



Welcome to

Old South Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, Hallowell, Maine
10:00 am– Announcements, Community Joys & Concerns; 10:10– Worship begins
September 6, 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 "How Can I Keep From Singing?" arr. Larry Shackley

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

Darlene Davis

One: On this Sabbath day, we gather for worship this day,

Many: Seeking rest and renewal.

One: For those who are lonely,

Many: May they find belonging.

One: For those who are weary,

Many: May they find nurture and compassion.

One: Gather us in, holy God,

Many: That we may be a community of love and care.

One: Let us pray:

Many: Gracious and Merciful God, in this time of worship, may we find renewal for the journey, blessings on our work in Your name, and grace for the love we share. Be among us, guiding us in Your way, offering comfort to those who are weary, and energy for those who are eager to be about Your holy work. May we continue to feel and know the wonders of Your presence, this day 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** “Awake, My Soul, Stretch Every Nerve” (CHRISTMAS) Pilgrim #362
(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.]

Psalm Reading Psalm 119:33-40 p.569 Jane Campbell

Focus Scripture Reading Romans 13:8-14 p.162

Message “Who Are You Wearing?”

Special Music “Somos pueblo que camina (We Are People on a Journey) NCH #340 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: “Trust and Obey” arr. Lenny Seidel

***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** “Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether” (UNION SEMINARY) v.1&2 NCH #337

Words of Institution & Communion Prayer/Sharing of the Elements

Communion Music “Chorale on *Bread of the World in Mercy Broken*” Matthew McConnell

Prayer and Response

***Hymn** “Jesus Shall Reign” (DUKE STREET) NCH #300
(words can be found on the Announcements page)

***Blessing**

One: Bless us, Holy God,

Many: With Your light and Your love,

One: As we depart from this place,

Many: Renewed and strengthened,

All: To be about Your holy work. 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 “With Shouts of Praise” Jason W. Krug

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 September 6, 2026

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

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

SANCTUARY BUILDING— The building was officially sold this past Wednesday. Many thanks to everyone who worked through this long process. A very special thank you to Don Reutershan, who worked on the project from start to finish. And, a big thank you to the Oversight Committee for their leadership.

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 a new awareness of faith or God’s presence in your life? Has a journey offered a new perspective on God’s

creation? Would you be willing to share your story during worship (4-6 minutes)? 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.

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES:

OUTREACH TEAM: The Outreach fund for September will go to **ME Conference UCC Capital Campaign/Building Fund**.

THE UNITED COMMUNITY LIVING CENTER is looking for items that will help the homeless population in the Augusta Area. There's more info 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

Awake, My Soul, Stretch Every Nerve (CHRISTMAS) Pilgrim #362

1 Awake, my soul, stretch every nerve, And press with vigor on;
A heavenly race demands thy zeal, And an immortal crown, And an immortal crown.

2 A cloud of witnesses around Hold thee in full survey;
Forget the steps already trod, And onward urge thy way, And onward urge thy way.

3 'Tis God's all-animating voice That calls thee from on high;
'Tis this own hand presents the prize To thine aspiring eye, To thine aspiring eye.

4 Blest Savior, introduced by thee, Have I my race begun;
And, crowned with victory, at thy feet I'll lay my honors down, I'll lay my honors down.

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Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether**(UNION SEMINARY)****NCH #337**

1 Draw us in the Spirit's tether, for when humbly in your name,
Two or three are met together, you are in the midst of them;
Alleluia! Alleluia! Touch we now your garment's hem.

2 As disciples used to gather in the name of Christ to sup,
Then with thanks to God the Giver, break the bread and bless the cup,
Alleluia! Alleluia! So now bind our friendship up.

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Jesus Shall Reign**(DUKE STREET)****NCH #300**

1 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does its successive journeys run;
God's realm shall stretch from shore to shore till moon shall wax and wane no more.

2 Through Christ shall endless prayer be made, borne by the Spirit's ceaseless aid;
Like sweet perfume new hymns shall rise with every morning sacrifice.

3 People and realms of every tongue dwell on God's love with sweetest song,
And infant voices shall proclaim their earliest prayers in Jesus' name.

4 Blessing abound where'er Christ reigns: the prisoners leap to lose their chains,
The weary find eternal rest, and all who suffer want are blessed.

5 Let every creature rise and bring tributes of praise for all to sing;
Angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud amen.

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God Be With You

Thomas A. Dorsey

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