



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 28, 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** "Voluntary on *Brother James' Air*" Franklin Ashdown

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

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

Leader: Good morning, God, we welcome this day with an open heart.

**All: Good morning, God, we welcome this day with quiet trust.**

Leader: We lift up our prayers.

**All: We lift up our praises and thanks.**

Leader: We lift up our songs.

**All: Help us be filled with the Spirit of the Living God.**

Leader: Sing and make melody to God in our hearts.

**All: Make a joyful noise and serve God with gladness. Come into His presence with singing.**

**Give thanks to God and bless His name because God is good.**

**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** "Sing Praise to God, Who Has Shaped" (LOBE DEN HERREN) NCH #22  
(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 98 Psalm 100:1-5 p.551-552 Clover Leonard

**Second Reading** Colossians 3:16 p.201

**Message** "Sacred Salutations" Bonnie Dufty, Worship Leader

**Anthem** "How Great Thou Art" Stuart K. Hine 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:** "Variations on *Arfon*" Anthony Giamanco

**\*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** "Praise to the Living God" (DIADEMATA) NCH #8  
(words can be found on the Announcements page)

**\*Blessing**

**\*Sung Response** "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" (MADRID)  
*Come lift your hearts on high. Alleluia, Amen. Let praises fill the sky. Alleluia, Amen. God is our guide and friend. His love shall never end. Come Christians join and sing. Alleluia, Amen.*

**Postlude** "Postlude on *Laudate Dominum*" C. Hubert Parry/Richard Williamson

### **Fellowship**

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

**More Info/Contact Info**

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### **Old South Staff:**

The Rev. Susan M Reisert, Pastor and Teacher  
Ms. Cynthia McGuire, Administrative Assistant

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

### **Announcements and Hymns for June 28, 2026**

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

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

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

Sunday

10:00 Worship with Communion

### **SAVE THESE DATES!**

**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.

**JULY 26**—The service will be led by Ron Bansmer and Christine Bartlett. **It will be held at 11:00 to avoid the disruption of the Ironman Race.**

### **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**

**Sing Praise to God, Who Has Shaped (LOBE DEN HERREN) NCH #22**

1 Sing praise to God, who has shaped and sustains all creation!  
Sing praise, my soul, in profound and complete adoration!  
Gladsome rejoice—organ and trumpet and voice—joining God's great congregation.

2 Praise God, our guardian, who lovingly offers correction,  
Who as on eagle's wings, saves us from sinful defection.  
Have you observed, how we are always preserved by God's parental affection?

3 Sing praise to God, with sincere thanks for all your successes.  
Merciful God ever loves to encourage and bless us.  
Only conceive, what godly strength can achieve: Strength that would touch and caress us.

4 Sing praise, my soul, the great name of your high God commending.  
All that have life and breath join you, their notes sweetly blending.  
God is your light! Soul, ever keep this in sight: amen, amen never ending.

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**Praise to the Living God (DIADEMATA) NCH #8**

1 Praise to the living God, the God of love and light,  
Whose word brought forth the myriad suns and set the worlds in flight;  
Whose infinite design, which we but dimly see, Pervade all nature, making all a cosmic unity.

2 Praise to the living God, from whom all things derive,  
Whose spirit formed upon this sphere the first faint seeds of life;  
Who caused them to evolve, unwitting, toward God's goal,  
Till humankind stood on the earth, as living, thinking souls.

3 Praise to the living God, who knows our joy and pain,  
Who shares with us our common life, the sacred and profane,  
God toils where'er we toil, in home and mart and mill;  
And deep within the human heart God leads us forward still.

4 Praise to the living God, around, within, above,  
Beyond the grasp of human mind, but whom we know as love,  
In these tumultuous days, so full of hope and strife,  
May we bear witness to the Way, O Source and Goal of life.

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