



# 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 8, 2026**

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

## Announcements/Joys & Concerns

## Welcome

## Prelude      “Fairest Lord Jesus”      Jonathan Lee

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

## Call to Worship, Invocation and Lord's Prayer

One: You gather us in, Holy and Merciful God.

**Many: In this time set apart, may we open ourselves,**

One: To the wonder of Your presence in our midst.

## Many: In this time of praise and thanks

One: May we find healing and renewal,

## Many: For all of the

One: Let us pray:  
**Many: Loving God, in this time of worship, of song, silence and story, may we open ourselves anew to what it means to be Your people. May we feel healing and assurance, to be about Your holy work. Be in us and among us, that even in our weariness, we will see Your light, a light for all people. 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** “When Morning Gilds the Skies” (*Laudes Domini*) NCH #86  
(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**      Isaiah 58:1-12      p.688      Cynthia McGuire

**Second Reading**      1 Corinthians 2:1-12      p.153

**Message**      "Epiphany People #4"

**Anthem** "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"      Wm. Runyan/arr. Jane Marshall      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:** "Meditation"      Tracey Craig McKibben

**\*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**      "Love Divine All Loves Excelling"      (Beecher)      Pilgrim #228  
(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** "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

### **Fellowship**

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**\*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: written by Susan Reisert.

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Pastor Susan's blog: [hopeinthewilderness.com](http://hopeinthewilderness.com)

### **Old South Staff:**

The Rev. Susan M Reisert, Pastor and Teacher  
Ms. Cynthia McGuire, Administrative Assistant

Mr. Bradley Krueger, Music Director  
Ms. Marcy Fullmer, Sexton

### **Announcements and Hymns for 2/8/2026**

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

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

### **MEETINGS/EVENTS THIS WEEK:**

#### Tuesday

Noon      Bible Bunch

#### Wednesday

4:00      Choir (new members welcome!)

**BIBLE BUNCH**— will meet this Tuesday 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**

**When Morning Gilds the Skies**      *(Laudes Domini)*      **NCH #86**

1 When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries, may Jesus Christ be praised!  
Alike at work and prayer, one purpose I declare: may Jesus Christ be praised!

2 New strength comes night or day when from the heart we say, may Jesus Christ be praised!  
Let sin and evil fear, when this sweet chant they hear: may Jesus Christ be praised!

3 Discordant humankind, in this your concord find, may Jesus Christ be praised!  
Let all the earth around ring joyous with the sound: may Jesus Christ be praised!

4 Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine, may Jesus Christ be praised!  
Be this the eternal song, through all the ages long: may Jesus Christ be praised!

*Public Domain Hymn*

**Love Divine, All Loves Excelling**      *(Beecher)*      **Pilgrim #228**

1 Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven, to earth come down,  
Fix in us thy humble dwelling, All thy faithful mercies crown;  
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;  
Visit us with thy salvation, Enter every trembling heart.

2 Breathe, O breathe thy loving spirit Into every troubled breast;  
Let us all in thee inherit, Let us find thy promised rest;  
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;  
End of faith, as its beginning, Set our hearts at liberty.

3 Come, almighty to deliver, Let us all thy life receive;  
Suddenly return, and never, Nevermore thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing, Serve thee as thy hosts above,  
Pray, and praise thee without ceasing, Glory in thy perfect love.

4 Finish, then, thy new creation; Pure and spotless let us be;  
Let us see thy great salvation Perfectly restored in thee;  
Changed from glory into glory, Till in heaven we take our place,  
Till we cast our crowns before thee, Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

*Public Domain Hymn*

**Go, My Children, with My Blessing**      **(Ar Hyd Y Nos)**      **NCH #82**

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Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.

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