

August 19, 2018
**Thirteenth Sunday
after Pentecost**
11:00 am

Warning! To enter into the life of this people of God
is to encounter God's soul-challenging, life-changing, radicalizing love.
Will you join us? Do you dare?

GATHER

PRELUDE	Psalm-Prelude, Set I, No. 2	Herbert Howells
*HYMN 12	I Sing the Mighty Power of God	ELLACOMBE
*CALL TO WORSHIP		John M. Edgerton

One: Creator of the world, eternal God,
All: We have come from many places into one body.
One: Redeemer of humanity, God-within-us,
**All: We have come with all our differences,
seeking common ground.**

**Indicates all who are able may stand*

One: Spirit of Unity, God of journey and pilgrimage,

**All: We have come on journeys of our own,
to a place where journeys meet.**

One: So here, in this shelter house, let us take time together:

**All: For when paths cross and pilgrims gather,
There is much to share and celebrate.**

*A SIGN OF OUR UNITY AND RECONCILIATION

*We invite you to greet those around you,
wishing them "peace" or "the peace of Christ."*

WORDS OF WELCOME

Anthony T. Livolsi

ANTHEM

God of Our Comings and Goings

Carol Browning

God of our comings and goings, bless us, O Lord, we pray.
With mercy, receive us, direct and proceed us, and guide all our steps on the way.

Help us to grow in your image and love just as you command.
With praise and thanksgiving, give life to our living, and help us to understand.

Teach us your love and compassion. Grant us your wisdom and grace.
Be there in our resting, refresh us for rising, and strengthen us with each new day.

LISTEN

SCRIPTURE

I Kings 3:3-14

Laurie Stickels

*HYMN 451

Be Now My Vision

SLANE

Children may leave for childcare

SERMON

Cal Genzel

*HYMN 331

Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life

THE CALL

RESPOND

*CALL TO PRAYER

Nancy S. Taylor

One: God be with you.

Many: And also with you.

One: May the peace of Christ dwell in your hearts.

Many: Christ is our peace, our light, and our hope.

One: Let us pray. (You may be seated.)

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

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.

PRAYER RESPONSE

The Lord Is Nigh

Eric H. Thiman

The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a contrite heart,
and will save such as be of an humble spirit.

CALL TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Wisdom's Table

John L. Bell

In her house there is a table,
Richly laid with bread and wine.
Fools and sages are invited;
She calls all to "Come and dine."

Refrain:

Come and eat at Wisdom's table,
Come and lay your burden down;
Come and learn the power of weakness-
Wisdom's cross and Wisdom's crown.

In this world we all have trouble
Sometimes comforters will fail;
Smartest answers may seem useless
When our questions are most real. (refrain)

Refrain:

Come and eat at Wisdom's table,
Come and lay your burden down;
Come and learn the power of weakness-
Wisdom's cross and Wisdom's crown.

There are roads that lead to nowhere,
Narrow paths that lead to life;
Wisdom leaves such choices open
For the travelers she invites. (refrain)

Some look hard for signs and wonders,
Some seek what they're told is sure:
But for lovers of life's mystery,
Wisdom keeps an open door. (refrain)

Holy Spirit, source of Wisdom,
Summon us to share your feast,
Where our hungry souls are nourished,
And our faith and love increased. (refrain)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

John M. Edgerton

*HYMN 55

Rejoice, You Pure in Heart

MARION

*BIDDING TO MISSION AND BENEDICTION

Cal Genzel

POSTLUDE

Come, Creator God, Holy Ghost, BWV 667

J.S. Bach



Close-Up, a 20-minute tour of the Sanctuary, begins following
worship at the front of the Sanctuary. Led by docent Chuck Gerlinger.

MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES AT OLD SOUTH CHURCH

Our music ministry provides many ways to explore faith and connect more deeply to the life of the church. Whether you sing, ring, or simply have an appreciation for the arts, there is a place for you among Old South's ensembles:

FESTIVAL CHOIR *Rehearse: Thursdays, 6:30 to 8PM; Sundays, 10 to 10:45AM*

For those able to commit to regular rehearsal attendance, Festival Choir offers unparalleled opportunities to explore and perform a dazzling array of choral literature at a high level. A dedicated group of volunteer singers supported by Old South's professional Choral Fellows, we present music each week at Festival Worship from September through June. *Contact Mitchell Crawford (mitchell@OldSouth.org) for more information.*

FIRST SINGERS *Rehearse: Sundays, 8:30 to 8:55AM*

This ensemble of First Worshipers — and those who appreciate great music but may be unable to commit to weekly rehearsals — presents music at First Worship each week. If singing makes your heart soar, you are warmly invited to join us, no experience necessary! *Contact Mitchell Crawford (mitchell@OldSouth.org) for more information.*

GOSPEL CHOIR *Rehearse: once monthly, in advance of Jazz Worship*

Under the direction of Tim Harbold, we provides a soulful ministry of music, inclusiveness, and diversity, singing once a month at Jazz Worship. The choir participates in our annual Martin Luther King celebrations, and performs a concert each spring. *Contact Tim Harbold (tim@OldSouth.org) for more information.*

CHILDREN'S CHOIR *Rehearse: Sundays, 9AM or 11AM*

This fun and engaging ensemble offers the perfect opportunity for your child to explore the variety of ways we praise God through music. The Children's Choir sings in Worship several times a year, presenting a Christmas Pageant in December. *Contact Amy Budka (childrenschoir@oldsouth.org) for more information.*

OLD SOUTH RINGERS *Rehearse: Tuesdays, 6:30 to 8PM*

Under the direction of Peter Coulombe and utilizing Old South's substantial collection of handbells and chimes, we perform during Festival Worship Service once a month from September through June, as well as for special events — including Christmas and Spring Concerts. All skill levels welcome! *Contact Peter Coulombe (handbells@OldSouth.org) for more information.*

WELCOME TO OLD SOUTH CHURCH

Welcome to Old South Church in Boston. We are a progressive Christian church first gathered in 1669. The Church played a significant role in early American history. Today, Old South Church continues to outfit itself for mission and ministry in the 21st century as a thriving urban church in the heart of Boston. Join us immediately following worship for fellowship and refreshments in the Gordon Chapel.

