



Welcome to
Old South Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, Hallowell, Maine
10:00 am– Announcements, Community Joys & Concerns; 10:10– Worship begins
October 11, 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 “Variations on a Theme by Chopin, VIII” Federico Mompou

Introit “Let There Be Praise” Dick and Melodie Tunney Choir

Call to Worship, Invocation and Lord’s Prayer Cynthia McGuire

One: The life of faith requires a lot of us:

Many: Showing kindness, pursuing justice, walking humbly.

One: When we are feeling tired and overwhelmed,

Many: You, Loving God, remind us to rest.

One: So, may we rest, nurtured by Your living water,

Many: That we may be open to what’s next.

One: Let us pray:

Many: As we gather for worship this day, draw us in, Gracious and Holy God, offering a balm for our weariness and renewal when our spirits flag. There is a great deal that weighs on us. Be with us, Merciful Savior, and assure us of your love for us, that the blessedness of rest will propel us to share the blessings of your grace in new and wondrous ways.

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** “For the Beauty of the Earth” (DIX) PILGRIM #66
(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 Marvelle

Focus Scripture Reading John 4:1-15 p.91

Message “Recognizing Our Thirst”

Anthem “Amazing Grace” arr. Sonja Poorman

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 Great Pumpkin Waltz” Vince Guaraldi

***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.*

Prayer

***Hymn** “I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say” (EVAN)
(words can be found on the Announcements page)

NCH #489

***Blessing**

One: Along the journey of faith,

Many: We are grateful for moments of rest and renewal.

One: We trust that this time we have spent together this morning,

Many: With one another and with our loving and gracious Savior,

One: Provides the sustenance we need for the joys and challenges of life.

All: Amen and 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 “Amazing Grace” Traditional American melody setting by George Shearing

Fellowship

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

More Info/Contact Info

The photo at the top was taken by Susan Reisert (well and bucket, Harbor Island, ME)
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Announcements and Hymns for October 11, 2026

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

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

FALL EVENTS!

October 18— Potluck and What's Next Discussion. Sign up is posted.

November 15— Time, Talent & Treasure Auction, with Potluck, after worship. Auction forms are available.

WORSHIP SIGN UP— Please consider signing up!! **NEW SLOTS for November**— as we approach Stewardship season, would you like to share a moment of gratitude about your faith, your community of faith, how your worship experience informs your life? Sign 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— Current topic: The Public Side of Faith. **We meet on Tuesdays 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 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, **October 11th**. Send your check to the office, or place in the offering plate. Please mark your check clearly for Hannaford.

TODAY'S HYMNS

For the Beauty of the Earth (DIX) PILGRIM #66

1 For the beauty of the earth, For the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth Over and around us lies,

Refrain: Lord of all, to thee we raise This our hymn of grateful praise.

2 For the beauty of each hour Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, Sun and moon, and stars of light, *Refrain*

3 For the joy of ear and eye, For the heart and mind's delight,
For the mystic harmony Linking sense to sound and sight, *Refrain*

4 For the joy of human love, Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth, and friends above, For all gentle thoughts and mild, *Refrain*

5 For each perfect gift of thine Unto us so freely given,
Graces, human and divine, Flowers of earth and buds of heaven *Refrain*

6 For thy Church that evermore Lifteth holy hands above,
Offering up on every shore Her pure sacrifice of love. *Refrain*

Public Domain Hymn

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

(EVAN)

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1 I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest;
Lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast."

2 I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad,
And there I found a resting place, where Jesus made me glad!

3 I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give
The living water: thirsty one, draw near, and drink, and live."

4 I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream;
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I am redeemed.

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