



Welcome to

Old South Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, Hallowell, Maine
10:00 am– Announcements, Community Joys & Concerns; 10:10– Worship begins
October 25, 2026 Hybrid Worship Reformation 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 “Deep River” traditional spiritual arr.Lloyd Larson Cynthia M. and Don R.

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

Call to Worship, Invocation and Lord's Prayer Jane Campbell

One: Holy One, you are our dwelling place! From everlasting to everlasting, you are God!

**Many: Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad
all our days.**

One: Holy One, you are our dwelling place! From everlasting to everlasting, you are Sovereign!

Many: Let your work be manifest to your servants and your glorious power to their children.

One: Holy One, you are our dwelling place! From everlasting to everlasting, you are God!

**Many: Let your favor be upon us and prosper for us the work of our hands — O prosper the
work of our hands!**

One: Let us pray:

**Many: Loving God, we gather before you in praise and thanksgiving, wonder and awe, doubt
and uncertainty, joy and pain. We seek your guidance and direction, assurance and
challenge, correction, and encouragement. Make your presence known among us this day.**

**Let your Spirit reign in our worship, in our hearts, and in our lives. Just your presence among
us gives us comfort, strength, and joy. Be glorified in our love, O God. Amen.**

**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** “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” (EIN FESTE BURG)
(words can be found on the Announcements page)

Pilgrim #363

[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 John 11:1-13 p. 104

Message “The Light on the Path”

Anthem “Guide My Wayfaring Feet” arr. Ruth Elaine Schram 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: “Ave Verum Corpus” W.A. Mozart Don Reutershan

***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** “Take My Life, God, Let It Be” (VIENNA) NCH #448
(words can be found on the Announcements page)

***Blessing**

One: Let love be your law. Let love be your compass.

Many: Let love abound and abide.

One: And, know that the God of love is with you and for you,

All: Now and forever.

***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 “Come, Thou Fount” (NETTLETON) arr. Sharon Wilton Don R. and Bonnie D.

Fellowship

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

More Info/Contact Info

Photo at top: Lighting a Candle at a church in Mechelen, Belgium (photo by Susan, 2008) .
Call to Worship, Invocation, & Blessing from Worship Ways at ucc.org.

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Announcements and Hymns for October 25, 2026

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

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

FALL EVENTS!

November 1— Remembering Sunday. Please bring names of loved ones who have passed away in the last year, or so. If you can't be at worship, but would like us to include a name, please email the church office.

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 27. Nov. 10 and 17. Readings are available. BIBLE BUNCH WILL NOT MEET on Nov 3 (Election Day). We will have a special post-election gathering on Thursday, Nov 5 at 11:00. All are welcome!

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:

The November BREAD OF LIFE Dinner Delivery Sign Up is posted.

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

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

(EIN FESTE BURG)

Pilgrim #363

1 A mighty fortress is our God, A bulwark never failing;
Our helper he amid the flood Of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe Doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and power are great, And armed with cruel hate, On earth is not his equal.

2 Did we in our own strength confide, Our striving would be losing,
Were not the right man on our side, The man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he:
Lord Sabaoth his name. From age to age the same, And he must win the battle.

3 And though this world, with devils filled, Should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim, We tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure, For lo, his doom is sure: One little word shall fell him.

4 That word above all earthly powers, No thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours Through him who with us sideth.
Let good and kindred go, This mortal life also;
The body they may kill; God's truth abideth still, His kingdom is forever. *Public Domain Hymn*

Take My Life, God, Let It Be

(VIENNA)

NCH #448

1 Take my life, God, let it be consecrated faithfully.
Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.

2 Take my spirit, let it move at the impulse of your love.
Take my intellect and use all its powers as you choose.

3 Take my will; your will be done! Make your will and mine be one.
Take my heart, and by your grace make of it your dwelling place.

4 Take my love and help it grow; let my loving overflow.
Take me now, and help me be part of Christ's community. *Public Domain Hymn*

God Be With You Till We Meet Again

(GOD BE WITH YOU)

Pilgrim #62

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With his sheep securely fold you: God be with you till we meet again.

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