



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 15, 2026 Transfiguration Sunday

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

Announcements/Joys & Concerns

Welcome

Prelude “Nobody Knows the Trouble I’ve Seen” Spiritual arr. D. Kelley Cynthia McGuire/Don Reutershan

Introit “Be Still and Know That I Am God” NCH #743

Choir

Call to Worship, Invocation and Lord’s Prayer

Christine Bartlett

One: Beyond our busyness, above the cold winter floor, there is a glory rising born of heaven and reaching out to each one of us,

Many: A light that shines through the clouds, an invitation seeking all of who we are that transfigures the world,

One: That transforms darkness into hope that brings life from a cross where old life ends and new life is born.

Many: In glory Jesus meets us here, raising us from depths of the valley to the height of the mountain carrying the weight of our humanity to the heights of heavens glory.

One: Let us worship from the mountain and hear again “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” Let us pray:

Many: Reveal your presence to us this day, O God of light, love, and glory. As you did to your servants at the foot of the mountain, send your Spirit to show us your story. May the brilliance of your face illuminate this place as we dare to proclaim your Word and may we, your people, be never unable to tell all of that we have heard. 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** “We Have Come at Christ’s Own Bidding” (*Hyfrydol*) NCH #182
(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 Psalm 2 p.489

Second Reading Matthew 17:1-9 p.18

Message "Seeing (and Hearing) Is Believing?"

Music "O Rest In the Lord" from *Elijah* Felix Mendelssohn Cynthia McGuire/Bonnie Dufty

Mission Moment

Offering (for those who attend worship in person, the worship assistant will pass the offering plates)

Offertory: "What a Friend We Have In Jesus" arr. Carol Klose Don Reutershan/Bonnie Dufty

***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** "Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies" Pilgrim #43
(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 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" Oliver Holden, arr. Cindy Berry Don Reutershan

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 written by Rev. Rob Smith and available at re-worship.blogspot.com. Invocation. Invocation written by Stephen Fearing, and posted on Wild and Precious Life, <http://www.stephenmfearing.com/>.

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

Announcements and Hymns for 2/15/2026

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

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

MEETINGS/EVENTS THIS WEEK:

Tuesday

5:00 - 6:30 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. All are welcome!

Wednesday

Noon - 4:00 Ash Wednesday Self-Guided Mini Retreat, in the Parish House.

Come anytime between Noon and 4:00.

4:00 Choir (new members welcome!)

LENT begins on Wednesday. You are encouraged to come to the parish house on Wednesday for a self-guided time of reflection. Devotional materials will be sent out this week. If you need a printed copy, a few copies are available today, on the Sign Up table.

BIBLE BUNCH— 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:

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: Today, February 15

TODAY'S HYMNS

We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding (*Hyfrydol*) NCH #182

1 We have come at Christ's own bidding to this high and holy place,
Where we wait with hope and longing for some token of God's grace.
Here we pray for new assurance that our faith is not in vain,
Searching like those first disciples for a sign both clear and plain.

2 Light breaks through our clouds and shadows, splendor bathes the flesh-joined Word,
Moses and Elijah marvel as the heavenly voice is heard.
Eyes and hearts behold with wonder how the Law and Prophets meet:
Christ with garments drenched in brightness, stands transfigured and complete.

3 Strengthened by this glimpse of glory, fearful lest our faith decline,
We, like Peter, find it tempting to remain and build a shrine.
But true worship gives us courage to proclaim what we profess,
That our daily lives may prove us people of the God we bless.

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Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies (*Ratisbon*) Pilgrim #43

1 Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ, the true, the only Light,
Sun of righteousness, arise, Triumph o'er the shades of night;
Dayspring from on high, be near; Daystar, in my heart appear.

2 Dark and cheerless is the morn Unaccompanied by thee;
Joyless is the day's return, Till thy mercy's beams I see,
Till they inward light impart, Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

3 Visit, then, this soul of mine; Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
Fill me, Radiance divine, Scatter all my unbelief;
More and more thyself display, Shining to the perfect day.

Public Domain Hymn

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