



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
March 1, 2026

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

Announcements/Joys & Concerns

Welcome

Prelude “‘Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus” Faye López

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

Call to Worship, Prayer of Confession and Lord’s Prayer Christine Bartlett

One: Tell me something good!

Many: God loves us more than we could imagine.

One: Tell me something good!

Many: God loves all of creation more than we could imagine.

One: Tell me something good!

Many: God’s love meets us in this service of worship. We are not alone.

One: This is good news indeed! Let us pray:

Many: Merciful God, did we see you hungry and give you something to eat? Did we see you thirsty and give you something to drink? Did we see you alone and offer you compassion? Or did we cross the street? Did we avert our eyes? Did we come up with every excuse in the book? God, we long to be people who love our neighbors with the same overwhelming love that you have for them. But we must admit, we have a long way to go. Forgive us for the times when we let bias, scarcity, or fear get in the way of love. Wash us clean and give us the courage to try again. With hope for a better tomorrow we pray.

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** “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” (ST. DENIO) Pilgrim #7
(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 Matthew 25:35-40 p.29 Bonnie Nielson

Second Reading Luke 7:36-50 p.66

Message “The Love of Our Lives”

Anthem “Abide With Me” arr. Victor C. Johnson Choir

Mission Moment

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

Offertory: “Jesus Paid It All” 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.

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 “Will You Come and Follow Me?”

Prayer and Response

***Hymn** “Called as Partners in Christ’s Service” (BEECHER) NCH #495
(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 “Blessings and Honor”

Fellowship

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

More Info/Contact Info

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Also: those who are homeless, hungry, isolated; caregivers; children/youth struggling with life issues; victims of gun violence; people dealing with mental health issues; patience, for those working in and attending schools; people affected by natural disasters here and abroad; the People of Ukraine; the divisions in our nation; those affected by the shootings in Lewiston; the people of Israel and Gaza; the people of Minnesota, Maine and wherever ICE is out in large numbers; the people of Venezuela.

Announcements and Hymns for 3/1/2026

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

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

MEETINGS/EVENTS THIS WEEK:

Tuesday

Noon Bible Bunch

Wednesday

2:30 Worship Team

4:00 Choir (new members welcome!)

5:30

Bell choir

LENT 2026– we are using resources from A Sanctified Art, a woman-led, collaborative ministry that creates liturgical resources to help worshiping communities deepen their spiritual lives.

BIBLE BUNCH– Our Lenten dates are: 2/24, 3/3, 3/10, 3/17, and 3/24.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

The Occasional Book Group meeting will be re-scheduled soon.

Sunday, March 15– presentation from Bread of Life Ministries, after worship.

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 March: One Great Hour of Sharing (March 15–Bread of Life Ministries)

HANNAFORD PROGRAM: Next deadline: March 15 (Note that the order will not be done until March 17th.)

TODAY'S HYMNS

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

(ST.DENIO)

Pilgrim #7

1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise, In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, Almighty, victorious, thy great name we
praise.

2 Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light, Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and
love.

3 To all, life thou givest to both great and small; In all life thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree, And wither and perish, but naught changeth
thee.

4 Great Father of glory, pure Father of light, Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render; O help us to see 'Tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

Public Domain Hymn

Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face

(MORECAMBE)

NCH #336

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.

Public Domain Hymn

Called as Partners in Christ's Service (BEECHER) NCH #495

1 Called as partners in Christ's service, called to ministries of grace,
We respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend,
Equal partners in our caring to fulfill God's chosen end.

2 Christ's example, Christ's inspiring, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
Let us follow, never faltering, reconciling folk on earth.
Men and women, richer, poorer, all God's people, young and old,
Blending human skills together gracious gifts from God unfold.

3 Thus new patterns for Christ's mission, in a small or global sense,
Help us bear each other's burdens, breaking down each wall or fence.
Words of comfort, words of vision, words of challenge, said with care,
Bring new power and strength for action, make us colleagues, free and fair.

4 So God grant us for tomorrow ways to order human life
That surround each person's sorrow with a calm that conquers strife.
Make us partners in our living, our compassion to increase,
Messengers of faith, thus giving hope and confidence and peace.

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Go, My Children, with My Blessing (AR HYD Y NOS) NCH #82

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own; In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever,
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.

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