



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 8, 2026    3rd Sunday of Lent

*No matter who you are, no matter where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!  
Coffee, Tea and Hot Chocolate are available in the kitchen. Please feel free to grab a cup of  
something before worship begins, or anytime during the service.*

## Announcements/Joys & Concerns

### Welcome

**Prelude** “Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy”    arr. Ralph Long

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

**Call to Worship, Prayer of Confession and Lord’s Prayer**    Darlene Davis

One: If you need good news, settle into this space.

**Many: We have good news to share.**

One: If you need a word of hope, then trust us when we say,

**Many: there is hope enough to go around.**

One: If you need a glimmer of joy, then you’re in luck!

**Many: We have resilient joy abounding.**

One: If you need to feel God’s presence in your midst, then know that this is God’s house.

**Many: This is the good news of the gospel.**

One: God is here. Love is real. Joy is on the move.

**Many: Let us worship our with-us God!**

One: Let us pray:

**Many: Holy God, with you the impossible is possible. Five thousand can be fed. The blind can see. The hopeless can find hope. With You the impossible is possible, but we are quick to forget. We look at our hurting world and tell ourselves that nothing can be done. We forget that You empowered the disciples to feed the crowd. We forget that You are always with us. Forgive our small-minded ways. Forgive us for doubting that change could ever come. But**

even more so, forgive us when we refuse to be a part of it. 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** “Come, O Fount of Every Blessing” (NETTLETON) NCH #459  
(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** Ephesians 3:20-21 p.193 Debra Morgan

**Second Reading** Mark 6:32-44 p.41

**Message** “What’s Possible”

**Anthem** “Supplication” Linda Steen Spevacek Choir

### **Mission Moment**

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

**Offertory:** “Savior More Than Life to Me” arr. Stan Pethel

**\*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 for Prayer** Silent, Pastoral Prayer, Response

**\*Hymn** “Human Minds Just Can’t Imagine” (AUSTRIAN HYMN) Handout  
(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 "In Joyful Praise" David Lasky**

### **Fellowship**

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

### **More Info/Contact Info**

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### **Old South Staff:**

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Ms. Cynthia McGuire, Administrative Assistant

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

### **Announcements and Hymns for 3/8/2026**

**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  
1:15              Outreach Team

#### 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:**

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**

**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.

*Public Domain Hymn*

**Human Minds Just Can't Imagine (AUSTRIAN HYMN) Handout**

1 Human minds just can't imagine all that God can bring to bear  
Through our small and separate beings, even when we join to share  
Still we follow where Christ leads us, many pieces of one whole  
That we might allow our dreaming to transform our broken world.

2 God, expand our dreams and vision when we think our gifts too small  
Help us trust your great provision and to answer when you call  
You who gave us time and talents will uphold and see us through  
As we join together in the work you've given us to do.

3 Like the grains of wheat are gathered from the vast and rolling fields  
Like the grapes from viny branches whose small fruit the wine will yield  
We remember as one body, each of us a crucial part  
In the global church professing: we belong to God's own heart.

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