Go, My Children, with My Blessing

(Ar Hyd Y Nos)

NCH #82

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