



Welcome to

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

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

August 23, 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 "Resounding Praise" Anthony Giamanco

Introit "When Morning Gilds the Skies" (LAUDES DOMINI) NCH #86 Choir and Congregation
*When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries, may Jesus Christ be praised!
Alike at work and prayer, one purpose I declare: may Jesus Christ be praised! Public
Domain*

Call to Worship, Invocation and Lord's Prayer

Deb Morgan

One: In a world so full of noise, movement, and distractions,

Many: Help us, O God, to slow down and listen.

One: Help us, O God, to quiet ourselves and,

Many: Be attentive.

One: May we open our hearts and minds,

Many: To feel and perceive Your way among us.

One: Let us pray:

**Many: Gracious and Holy God, we gather as Your people, eager to feel Your presence
anew. Help us to find space to enter into Your grace, and to become renewed and
strengthened as Your people. May this time of worship provide respite, that we may go
from this place filled with courage to live our faith, as individuals and as a group. Bless us,
Loving God, today and always.**

**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** "O Love That Will Not Let Me Go" (ST. MARGARET) NCH #485

(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 1 Psalm 85:8-13 p.543 Clover Leonard

Scripture Reading 2 Romans 15:13 p.164

Message "Prayer: Listening"

Special Music "Hold On To Me" Lauren Daigle Torrey 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: "To a Wild Rose" Edward MacDowell/arr. Robert Lee

***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** "Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing" (SICILIAN MARINERS) Pilgrim #63

(words can be found on the Announcements page)

***Blessing**

One: May the God of hope,

Many: Fill us with joy and peace in believing,

One: That we may abound in hope,

Many: By the power of the Holy Spirit,

One: Today and Always.

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 “Postlude on *Faithfulness*” Douglas Wagner

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

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. Closed on Tuesday this week.

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

WINTHROP UCC 250th Anniversary

Our friends at the Winthrop church will celebrate the church's 250th (!) anniversary on Sunday, Sept 13, with a special service that day at 2:00—in person and on Zoom. More info to come.

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: September 13th. Send your check to the office, or place in the offering plate. Please mark your check clearly for Hannaford.

TODAY'S HYMNS

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go (ST. MARGARET) NCH #485

1 O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in you;
I give you back the life I owe, that in your ocean depths its flow may swell with ardor true.

2 O Light that follows all my way, to you I yield my flickering flame;
Renew my spirit's feeble ray, that from your brilliant sunlit day it may new brightness claim.

3 O Joy that seeks me through my pain, to you I cannot close my heart;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
and know the promise is not vain that you will ne'er depart.

4 O Cross that raises up my head, from you I dare not seek to flee;
Life's glories wither and are dead,
but from the ground there blossoms red, life that shall endless be. *Public Domain Hymn*

Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing (SICILIAN MARINERS) Pilgrim #63

1 Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing: Fill our hearts with joy and peace;

Let us each, thy love possessing, Triumph in redeeming grace:
O refresh us, o, refresh us, Traveling through this wilderness.

2 Thanks we give and adoration For thy gospel's joyful sound;
May the fruits of thy salvation In our hearts and lives abound:
Ever faithful, ever faithful To the truth may we be found.

3 So that when thy love shall call us, Savior, from the world away,
Fear of death shall not appall us, Glad thy summons to obey:
May we ever, may we ever Reign with thee in endless day.

Public Domain Hymn

God Be With You Thomas A. Dorsey

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