



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 29, 2026 Palm/Passion Sunday

*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 “All Glory, Laud, and Honor” arr. Kevin McChesney Old South Ringers

Introit “Lift Up Your Heads” Donald Klotzbeacher Choir

Call to Worship and Lord’s Prayer Darlene Davis

One: Will you follow? Will you lay down your coat?

Many: Will you lay down something important?

One: Will you shout “Hosanna”? Will you join the parade?

Many: Will you sing, even if your throat is hoarse? Will you cut down a palm branch?

One: Will you wave it in the air?

Many: Will you follow the one riding on a donkey?

One: Will you let this good news inspire you to act?

Many: We will. We will sing. We will pay close attention.

All: We will worship. We will follow. Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest.

One: Let us pray:

Many: Jesus of Nazareth, we know that you spent your days teaching and healing. You marched through the streets and walked on water. You laid hands on the sick and broke bread at crowded dinner tables. Your good news was not confined to conversation. It was not confined to the Temple. Your good news was an act of love, alive in the world. Holy God, we long for a faith like that. Forgive us for the times when we confine our faith to something we think about, as opposed to something we act upon. Inspire us to love as you loved. Inspire us to act. With hope for 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 and Lighting of Candles** "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" (ST. THEODULPH) Pilgrim#155
(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.]

Scripture Mark 11:1-11 p.47 Ron Bansmer

"Blessing of Palms" by Jan Richardson

Anthem "Praise Him!" Craig Courtney Choir

Mission Moment

Offering

Offertory: "Reflection" Mark Hayes

***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.

Anthem "Gethsemane" Melanie Hoffman/arr. Roger Hoffman Choir

The Passion According to Mark, excerpts

Mark 12:28-34 p.49

"My Song Is Love Unknown," verse 1 (RHOSYMEDRE) NCH #222

Mark 14:1-9;17-31 p.51

"My Song Is Love Unknown," verse 2

Mark 14:32-50 p.52

"My Song is Love Unknown," verse 3

Mark 14:66-72 p.53

"My Song Is Love Unknown," verse 4

Mark 15:1-15;21-41 p.53

"My Song Is Love Unknown," verse 5

Prayer

***Hymn** "O Sacred Head Now Wounded" (PASSION CHORALE) Pilgrim #170

(words can be found on the Announcements page)

***Blessing**

***Sung Response** “Shalom, My Friends” (ISRAELI ROUND)

Shalom, my friends. Shalom, my friends. Shalom. Shalom. May peace be with you, God’s peace be with you. Shalom. Shalom!

Postlude “What Wondrous Love Is This” arr. Kevin McChesney Old South Ringers

Fellowship

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

More Info/Contact Info

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The Blessing of Palms by Jan Richardson is available on her website, paintedprayerbook.com.

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Announcements and Hymns for 3/29/2026

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

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

MEETINGS/EVENTS THIS WEEK:

Wednesday

4:00 Choir (new members welcome!)

5:30 Bell choir
Thursday
5:30 Maundy Thursday Potluck and Service
Friday
Noon Good Friday Service
Sunday Easter!

GATHERING STORIES from the Sanctuary Building– We are gathering written stories as well as video stories about the sanctuary building. What have you experienced in the sanctuary? Written stories are due April 30 (preferably sent by email to the church office). Sign ups for video are available on Sign Up Genius (link in last Thursday’s News&Notes).

BIBLE BUNCH– is on a break. New dates will be announced next week.

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

HANNAFORD PROGRAM: Next deadline: April 12

All Glory, Laud, and Honor (ST. THEODULPH) PILGRIM #155

1 All glory, laud, and honor To thee, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring!
The people of the Hebrews With palms before thee went;
Our praise and prayer and anthems Before thee we present.

2 Thou art the King of Israel, Thou David’s royal son,
Who in the Lord’s name comest, The King and blessed One;
To thee, before thy passion, They sang their hymns of praise;
To thee, now high exalted, Our melody we raise.

3 Thou didst accept their praises; Accept the prayers we bring,
Who in all good delightest, Thou good and gracious King.
All glory, laud, and honor To thee Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring!

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My Song Is Love Unknown (RHOSYMEDRE)

NCH #222

1 My song is love unknown, my Savior's love to me,
Love to the loveless shown, that they might lovely be.
O who am I, that for my sake my God should take frail
Flesh and die? My God should take frail flesh and die?

2 God left the richest throne salvation to bestow;
But Christ as flesh and bone the world refused to know.
But, O my Friend, my Friend indeed, who at my need did
Life expend; who at my need did life expend.

3 Sometimes they threw down palms and sweetest praises sang.
Hosannas and glad psalms through streets and markets rang.
Then "Crucify!" is all their breath, for blood and death they
Thirst and cry; for blood and death they thirst and cry.

4 What has my Sovereign done? What makes this rage and spite?
Christ gave new strength to run, restored the gift of sight.
Sweet injuries! Yet they at these themselves displease, and
'Gainst Christ rise; themselves displease, and 'gainst Christ rise.

5 I sing my plain belief, one song my heart outpours:
Never was pain nor grief, never was love like yours.
This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise I all my days could
Gladly spend; I all my days could gladly spend.

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O Sacred Head, Now Wounded (PASSION CHORALE)

Pilgrim #170

1 O sacred Head, now wounded, With grief and shame weighed down,
Now scornfully surrounded With thorns, thy only crown,
How art thou pale with anguish, With sore abuse and scorn!
How does that visage languish Which once was bright as morn!

2 What thou, my Lord, has suffered Was all for sinners' gain;
Mine, mine was the transgression, But thine the deadly pain.
Lo, here I fall, my Savior! 'Tis I deserve thy place;
Look on me with thy favor, Vouch-safe to me thy grace.

3 What language shall I borrow To thank thee, dearest friend;
For this thy dying sorrow, Thy pity without end?
O make me thine forever; And, should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never, Outlive my love to thee!

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“Shalom, My Friends” (ISRAELI ROUND)

Shalom, my friends. Shalom, my friends. Shalom. Shalom. May peace be with you, God’s peace be with you. Shalom. Shalom!