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Welcome to

Old South Congregational Church, United Church of Christ

Hallowell, Maine

Hybrid Worship

10:00 am– Announcements and Community Joys & Concerns

10:10 am– Worship begins

April 12, 2026

2nd Sunday of Easter

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 "I Will Sing of My Redeemer" McGranahan/Lisa Hoekstra

Introit "Christ, the Lord, is Risen Again" arr. Donovan Klotzbeacher Choir

Call to Worship, Invocation/Confession and Lord's Prayer Bonnie Dufty

One: Unlock your hearts– God wants to come in.

Many: Open your lives– God needs a home.

One: Swing wide all the doors– God's children need shelter.

Many: Easter rolls the stone– and nothing can be shut anymore!

One: Let us pray:

Many: You gather us in, Holy and Loving God, and invite us anew into Your story– Your story of new life and new hope. May we open ourselves to this invitation, to set aside the dead and dying things that get in the way of our faith, and to welcome all of those unsettling, but living things, that speak to us of joy and resurrection. May this time of worship fill our hearts and our minds, that we may be renewed in body and spirit, to be about Your holy work, in the days, weeks and months ahead. Grant us Your grace, Holy Savior. Lead us on. 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** "Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain" (ST. KEVIN) Pilgrim #185
(words can be found on the Announcements page)

First Reading p. 16 Carol Booth

Scripture p. 1 Peter 1:3-9

Message "The Practice of Resurrection"

Anthem "At the Table of the Lord" Jay Althouse Choir

Mission Moment

Offering

Offertory: "Meditation in A Minor" John Turner

***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** "As We Gather at Your Table"(BEACH SPRING) v.1&2 NCH #332

Words of Institution & Communion Prayer

Sharing of the Elements

Communion Music "Jesus Paid It All" arr. Lloyd Larson

Prayer and Response

***Hymn** "Yours Is the Glory, Resurrected One!" (JUDAS MACCABEUS) NCH #253
(words can be found on the Announcements page)

***Blessing**

***Sung Response** "This Is the Day" (THIS IS THE DAY) NCH #84

1 This is the day, this is the day that our God has made, that our God has made; we will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it. This is the day that our God has made, we will rejoice and be glad in it; This is the day, this is the day that our God has made.

Postlude "The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done" Palestrina/Larry Shackley

Fellowship

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

More Info/Contact Info

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Announcements and Hymns for April 12, 2026

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

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

PILGRIM LODGE— programs and camp information is available at pilgrimlodge.org. We have funds to help Old South folk attend! Please let Pastor Susan know by May 15, if you plan to attend any PL camps/programs this season.

MEETINGS/EVENTS THIS WEEK:

Tuesday

Noon Bible Bunch

Wednesday

4:00 Choir Rehearsal

BIBLE BUNCH— Spring dates: April 14, 21, 28, May 5 and May 12. We meet at Noon on Tuesdays. All are welcome!

OUTREACH TEAM: The Outreach fund for April will go to Pilgrim Lodge.

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/>

HANNAFORD PROGRAM: Next deadline: Today, April 12. Send your check to the office, or place in the offering plate. Please mark your check clearly for Hannaford.

TODAY'S HYMNS

Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

(ST. KEVIN)

Pilgrim #185

1 Come, ye faithful, raise the strain Of triumphant gladness;
God hath brought his Israel Into joy from sadness;
Loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke Jacob's sons and daughters;
Led them with unmoistened foot Through the Red Sea waters.

2 'Tis the spring of souls today; Christ hath burst his prison,
And from three days' sleep in death As a sun hath risen;
All the winter of our sins, Long and dark, is flying
From his light, to whom we give Laud and praise undying.

3 Now the queen of seasons, bright With the day of splendor,
With the royal feast of feasts, Comes its joy to render;
Come to glad Jerusalem Who with true affection
Welcomes in unwearied strains Jesus' resurrection.

4 Neither might the gates of death, Nor the tomb's dark portal,
Nor the watchers, nor the seal Hold thee as a mortal;
But today amidst the twelve Thou didst stand, bestowing
That thy peace which ever more Passeth human knowing.

Public Domain Hymn

As We Gather At Your Table

(BEACH SPRING)

NCH #332

1 As we gather at your table, as we listen to your word,
Help us know, O God, your presence; Let our hearts and minds be stirred.
Nourish us with sacred story till we claim it as our own;
Teach us through this holy banquet how to make Love's victory known.

2 Turn our worship into witness in the sacrament of life;
Send us forth to love and serve you, bringing peace where there is strife,

Give us, Christ, your great compassion to forgive as you forgave;
May we still behold your image in the world you died to save.

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Yours Is the Glory, Resurrected One! (JUDAS MACCABEUS) NCH #253

1 Yours is the glory, Resurrected One! Endless is the victory you o'er death have won.
Angels clothed in radiance rolled the stone away;
conquered is the grave in which your body lay.

Refrain: Yours is the glory, Resurrected One! Endless is the victory you o'er death have won.

2 See, it is Jesus, Jesus has appeared; do not doubt at all for nothing you will fear.
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing;
Tell it without ceasing: Death has lost its sting. *Refrain*

3 Am I still frightened? One whom I adore, Jesus, lives again, gives peace forevermore.
Jesus is my victory, life and strength and Head:
Jesus is my glory, nothing shall I dread. *Refrain* *Public Domain Hymn*

This Is the Day (THIS IS THE DAY) NCH #84

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We will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day that our God has made, we will rejoice and be glad in it;
This is the day, this is the day that our God has made.

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