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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 19, 2026

3rd 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 “Come Away to the Skies” (MIDDLEBURY) George Shearing

Introit “Gathered Here” NCH #742

Choir

Call to Worship, Invocation and Lord's Prayer

Wendy Wells

One: In this Easter season,

Many: We gather to worship, to wonder and to grow in faith.

One: May we experience anew,

Many: The joy of Christ's presence,

One: Comforting us, Challenging us, and showing us the way of love.

Many: Let us praise and worship!

One: Let us pray:

Many: Gracious, Holy, and Loving God, as we continue to see and to feel the signs of spring all around us, may we open the senses of our faith, that we may perceive Your presence in our midst. Even as it is surprising and unexpected, help us to be open to the various ways through which You join us, gathering us in and then sending us out into the world. Bless us with Your grace and help us to walk the path You lay out for us, with You by our side: 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** "I Come to the Garden Alone" (GARDEN) NCH #237
(words can be found on the Announcements page)

First Reading Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 p.564 Bonnie Nielson

Scripture 1 Peter 1:17-23 p.232

Message "The Easter Journey"

Special Music "Let There Be Peace On Earth" Miller/Jackson Cynthia McGuire

Mission Moment

Offering

Offertory: "A Moment of Peace" 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.

***Hymn** "Crown Him With Many Crowns" (DIADEMATA) Pilgrim #199
(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 "In Thee Is Gladness" arr. Terry Osman

Fellowship

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

More Info/Contact Info

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Ms. Marcy Fullmer, Sexton

Announcements and Hymns for April 19, 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

5:00 Oversight (on Zoom)

Wednesday

4:00 Choir Rehearsal

BIBLE BUNCH— is on break until May 5. We'll meet May 5, 12 and 19 before a summer break.

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: May 10th. Send your check to the office, or place in the offering plate. Please mark your check clearly for Hannaford.

TODAY'S HYMNS

I Come to the Garden Alone (GARDEN)

NCH #237

1 I come to the garden alone, while the dew is still on the roses;
And the voice I hear, falling on my ear, the Son of God discloses.

Refrain: And he walks with me, and he talks with me, and he tells me I am his own,
And the joy we share as we tarry there, none other has ever known.

2 He speaks, and the sound of his voice is so sweet the birds hush their singing;
And the melody that he gave to me within my heart is ringing. *Refrain*

3 I'd stay in the garden with him, though the night around me be falling;
But he bids me go; Through the voice of woe his voice to me is calling. *Refrain*

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Crown Him With Many Crowns (DIADEMATA)

Pilgrim #199

1 Crown him with many crowns, The Lamb upon his throne;
Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns All music but its own;
Awake, my soul, and sing Of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless King Through all eternity.

2 Crown him the Lord of love; Behold his hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above, In beauty glorified;
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his burning eye At mysteries so bright.

3 Crown him the Lord of life, Who triumphed o'er the grave,
And rose victorious in the strife For those he came to save;
His glories now we sing Who died and rose on high,
Who died, eternal life to bring, And lives that death may die.

4 Crown him the Lord of years, The potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres, Ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;
Thy praise shall never, never fail Throughout eternity.

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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.

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