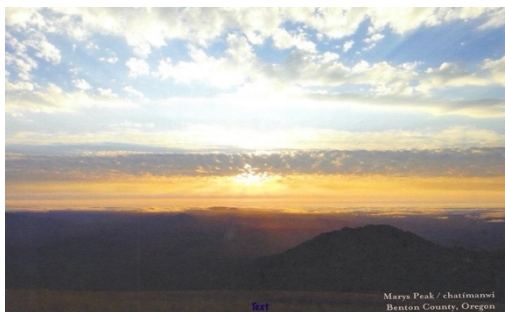




Welcome to

Old South Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, Hallowell, Maine
10:00 am– Announcements, Community Joys & Concerns; 10:10– Worship begins
October 18, 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 “Where’er You Walk” Handel arr. Clair W. Johnson Cynthia M. & Don R.

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

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

One: You gather us together, Holy and Loving God,

Many: To be a holy community.

One: You gather us together, Holy and Loving God,

Many: To care for Your creation, for ourselves, and for others near and far.

One: You gather us together, Holy and Loving God,

Many: To travel, in faith and in trust, to new and unknown places.

One: May we continue to follow. Let us pray:

Many: As we gather this day, Gracious and Merciful God, we lift up our voices in praise and in wonder. We quiet ourselves that we may be attentive to the movement of your Spirit in our midst. In scripture and story, we learn over and over again that you, O God, call us to travel— even within the confines of our minds and hearts— to new places. May we continue to feel your Spirit walking with us, through all of our days.

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** “Watchman, Tell Us of the Night” (ABERYSTWYTH) Pilgrim #109
(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

Ron Bansmer

Focus Scripture Reading Selections from Luke 1 & 2 p.56-59

Message "It Begins With . . . A Journey"

Anthem "Lord, Lead Me, Lord" Gilbert M. Martin 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:

***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 Silence, Pastoral Prayer, Response

***Hymn** "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing (Jesus, the Light of the World)" (ELDERKIN) NCH #160 (words can be found on the Announcements page)

***Blessing**

One: May the peace of God,

Many: Which surpasses all understanding,

One: Guard our hearts and minds,

Many: This day and always,

One: For the work and ministry ahead.

All: Amen.

***Sung Response** "God Be With You Till We Meet Again" (GOD BE WITH YOU) Pilgrim #62

God be with you till we meet again; By his counsels guide, uphold you, With his sheep securely fold you: God be with you till we meet again.

Postlude

Fellowship

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

More Info/Contact Info

The photo at the top was provided by Ron Bansmer (Marys Peak, Oregon).
Call to Worship & Invocation was written by Susan Reisert.

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Ms. Cynthia McGuire, Administrative Assistant	Ms. Marcy Fullmer, Sexton

Announcements and Hymns for October 18, 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. Today!

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

WELCOME to our interim Music Duo! Cynthia and Don will be managing worship music, while we search for a replacement for Brad.

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 (NO meeting Oct 20). Nov. 10 and 17. Readings are available. BIBLE BUNCH WILL NOT on Nov 3 (Election Day). We will have a special post-election gathering on Thursday, Nov 5 at 11:00. All are welcome!

PASTOR SUSAN— will be away Monday through Wednesday this week.

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: **NOVEMBER 15th.** Send your check to the office, or place in the offering plate. Please mark your check clearly for Hannaford.

TODAY'S HYMNS

Watchman, Tell Us of the Night

(ABERYSTWYTH)

Pilgrim #109

1 Watchman, tell us of the night, What its signs of promise are.
Traveler, o'er yon mountains height, See that glory-beaming star.
Watchman, does its beauteous ray Aught of joy or hope foretell?
Traveler, yes; it brings the day, Promised day of Israel.

2 Watchman, tell us of the night, Higher yet that star ascends.
Traveler, blessedness and light, Peace and truth its course portends.
Watchman, will its beams alone Gild the spot that gave them birth?
Traveler, ages are its own; See, it bursts o'er all the earth.

3 Watchman, tell us of the night, For the morning seems to dawn,
Traveler, darkness takes its flight, Doubt and terror are withdrawn.
Watchman, let thy wanderings cease; Hie thee to thy quiet home.
Traveler, lo, the Prince of peace, Lo, the Son of God is come.

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Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (Jesus, the Light of the World) (ELDERKIN) NCH #160

1 Hark! The herald angels sing, Jesus, the light of the world;
Glory to the Christ-child bring, Jesus, the light of the world.

Refrain: We will follow the light, beautiful light, come where the dewdrops of mercy are
bright,
Shine all around us by day and by night, Jesus, the light of the world.

2 Joyful, all you saints arise, Jesus, the light of the world;
Join the triumph of the skies, Jesus, the light of the world. *Refrain*

3 Christ, by highest heaven adored, Jesus, the light of the world;
Christ, the everlasting Word, Jesus, the light of the world. *Refrain*

4 Hail the Bearer of God's peace! Jesus, the light of the world;
Hail the Sun of righteousness! Jesus, the light of the world. *Refrain*

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God Be With You Till We Meet Again (GOD BE WITH YOU) Pilgrim #62

God be with you till we meet again; By his counsels guide, uphold you,
With his sheep securely fold you: God be with you till we meet again.

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