



**Welcome to
Old South Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, Hallowell, Maine
10:00 am– Announcements and Community Joys & Concerns**

10:10 am– Worship begins

May 24, 2026 Pentecost Hybrid Worship

*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 "Breathe On Me, Breath of God" Tracey Craig McKibbon

Introit "Let It Breathe on Me" NCH #288 Magnolia Lewis-Butts Choir

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

One: We gather on this special day, Gracious and Loving God,

Many: To remember, re-imagine, and re-ignite the birth and re-birth of Your holy Church.

One: In this time of worship, may we feel the power of the Spirit,

Many: Animating and encouraging us as people of faith, today and always.

One: Let us pray:

Many: On this blessed Pentecost Sunday, shower upon us Your grace, Holy God. Help us to open anew our ears, our eyes, our hearts, to the call of Your voice and the ways of Your Word– whether it be in the wind that unsettles us or in the calm, whispering murmur we hear in quiet moments of prayer and meditation. As we speak, sing, and observe silence, as we worship and praise, as we listen in to ancient story, draw us in, Loving God, that we may be so filled with a renewed sense of Your Holy Spirit in our midst, we will eagerly be about Your holy work of sharing love and hope in all of our days.

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** "On Pentecost They Gathered" (MUNICH)

NCH #272

(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 John 20:19-23 p.115 Ron Bansmer

Second Reading Acts 2:1-21 p.119

Message “In the Quiet, In the Clamor, and Everything In Between”

Anthem “The Language of Canaan” B&D Huntsinger/arr.Richard Kingsmore Choir

Mission Moment

Offering (*If you wish to give to the Outreach Fund, please make sure your offering is in an Outreach envelope. Envelopes can be found on chairs, tables, and on the entry table.)

Offertory: “Gracious” (CWM RHONDDA) Ruth Elaine Schram

***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** “Breathe on Me, Breath of God” (TRENTHAM) Pilgrim #234
(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 “Festal Recessional” Geoffrey Andrews

Fellowship

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

More Info/Contact Info

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Announcements and Hymns for May 24, 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 Rehearsal

Sunday

9:00 Choir

10:00 Worship

11:00 - 1:30 History Day!

SAVE THESE DATES!

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.

June 14— MUSIC SUNDAY!

JULY 18— Old Hallowell Day. We have a small group gathered to plan an event at Old South. If you are interested in participating, please speak with Bonnie Dufty or Susan Reisert. We'll have more detailed plans soon.

COMMUNITY/INTERFAITH EVENTS

Why Cuba? Why Now? June 8, 5-6:30 at Lithgow Public Library, Augusta. The event will include a short film, panel presentation by Tom Whitney and Chris McKinnon of Maine Friends of Cuba, followed by questions and answers.

Interfaith Pride Service— Emmanuel Lutheran Episcopal Church in Augusta, June 28 at 2:00pm.

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: June 14th. Send your check to the office, or place in the offering plate. Please mark your check clearly for Hannaford.

TODAY'S HYMNS

On Pentecost They Gathered

(MUNICH)

NCH #272

1 On Pentecost they gathered quite early in the day,
a band of Christ's disciples to worship, sing, and pray.
A mighty wind came blowing, filled all the swirling air,
and tongues of fire glowing inspired each person there.

2 The people all around them were startled and amazed
To understand their language, as God in Christ they praised.
What universal message, what great good news was here?
That Christ, once dead, is risen to vanquish all our fear.

3 God pours the Holy Spirit on all who would believe,
On women, men, and children who would God's grace receive.
That Spirit knows no limit, bestowing life and power.
The church, formed and reforming, responds in every hour.

4 O Spirit, sent from heaven on that day long ago,
Rekindle faith among us in all life's ebb and flow.
O give us hearts to listen and tongues aflame with praise,
So folk of every nation glad songs of joy shall raise.

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Breathe on Me, Breath of God (TRENTHAM)

Pilgrim #234

1 Breathe on me, Breath of God, Fill me with life anew,
That I may love what thou dost love, And do what thou wouldst do.

2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, Until my heart is pure,
Until with thee I will one will To do and to endure.

3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, Till I am wholly thine,
Until this earthly part of me Glows with thy fire divine.

4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, So shall I never die,
But live with thee the perfect life Of thine eternity.

Go Now In Peace (CYNTHIA'S SONG 2024)

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