



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

June 21, 2026

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** "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart" Donna Robertson

**Introit** "I Come With Joy" (DOVE OF PEACE) NCH#349 Choir

**Call to Worship, Invocation and Lord's Prayer** Darlene Davis

One: Are you thirsty?

**Many: We seek the refreshment of our souls.**

One: Are you hungry?

**Many: We seek the nourishment of knowledge of our God.**

One: Are you blind?

**Many: Open our eyes and help us see the path of righteousness.**

One: Are you weak?

**Many: We seek the courage to not waver in doing what is right.**

**All: Thank you, God, for always coming to meet us where we are, at our best, at our worst, in ordinariness, and in crisis. You welcome us and offer help and healing. So silence any fears that we don't deserve Your love, take away any guilt from mistakes we have made, bring us close to You, cheer us up and cheer us on. In Jesus' name we pray as He taught us to 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** "Morning Has Broken" (BUNESSAN) Pilgrim #38

(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 103 p.554 Cynthia McGuire

**Second Reading** 1 Corinthians 13 p.175

**Message** "Some Random Thoughts on Father's Day" Joel Johnson, Worship Leader

**Anthem** "Sing Unto the Lord" Charles Yannerella (transcribed by C. Courtney) 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:** "Hymn of Solace" 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.*

### **A Time for Prayer**

Silent Prayer, Pastoral Prayer, Response

**\*Hymn** "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" (HYMN TO JOY) Pilgrim #8

(words can be found on the Announcements page)

### **\*Blessing**

**\*Sung Response** "Go, My Children, with My Blessing" (AR HYD Y NOS) NCH #82

*Go, My Children, with My Blessing, never alone; Waking sleeping, I am with you, you are my own; In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever, Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.*

**Postlude** "Something for Thee" Robert Lowry/arr. Donna Krieger

### **Fellowship**

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

## **More Info/Contact Info**

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## **Old South Staff:**

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Ms. Cynthia McGuire, Administrative Assistant

Mr. Bradley Krueger, Music Director  
Ms. Marcy Fullmer, Sexton

## **Announcements and Hymns for June 21, 2026**

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

**OFFICE HOURS**—Tuesday & Thursday, 9:00 - Noon. **Note: The office will be closed this Thursday, June 25. Cynthia is taking a vacation day.**

## **MEETINGS/EVENTS THIS WEEK:**

### Sunday

9:00 Choir

10:00 Worship Service led by Bonnie Dufty

## **SAVE THESE DATES!**

**JULY 7** – Bread of Life dinner delivery. Thanks to all who have signed up.

**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**

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

## **OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES:**

**OUTREACH TEAM:** The Outreach fund for June will go to Strengthen the Church (U.C.C.).

**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: July 12th. Send your check to the office, or place in the offering plate. Please mark your check clearly for Hannaford.

**TODAY'S HYMNS**

**Morning Has Broken**

**(BUNESSAN)**

**Pilgrim #38**

1 Morning has broken Like the first morning, Blackbird has spoken Like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning! Praise for them, springing Fresh from the Word!

2 Sweet the rain's new fall Sunlit from heaven, Like the first dewfall On the first grass.  
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden, Sprung in completeness Where his feet pass.

3 Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning Born of the one light Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation, Praise every morning, God's recreation Of the new day!

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**Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee**

**(HYMN TO JOY)**

**Pilgrim #8**

1 Joyful, joyful, we adore the, God of glory, Lord of love;  
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, Opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, Drive the dark of doubt away;  
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day.

2 All thy works with joy surround thee, Earth and heaven reflect thy rays,  
Stars and angels sing around thee, Center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
Chanting bird and flowing fountain, Call us to rejoice in thee.

3 Thou art giving and forgiving, Ever blessing, ever blest,  
Well-spring of the joy of living, Ocean depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother, All who live in love are thine;  
Teach us how to love each other, Lift us to the joy divine.

4 Mortals, join the happy chorus Which the morning stars began;  
Father love is reigning o'er us, Brother love binds man to man.  
Ever singing, march we onward, Victors in the midst of strife,  
Joyful music leads us sunward In the triumph song of life.

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