

(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

Darlene Davis

Focus Scripture Reading Psalm 23 p.501

Message “In Those Moments of Darkness”

Anthem “Follow” Ed Harris 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: “The Gift of Love” (O WALY WALY) arr. Pamela Robertson

***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** “God is My Shepherd” (BROTHER JAMES’ AIR) NCH #479
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***Blessing**

One: In the name of our Savior, go now in peace.

Many: May we love and care for one another.

One: As Christ offers abundance of love and grace,

Many: May we live our lives with generosity and gladness,

All: Now and always.

***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 “Go Ye Into All the World” John Turn

Fellowship

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

More Info/Contact Info

The photo at the top was taken by Susan Reisert (Scottish Highlands, 2019).

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Announcements and Hymns for September 27, 2026

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

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

FALL EVENTS!

October 4— a special coffee hour after worship to celebrate Brad's ministry of music, as he prepares for his next adventure.

October 18— Community Potluck and What's Next Discussion. Sign up will be posted next week.

November 15— Time, Talent & Treasure Auction, with Potluck, after worship. More info soon.

WORSHIP SIGN UP— Please consider signing up!!

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

This fall, we are focusing on the journey of faith. Many thanks to those who have signed up to share a short story of a special moment on their journey.

BIBLE BUNCH— will start again Tuesday, Oct 6. Our topic: The Public Side of Faith. **We will meet at 11:00am.** Fall meeting dates: Oct 6, 13, and 27. Nov. 10 and 17. Readings will be available next week.

The Maine Conference Annual Meeting is this coming Friday and Saturday. Many thanks to Cynthia and Bonnie N for serving as delegates. Pastor Susan will also attend.

An ordination and installation service has been scheduled for Sarah Mills for Sunday, Nov. 1 at 2:00 at Old South in Farmington. All are welcome.

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES:

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

The **October BREAD OF LIFE Dinner Delivery** sign up is online & posted on the bulletin board.

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

Morning Has Broken

(BUNESSAN)

Pilgrim #38

1 Morning has broken Like the first morning,
Blackbird has spoken Like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing Fresh from the Word!

2 Sweet the rain's new fall Sunlit from heaven,
Like the first dewfall On the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness Of the wet garden,
Spring in completeness Where his feet pass.

3 Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning
Born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, Praise every morning,
God's recreation Of the new day!

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God Is My Shepherd

(BROTHER JAMES' AIR)

NCH #479

1 God is my shepherd, I'll not want, I feed in pastures green.
God grants me rest and bids me drink from waters calm and clean.
Through daily tasks, I'm blessed and led by One I have not seen.

2 Restored to life each morning new, I rise up from the dust
To follow God whose presence gives me confidence and trust.
I praise the name of God today; in God I put my trust.

3 When I must pass through shadowed vale, where loss and death await,
I will not fear for God is there, my shepherd strong and great,
Whose rod and staff will comfort me and all my fears abate.

4 No enemy can overcome, no power on earth defeat
The ones anointed by God's grace and fed with manna sweet.
My cup is filled and overflows as I my Savior greet.

5 Goodness and mercy all my days will surely follow me;
And where God reigns in heaven and earth, my dwelling place will be.
My shepherd blesses, cares, and leads through all eternity.

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