



Welcome to

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

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

August 30, 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 "Canción y danza VII" Federico Mompou

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

Bonnie Nielson

One: We gather to worship and to praise,

Many: Aware that where two or three are gathered,

One: In the name of our Savior,

Many: He is in our midst.

One: Help us to perceive that presence,

Many: That we may grow in faith,

One: In all our days. Let us pray:

**Many: As we lift up our prayer to begin our worship, bless us, Holy God, with Your presence,
Your strength, Your courage. In our speaking, in our listening, in our singing, and in our
silence, be with us as we seek Your way. Transform us, small step by small step, into the
people You call us to be.**

**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 Reigns Above" (MIT FREUDEN ZART) Pilgrim #20
(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 51:6-12 p.520 Tina Searles

Focus Scripture Reading Romans 12:1-12 p.161

Message "Prayer: Turning to Transformation"

Special Music "If That Isn't Love" Dottie Rambo Jean Davenport & Joan Morgan

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: "Jesus Changed Everything" Ernie Haase Jean Davenport & Joan Morgan

***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** "Take My Life, God, Let It Be" (VIENNA) NCH #448
(words can be found on the Announcements page)

***Blessing**

One: Transform our hearts, O God,

Many: And lead us in Your way.

One: May we live our lives in Your grace,

Many: And share Your love in new and wondrous ways.

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 "Rondeau" David Lasky

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 30, 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!!

SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER, & NOVEMBER WORSHIP: The Long & Winding Road

We'll focus on the **Journey of Faith**. Have you taken a trip that has involved some sort of epiphany, a new awareness of faith or God's presence in your life? Or has a journey offered a new perspective on God's creation? Would you be willing to share your story during worship? Check out the Worship Sign Up!

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:

The Sept Bread of Life Dinner Delivery Sign Up is Posted on the bulletin board.

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

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above (MIT FREUDEN ZART) Pilgrim #20

1 Sing praise to God who reigns above, The God of all creation,
The God of power, the God of love, The God of our salvation;
With healing balm my soul he fills, And every faithless murmur stills:
To God all praise and glory.

2 What God's almighty power hath made, His gracious mercy keepeth;;
By morning glow or evening shade his watchful eye ne'er sleepeth;
Within the kingdom of his might, Lo! All is just and all is right:
To God all praise and glory.

3 Then all my gladsome way along, I sing aloud thy praises,
That men may hear the grateful song My voice unwearied raises;
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart, Both soul and body bear your part:
To God all praise and glory.

4 O ye who name Christ's holy name, Give God all praise and glory;
All ye who own his power, proclaim Aloud the wondrous story!
Cast each false idol from his throne, The Lord is God, and he alone:
To God all praise and glory.

Public Domain Hymn

Take My Life, God, Let It Be (VIENNA)

NCH #448

1 Take my life, God, let it be consecrated faithfully.

Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.

2 Take my spirit, let it move at the impulse of your love,

Take my intellect and use all its powers as you choose.

3 Take my will; your will be done! Make your will and mine be one.

Take my heart, and by your grace make of it your dwelling place.

4 Take my love and help it grow; let my loving overflow.

Take me now, and help me be part of Christ's community. *Public Domain Hymn*

God Be With You Thomas A. Dorsey

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