



Welcome to

Old South Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, Hallowell, Maine
10:00 am– Announcements, Community Joys & Concerns; 10:10– Worship begins
October 4, 2026 Hybrid Worship World Communion Sunday

*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 “Since I Have Been Redeemed” (OTHELLO) Dan Forrest

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

Call to Worship, Invocation and Lord’s Prayer Deb Morgan

One: What does the Holy One require of us?

Many: To do justice,

One: To love kindness,

Many: And to walk humbly with God.

One: Let us worship God. Let us begin with prayer:

Many: Loving and merciful God, lover of justice, you call us to support the weak, to help those who suffer, and to honor all people. By the power of your Holy Spirit, make us advocates of your justice and instruments of your peace, so that all may be reconciled in your beloved community; through Jesus Christ, our Savior, the One who taught us to pray: 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** “The God of Abraham Praise” (LEONI)
(words can be found on the Announcements page)

Pilgrim #14

[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 Psalm 33:1-12 p.507 Ron Bansmer

Focus Scripture Reading Genesis 12:1-9 p.10

Message “Are We There Yet?”

Anthem “Haleluya! Pelo Tsa Rona” South African/Sotho gospel song 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: “Walk Worthy” Joseph M. Martin, arr. Gina Sprunger

***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 (see attached)

***Hymn** “O Jesus, I Have Promised” (ANGEL’S STORY) NCH #493
(words can be found on the Announcements page)

***Blessing**

One: May God prosper you.

Many: May your days be long and your nights serene.

One: May your friendships honor you, and your family love you.

Many: May you eat at your table, and may you be gathered into God’s embrace with a smile.

All: 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” (LOBE DEN HERREN) arr. Larry Shackley

Fellowship

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

More Info/Contact Info

The photo at the top was taken by Susan Reisert (Umbria, Italy, 2021).

Call to Worship & Invocation is adapted from PCUSA World Communion resources. The Communion service and the Blessing are from Global Ministries (UCC and Disciples of Christ).

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Announcements and Hymns for October 4, 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— Potluck and What's Next Discussion. Sign up is posted.

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 are available.

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 October will go to Neighbors in Need.

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

The God of Abraham Praise

(LEONI)

Pilgrim #14

1 The God of Abraham praise, All praised be his name,
Who was, and is, and is to be, For aye the same!
The one eternal God, Ere aught that now appears;
The First, the Last: beyond all thought His timeless Years!

2 His spirit floweth free, High surging where it will;
In prophet's word he spoke of old He speaketh still.
Established is his law, And changeless it shall stand,
Deep writ upon the human heart, On seas, or land.

3 He hath eternal life Implanted in the soul;
His love shall be our strength and stay, While ages roll.
Praise to the living God! All praised be his name
Who was, and is, and is to be, For aye the same!

Public Domain Hymn

Somos pueblo que camina (We Are People on a Journey) (SOMOS PUEBLO) NCH #340

1 Somos pueblo que camina por las senda del dolor. Acudamos jubilosos a la santa comunión.

1 We are people on a journey: pain is with us all the way.

Refrain: Joyfully we come together at the holy feast of God.

2 God has sent the invitation to the humble and the poor. *Refrain*

3 This bread that God provides us, nourishing our unity. *Refrain*

4 Christ is ever present with us to unite us all in love. *Refrain*

5 All who truly thirst for justice seek their liberation here. *Refrain* *Public Domain Hymn*

O Jesus, I Have Promised (ANGEL'S STORY) NCH #493

1 O Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;

remain forever near me, my Savior and my Friend:

I shall not fear life's struggles if you are by my side,

Nor wander from the pathway if you will be my guide.

2 O let me hear you speaking in accents clear and still,

Above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will!

O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control!

O speak, and make me listen, O guardian of my soul!

3 O Jesus, you have promised to all who follow you

That where you are in glory your servant shall be, too;

And, Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;

O give me grace to follow my Savior and my Friend! *Public Domain Hymn*

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