



Welcome to

Old South Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, Hallowell, Maine
10:00 am– Announcements, Community Joys & Concerns; 10:10– Worship begins
September 20, 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 “My Eternal Desire” Matt Schinske

Introit “They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love” (ST. BRENDAN’S) Choir

Call to Worship, Invocation and Lord’s Prayer Darlene Davis

One: We gather for worship this day,

Many: To worship and to praise,

One: And, to spend a few moments in contemplation and reflection,

Many: Of all of the ways through which You make Yourself known to us,

One: Holy and Loving God.

Many: May we continue to follow in faith and in trust.

One: Let us pray:

Many: Gracious and Merciful God, You gather us together as Your people, blessing us with love and hope. In this time of worship, strengthen us with Your courage and shower upon us Your grace, that we may find a refuge. Help us, as we seek inspiration for sharing Your love with others. In this time, and through all our days, may we perceive Your presence in and among us, guiding us along the journey.

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** "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past" (ST. ANNE) Pilgrim #1

(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

Bonnie Nielson

Focus Scripture Reading Exodus 13:17-22 p.60

Message "The Sure and Scenic Road?"

Anthem "The Lone Wild Bird" arr. Gwen Brubaker

Choir

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: "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian" Sandra Eithun

***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** "In the Midst of New Dimensions" (NEW DIMENSIONS)

NCH #391

(words can be found on the Announcements page)

***Blessing**

One: Hold us close, Holy God,

Many: And, send us out,

One: Along every pathway,

Many: May we gladly share,

One: The joy of Your love.

Many: 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.

Postlude "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" Larry Shackley

Fellowship

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

More Info/Contact Info

The photo at the top was taken by Susan Reisert (Dolomites, Italy, 2025).

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

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Ms. Marcy Fullmer, Sexton

Announcements and Hymns for September 20, 2026

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

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

IMPORTANT NEWS— We are very sad to announce that our Music Director, Bradley Krueger, has submitted his resignation. He will be with us for four more Sundays. His last Sunday will be October 11. A farewell gathering will be announced next week.

WORSHIP SIGN UP— Please consider signing up!!

FLOWERS: The flowers on the refreshment table are in memory of Louise Perkins in honor of her birthday.

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

We are focusing 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!

BIBLE BUNCH— will start up again later this month or early October.

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.

The Events Team has scheduled a **Time & Talent Auction for November 15**. More info to come.

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: **October 11th**. Send your check to the office, or place in the offering plate. Please mark your check clearly for Hannaford.

TODAY'S HYMNS

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

(ST. ANNE)

Pilgrim #1

1 Our God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home.

2 Under the shadow of thy throne Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is thine arm alone, And our defense is sure.

3 Before the hills in order stood, Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting thou art God, To endless years the same.

4 A thousand ages in thy sight Are like an evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night Before the rising sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream, Bears all its sons away;
They fly, forgotten, as a dream Dies at the opening day.

6 Our God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,
Be thou our guard while troubles last, And our eternal home.

Public Domain Hymn

In the Midst of New Dimensions

(NEW DIMENSIONS)

NCH #391

1 In the midst of new dimensions, in the face of changing ways,
Who will lead the pilgrim peoples wandering in their separate ways?

Refrain: God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar,
We your people, ours the journey now and ever, now and ever, now and evermore.

2 Through the flood of starving people, warring factions and despair,
Who will lift the olive branches? Who will light the flame of care? *Refrain*

3 As we stand a world divided by our own self-seeking schemes,
Grant that we, your global village, might envision wider dreams. *Refrain*

4 We are man and we are woman, all persuasions, old and young,
Each a gift in your creation, each a love song to be sung. *Refrain*

5 Should the threats of dire predictions cause us to withdraw in pain,
May your blazing phoenix spirit resurrect the church again. *Refrain*

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