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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

May 10, 2026

6th 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, Gracious Spirit" Lani Smith

Introit "Gathered Here" NCH #742 Choir

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

One: You gather us in, Holy God, as a mother hen gathers her chicks.

**Many: Yet we so often resist.**

One: You seek, Gracious God, to offer us shelter under Your wings.

**Many: Yet we so often turn away.**

One: You provide all of what we need.

**Many: Yet we are uncertain, wary of Your way.**

One: Help us, Loving God, to trust in Your presence,

**Many: That we may know anew the love You shower upon each and all.**

One: Let us pray:

**Many: In the difficulties and challenges of this life, You, O God, our strength and our Redeemer, remain a strong foundation, a refuge of hope. Forgive us our stubborn and stumbling ways. Help us to turn to You when we feel diminished by the storms of life. Help us, as well, to be always among Your good people– acting justly, loving mercy, and walking humbly– in all that we say and do, this day and every day.**

**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 Sing the Mighty Power of God" (ELLACOMBE) Pilgrim #68  
(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** Psalm 66:16-20 p.528

**Second Reading** 1 Peter 3:13-22 p.238

**Message** "Doing Good in a Bad Time"

**Anthem** "Walk Worthy" Joseph M. Martin Choir

### **Mission Moment**

### **Offering**

**Offertory:** "Peace" Bob Burroughs

**\*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.*

**A Time for Prayer** Silence, Pastoral Prayer, Response

**\*Hymn** "Called as Partners in Christ's Service" (BEECHER) NCH #495  
(words can be found on the Announcements page)

### **\*Blessing**

**\*Sung Response** "Go Now In Peace" (CYNTHIA'S SONG 2024)

*Go now in peace to love and serve our God. Go now in peace to love and serve our God. Love God. Serve God.*

**Postlude** "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" James Ellie/arr. John Turner

### **Fellowship**

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

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**Announcements and Hymns for May 10, 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](http://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  
1:15 Outreach Team

Wednesday

4:00 Choir Rehearsal

**BIBLE BUNCH**— meets May 5, 12 and 19 before a summer break.

**SAVE THE DATE! HISTORY DAY, May 31**— Looking Back and Looking Ahead. How does our past help to inform the future? The Lunch Sign Up has been posted.

## **OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES:**

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

**THE UNITED COMMUNITY LIVING CENTER** is looking for items that will help the homeless population in the Augusta Area. There's a list of items, along with information on where and how to drop off items on the bulletin board.

## **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, 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 Sing the Mighty Power of God                    (ELLACOMBE)                    Pilgrim #68**

1 I sing the mighty power of God, That made the mountains rise,  
That spread the flowing seas abroad, And built the lofty skies.  
I sing the wisdom that ordained The sun to rule the day;  
The moon shines full at his command, And all the stars obey.

2 I sing the goodness of the lord, That filled the earth with food;  
He formed the creatures with his word, And then pronounced them good.  
Lord, how thy wonders are displayed, Where'er I turn my eye:  
If I survey the ground I tread, Or gaze upon the sky!

3 There's not a plant or flower below, But makes thy glories known;  
And clouds arise and tempests blow, By order from thy throne,  
While all that borrows life from thee Is ever in thy care,  
And everywhere that man can be, Thou God, art present there.

**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.

**Go Now In Peace                    (CYNTHIA'S SONG 2024)**

Go now in peace to love and serve our God. Go now in peace to love and serve our God.  
Love God. Serve God.