

Welcome to

Old South Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, Hallowell, Maine

10:00 am– Announcements, Community Joys & Concerns; 10:10– Worship begins

November 15, 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 "I Will Enter His Gates With Thanksgiving" Wm.Bay Cynthia McGuire & Don Reutershan

Introit "Let There Be Praise" Dick and Melodie Tunney Choir

Call to Worship, Invocation and Lord's Prayer Christine Bartlett

One: Lift up our spirits to the God enthroned in the heavens!

Many: The Holy One is our dwelling place from generation to generation.

One: Lift up our hearts to the God who shapes us and guides us.

Many: The Holy One is God, forming the earth, the world, and the universe.

One: Lift up our worship before the Holy One who is God.

Many: The Holy One teaches us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart. Praise God!

One: Let us pray:

Many: Gracious and Loving God, we worship you and honor your name. Open our hearts with thanksgiving, awe, and possibility. Make your word be written on our hearts and your purpose ignite a fire within our souls. As we gather as a community, may our faith be renewed, our trust strengthened, and our courage increased, that you, O God, may be glorified in our midst.

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** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" (BEECHER) Pilgrim #228

(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.]

Gratitude Moment

Focus Scripture Reading 1 Thessalonians 2:1-12 p.203

Message "Spreading the Word, part 2"

Anthem "For These Blessings" Natalie Sleeth 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: "If With All Your Hearts (from Elijah)" Felix Mendelssohn, arr. J.W. Schaum

***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** "Blessed Be the Tie That Binds" (DENNIS) NCH #393
(words can be found on the Announcements page)

***Blessing**
One: May love inspire us for service.
Many: May trust inspire us to faithfulness.
One: May hope inspire us to build community.
Many: And, may peace inspire us to rest in our relationship with God. 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 "O Lord, How Manifold Are Thy Works"J. Barnby, arr. J.W. Schaum

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

More Info/Contact Info

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Call to Worship, Invocation, & Blessing adapted from Worship Ways at ucc.org.

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Announcements and Hymns for November 15, 2026

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

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

FALL EVENTS! Time, Talent & Treasure Auction, with Potluck, TODAY! After worship. The list is complete with 31 items. Thank you! All items will be auctioned live. Any items that receive no bids will be put in a silent auction.

CALENDAR for the Week
Tues, 11/17
11:00 Bible Bunch 5:30 Oversight (Zoom)
Wed, 11/18
4:00 Choir 5:30 Bell Choir

WORSHIP SIGN UP– Is posted and online. Please consider signing up!!

ADVENT– is coming! This year, we will use resources from the Worship Design Studio, Carols for the Coming Christ (focus on Christmas Carols). Each Sunday includes an opportunity for someone to share a favorite carol and why. How does the carol help you understand God and the coming of Jesus? How does the carol inspire you to follow Jesus? Sign up!
We are also gathering reflections on favorite carols over the next week, as we endeavor to create our very own Old South Advent Devotional! Please take a moment to reflect and

write up a favorite carol, in a paragraph, or two. You may submit multiple carols! Reflections are due Monday, November 23.

STEWARDSHIP– Stewardship letters have gone out, along with stewardship forms. Please plan to bring your form to worship next Sunday (or mail it or drop it off beforehand). We will bless the forms during worship.

BIBLE BUNCH– Current topic: The Public Side of Faith. **We meet on Tuesdays at 11:00am**. Fall meeting dates: Nov. 17. This week, we'll continue discussing Matthew 25.

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES:

OUTREACH TEAM: The Outreach fund for November and December will go to **Holiday Giving, Hallowell Food Pantry, Bridging the Gap, Hallowell Fuel Fund**.

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

TODAY'S HYMNS

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (BEECHER) Pilgrim #228

1 Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
Fix in us thy humble dwelling, All thy faithful mercies crown;
Jesus, thou art all compassion, Pure, unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation, Enter every trembling heart.

2 Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit Into every troubled breast;
Let us all in thee inherit, Let us find thy promised rest;
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning, Set our hearts at liberty.

3 Come, almighty to deliver, Let us all thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never, Nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, Serve thee as thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise thee without ceasing, Glory in thy perfect love.

4 Finish, then, thy new creation; Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation Perfectly restored in thee;
Changed from glory into glory, Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee, Lost in wonder, love, and praise. *Public Domain Hymn*

Blessed Be the Tie That Binds (DENNIS) NCH #393

1 Blessed be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
The sharing of a common life is like to that above.

2 Before our God we come and pour our ardent prayers;
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.

3 We share each other's woes, each other's burdens bear,
And often for each other flows a sympathizing tear.

4 When we are called to part it gives us inward pain,
But we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.

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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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