



Welcome to

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

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

August 16, 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 "The Lone Wild Bird" (PROSPECT) arr. Anthony Giamanco

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

Bonnie Nielson

One: We gather this day to worship and to praise,

Many: To take time to ponder God's ways,

One: And, to re-acquaint ourselves with God's love for each and for all.

Many: It is good that we gather together, as friends and companions on life's journey.

One: Praise be to God. Let us pray:

Many: Holy and Merciful God, as we lift up our praise, as we offer our gratitude, we cannot ignore the hardships and struggles of this human life. We too often find ourselves baffled by the cruelty that exists among human beings, and we wonder where You are in the midst of the pain and anguish, in the suffering from natural and human-made disasters. We turn to You, ever-present God, to lift up our lament. In this time of worship, may we know Your comfort and Your presence.

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** "Abide With Me"

(EVENTIDE)

NCH #99

(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 Psalm 13 p.494

Message “Prayer: Lament”

Special Music “Amazing Grace” American Folk Hymn Riley Gimpel

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: “Love Lifted Me” arr. Jina Park

***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** “God of Our Life, Through All the Circling Years” (SANDON) Pilgrim #97
(words can be found on the Announcements page)

***Blessing**

One: May we always be willing to live with questions.

Many: May we refrain from casual responses to suffering.

One: May we trust in You so fully, Gracious God,

Many: That we speak the language of gratitude and joy, as well as lament,

One: Knowing that You hold each and all,

Many: In the mystery of Your embrace, and in the eternity of Your love.

All: 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 “I Love Thee, My Lord” George Shearing

Fellowship

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

More Info/Contact Info

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Call to Worship, Invocation, and Blessing written by Susan Reisert.

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Announcements and Hymns for August 16, 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

MEETINGS:

Wed, Aug 19, 4:00, Worship Team

Thurs, Aug 20, 10:30, Outreach Team

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

TODAY'S HYMNS

Abide With Me

(EVENTIDE)

NCH #99

1 Abide with me; fast falls the eventide; The shadows deepen, Lord, with me abide;
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee, Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day; Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see; O Christ who changes not, abide with me.

3 I need your presence every passing hour; I need your grace to foil the tempter's power.
Give me your love my guide and stay to be. Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.

4 I fear no foe, with you at hand to bless; Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness;
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, your victory? I triumph still if you abide with me.

5 Hold now your cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies;
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Christ, abide with me.

Public Domain Hymn

God of Our Life, Through All the Circling Years

(SANDON)

Pilgrim #97

1 God of our life, through all the circling years, We trust in thee;
In all the past, through all our hopes and fears, Thy hand we see.
With each new day, when morning lifts the veil,
We own thy mercies, Lord, which never fail.

2 God of the past, our times are in thy hand; With us abide.
Lead us by faith to hope's true promised land; Be thou our guide.
With thee to bless, the darkness shines as light,
And faith's fair vision changes into sight.

3 God of the coming years, through paths unknown We follow thee;
When we are strong, Lord, leave us not alone; Our refuge be.
Be thou for us in life our daily bread,
Our heart's true home when all our years have sped. *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.

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