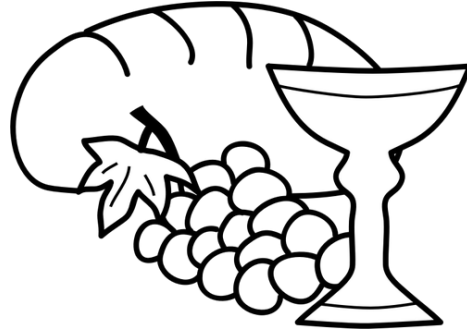




Welcome to

Old South Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, Hallowell, Maine

10:00 am– Announcements, Community Joys & Concerns; Worship begins

August 2, 2026

Hybrid Worship

No matter who you are, no matter where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

Beverages (tea and cold drinks) 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 "Just a Closer Walk with Thee" arr. Lloyd Larson

Introit "I Come With Joy" NCH #349 Choir and
Congregation

*I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved, and free, The life of Jesus to recall,
in love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.*

Call to Worship, Invocation and Lord's

Prayer Wendy Wells One: The Holy One
wondrously demonstrates steadfast love. Seek refuge at God's right hand.

Many: Let God's love meet us and flow through us.

One: The Holy One attentively hears the just cause. Seek justice and
righteousness for God's name sake.

Many: Let us be steady and vigilant for the kingdom of God.

One: The Holy One faithfully vindicates our lives. Seek the path God paves for us.

**Many: Let us worship, honor and praise the God who delivers, redeems, and
restores. Praise the Holy One!**

One: Let us pray:

Many: Faithful and persistent God, we turn to you with who we are, with what we have, and with all we hope. We call upon you because you care and are attentive to our cries of concern and shouts of joy. We come to pray, sing, and wrestle with you, O God. We also come to receive clarity and discernment, to receive and give testimony of your persistent love, and to receive and affirm the beauty of your path. Hold us securely by your Spirit and never let us go. 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** "Be Thou My Vision" (SLANE) Pilgrim #391

(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.]

Scripture Reading Matthew 6:9-13 p.6 Bonnie Nielson

Message "Prayer: What's It All About?"

Special Music "Let Us Break Bread Together" traditional spiritual Joel Johnson, Cynthia McGuire

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: "Go in 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.

The Sacrament of Communion

Invitation

*Hymn "Christ at Table There with Friends" (MAUNDY THURSDAY) NCH
#227

Words of Institution & Communion Prayer

Sharing of the Elements

Communion Music "Repeated Blessings" Donna J. Krieger

Prayer and Response

*Hymn "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" (ERIE) NCH
#506

(words can be found on the Announcements page)

***Blessing**

One: Hold fast to the persistent, abiding, and enduring love of God

Many: May it surround and fill us all.

One: With hope, courage, compassion, and strength

Many: May we bless the world with the blessings we receive

One: As a tangible testimony and demonstration:

Many: That Love prevails. Amen.

*Sung Response "God Be With You" Thomas A. Dorsey NCH
#809

God be with you, God be with you, God be with you till we meet again. O God be with you, God be with you, God be with you till we meet again.

Postlude "Come, Sound His Praise Abroad" Isaac Smith/Anthony Giamanco

Fellowship

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

More Info/Contact Info

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Call to Worship, Invocation, and Blessing adapted from Worship Ways at ucc.org.

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Announcements and Hymns for August 2, 2026

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

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

WORSHIP SIGN UP— Please consider signing up!!

AUGUST SERMON/WORSHIP SERIES: Prayer: What's It All About?

August 2— Intro

August 9— Tuning In

August 16— Lament

August 23— Listening

Let's Stay After! You are welcome to join Pastor Susan for a conversation about the current worship series.

August 30— Consequences

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES:

The August Bread of Life Dinner Delivery is this coming TUESDAY. The sign up is on the bulletin board and online.

OUTREACH TEAM: The Outreach fund for August will go to.

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: August 16th. Send your check to the office, or place in the offering plate. Please mark your check clearly for Hannaford.

TODAY'S HYMNS

Be Thou My Vision

(SLANE)

Pilgrim #391

1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; Nought be all else to me save that thou art.

Thou my best thought, by day or by night, Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;

Thou my great Father, I thy true son; Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

3 Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise, Thou mine inheritance, now and always;

Thou and thou only, first in my heart, High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

4 High King of heaven, my victory won, May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, Still be my vision, O Ruler of all. *Public Domain Hymn*

Christ at Table There with Friends

(MAUNDY THURSDAY)

NCH #227

1 Christ at table there with friends sharing bread and wine, and then Speaking words of mystery: "Thus remember me, thus remember me."

4 At our table Jesus stands, Word of God with nail-scarred hands, "Come, receive the mystery. Take this cup from me, take this cup from me."

What a Friend We Have in Jesus (ERIE)

NCH #506

1 What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit, oh, what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.

2 Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged; take it to our God in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful, who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to our God in prayer!

3 Are we weak and heavy laden, burdened with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge, take it to our God in prayer!
Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to our God in prayer!
Jesus' arms will take and shield you; you will find a solace there. *Public*
Domain Hymn

God Be With You Thomas A. Dorsey

God be with you, God be with you, God be with you till we meet again.
O God be with you, God be with you, God be with you till we meet again.