



Welcome to

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

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

August 9, 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 “My Song is Love Unknown” (RHOSYMEDRE) Tracy Craig McKibben

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

Deb Morgan

One: O give thanks to the Holy One; call on God's name

Many: Make known God's deeds among the peoples.

One: Sing of the Holy One's abiding love, grace, compassion, and justice

Many: Rejoice in God's redemptive power.

One: Seek the Holy One's presence, strength, and wisdom

Many: Remember God's wondrous works. Praise the Holy One!

One: Let us pray:

Many: Loving and Wonderful God, you make a home for us, providing sanctuary, in your grace and love. You embrace us and uphold us. You come to us and go before us. We gather this day to worship, searching for your presence in this world, in this community, and in the midst of these people. Let us connect with you and be reminded of the path of full and flourishing life you offer. Let us connect with one another and be reminded that your kingdom comes in us and through us for your glory. Amen.

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** "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" (BRADBURY) Pilgrim #327

(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 John 17 p.111

Message "Prayer: Tuning In"

Special Music "Every Time I Feel the Spirit" 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: "I've Got Peace Like a River" arr. Sandra Eithun

***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.

Time of Prayer Silence, Prayer, Response

***Hymn** "Come, O Fount of Every Blessing" (NETTLETON) NCH #459

(words can be found on the Announcements page)

***Blessing**

One: May the God who loves us,

Many: Give us the strength and compassion,

One: To love our neighbors tangibly,

Many: To protect the vulnerable, marginalized, and threatened,

One: To make space for the strange,

Many: To embrace our siblings,

One: Go, in peace, to redeem the pain of the world,

All: Through ordinary and extraordinary acts of love and hope

***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 "I Love Thee" arr. Patti Drennan

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.

Greeter: Deb Morgan Worship Asst: Zoom: Joseph Reisert

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Mr. Bradley Krueger, Music Director

Ms. Marcy Fullmer, Sexton

Announcements and Hymns for August 9, 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:

OUTREACH TEAM: The Outreach fund for August will go to Kennebec County Jail Inmates Fund.

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

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us (BRADBURY)

Pilgrim #327

1 Savior, like a shepherd lead us, Much we need thy tender care;
In thy pleasant pastures feed us, For our use thy folds prepare.
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus, Thou hast bought us, thine we are;
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus, Thou Has bought us, thine we are.

2 We are thine; do thou befriend us; Be the guardian of our way;
Keep thy flock; from sin defend us; Seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus, Hear thy children when they pray;
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus, Hear thy children when they pray.

3 Early let us seek thy favor; Early let us do thy will;
Blessed Lord and only Savior, With thy love our bosoms fill.
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus, Thou hast loved us, love us still;
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus, Thou hast loved us, love us still.

Public Domain Hymn

Come, O Fount of Every Blessing (NETTLETON)

NCH #459

1 Come, O Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing your grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of endless praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above,
Praise the mount; I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unfailing love.

2 Here I pause in my sojourning, giving thanks for having come,

Come to trust, at every turning, God will guide me safely home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God,
Came to rescue me from danger, blessed body, precious blood.

3 O to grace how great a debtor daily I am drawn anew!
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to you.
Prone to wander, I can feel it, wander from the love I've known:
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for your very own.

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God Be With You Thomas A. Dorsey

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

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