



Welcome to
Old South Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, Hallowell, Maine
10:00 am– Announcements, Community Joys & Concerns; 10:10– Worship begins
September 13, 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 “Deep River” arr. Lloyd Larson Cynthia McGuire, clarinet; Don Reutershan, piano

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

Ron Bansmer

One: Loving God, Your Word is a lamp for our feet,

Many: And a light for our path.

One: Guide us, in this journey of life and faith,

Many: That our steps may be sure,

One: Even as we are pulled into strange and unknown places. Let us pray:

Many: Gracious and Merciful God, bless us with Your grace as we walk the journey of faith. Help us to open our eyes and our ears to new things, and to gaze upon the small and familiar with a new awareness of the wonders of Your creation. May we eagerly seek, even as we hold tight to the comfort and security of what we know, in Your love and care, each and every day.

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** "Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer" (CWM RHONDDA) NCH #18

(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.]

The Long and Winding Road

Jane Campbell

Focus Scripture Reading Psalm 119:102-108 p.569

Message "A Light for the Path"

Special Music "The Love of God" F.M.Lehman, arr. S.Wilson Bonnie Dufty, Don Reutershan, piano

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: "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" arr. L. Larson Cynthia M. and Don R.

***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, Pastoral Prayer, Response

***Hymn** "O for a Closer Walk With God" (BEATITUDO) Pilgrim #350

(words can be found on the Announcements page)

***Blessing**

One: Your Word, Holy God,

Many: Is a light for our path.

One: May we follow in faith,

Many: In all our days.

One: Bless us with courage and strength,

Many: To be Your people today and always. Amen.

***Sung Response** "Sent Forth By God's Blessing" (THE ASH GROVE) NCH #76

Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing, the people of God from this dwelling take leave, The service is ended, O now be extended the fruits of our worship in all who believe.

*The seed of the teaching, receptive hearts reaching, shall blossom in action for God and for all.
God's grace did invite us, and love shall unite us to work for God's realm and to answer his call.*
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Postlude "Since Jesus Came into My Heart" C.Gabriel/arr. S.Wilson Bonnie D. and Don R.

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 13, 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!!

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 TODAY at 2:00.

BIBLE BUNCH— will start up again later this month or early October. There's a survey available today, for those who are interested in joining the group, or continuing with the group. Please fill out the survey and put it in the offering plate during the offering, or you can answer the questions in an email. Please respond by this coming Tuesday.

LIVING WATER FALL MEETING & RICK DORIAN'S ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION— Sept 27. Meeting at 2:00 and Service at 3:00, at the Wilton church.

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

TODAY'S HYMNS

Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer (CMW RHONDDA) NCH #18

1 Guide me, O my great Redeemer, pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but you are mighty; hold me with your powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more, feed me till I want no more.

2 Open now the crystal fountain, where the healing waters flow.
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, ever be my strength and shield,
ever be my strength and shield.

3 When I reach the River Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside.
Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on heaven's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever sing to you, I will ever sing to you.

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O for a Closer Walk With God

(BEATITUDO)

Pilgrim #350

1 O for a closer walk with God, A calm and heavenly frame
A light to shine upon the road That leads me to the Lamb!

2 Where is the blessedness I knew When first I saw the Lord?
Where is the soul-refreshing view Of Jesus and his word?

3 Return, O holy Dove, return, Sweet messenger of rest!
I hate the sins that make thee mourn And drove thee from my breast.

4 The dearest idol I have known, Whate'er that idol be,
Help me to tear it from thy throne, And worship only thee.

5 So shall my walk be close with God, Calm and serene my frame;
So purer light shall mark the road That leads me to the Lamb.

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