The flowers today are given in memory of Melanie Hope and Noah Bernard Evan, forever our children; with gratitude for the lives of Amanda and Nate; and in celebration of 28 years of marriage by Evan and Annamarie Ross Shu.

If you need to stretch your legs during worship the Gordon Chapel has full audio of the Sanctuary service throughout.

Name tags facilitate community and help newcomers feel welcomed. If you don't see a tag with your name on it, let us know. For LARGE print bulletins or hearing assistance devices ask an Usher.

HEARING ASSISTED DEVICES

Old South has installed a **Hearing Loop** in the Sanctuary, the latest technology in hearing assisted devices.

1. If you have a hearing aid: the loop works directly for those whose hearing aids have a "T-Coil."
2. If you are hard of hearing but don't use an aid: ask for one the devices that is paired with the loop.

Note: The sound will be best if you sit further inside the pews, away from the aisles. The loop does NOT work in the upper galleries.

GARAGE PARKING VALIDATIONS

We have arrangements for discounted parking with two nearby garages for Old South Church worship or church business (excluding weddings and concerts):

1. Park at the **Garage@100 Clarendon** (behind Back Bay Station), have your ticket validated at our Front Desk, and **you** pay the discounted rate of \$7 for up to 3 hours. Old South bears no cost.
2. Park at the **Prudential Garage** for up to 5 hours on Saturday or Sunday, have your ticket validated at our Front Desk, and the Prudential Garage will bill **Old South** (costing us \$15k - \$20k per year).

CALENDAR

Sunday, August 19	9:00 am	FIRST Worship, <i>Cal Genzel preaching</i>
	9:45 am	Old South Café in Gordon Chapel
	10:00 am	Lectionary Bible Study
	10:00 am	Summer Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am	Summer Church School
	10:00 am	Baptism Class
	11:00 am	FESTIVAL Worship, <i>Cal Genzel preaching</i>
	12:15 pm	Fellowship Hour in Gordon Chapel
	12:30 pm	Climate Change Discussion Group
Wednesday, August 22	7:45 pm	Young Adult Trivia Night at Cleary's
Thursday, August 23	6:00 pm	JAZZ Worship, <i>Anthony T. Livolsi preaching</i>
	7:00 pm	Young Adult Book Group
Saturday, August 25	10:00 am	Mobile Soup Kitchen Prep
Sunday, August 26	9:00 am	FIRST Worship, <i>Anthony T. Livolsi preaching</i>
	9:45 am	Old South Café in Gordon Chapel
	10:00 am	Lectionary Bible Study
	10:00 am	Summer Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am	Summer Church School
	10:00 am	OSC Outdoors at Church of the Woods
	10:00 am	Wiggler's Meet-up
	10:00 am	Mobile Soup Kitchen Prep
	11:00 am	FESTIVAL Worship, <i>Anthony T. Livolsi preaching</i>
	12:15 pm	Fellowship Hour in Gordon Chapel
	12:30 pm	350th Tell the Story Task Force

LOOKING AHEAD

Thursday, August 30	6:00 pm	JAZZ Worship, <i>John M. Edgerton preaching</i>
Sunday, September 2	9:00 am	FIRST Worship, <i>John M. Edgerton preaching</i>
	11:00 am	FESTIVAL Worship, <i>John M. Edgerton preaching</i>

OLD SOUTH CHURCH IN BOSTON MINISTERS, OFFICERS, AND STAFF

Nancy S. Taylor, *Senior Minister*
John M. Edgerton, *Associate Minister* ❖ Anthony T. Livolsi, *Associate Minister*
James W. Crawford, *Senior Minister Emeritus*
Mitchell Crawford, *Minister of Music*
Kate Nintcheu, *Director, Children & Family Ministries*
Donald A. Wells, *Theologian in Residence* ❖ June R. Cooper, *Theologian in the City*
Calvin Genzel, *Wedding Outreach Minister* ❖ Ken Orth, *Healing Worship Minister*
Martha Schick, *Youth & Young Adult Ministries Leader* ❖ Rebecca Bowler, *Seminarian Intern*
Carolyn Davis, *Director, Old South Preschool*
George Sargeant, *Associate Organist & Choirmaster*
Tim Harbold, *Director, Gospel Choir* ❖ Willie Sordillo, *Director, Jazz Worship Music*
Peter Coulombe, *Director, Old South Ringers* ❖ Amy Budka, *Children's Music Leader*

Deb Washington, *Moderator* ❖ Rob Gabler, *Clerk* ❖ Bill Bulkeley, *Treasurer*
Randy Billings, *Chair, Board of Trustees* ❖ Emily Click, *Historian*
Stephanie LaShoto & Ralph Watson, *Senior Deacons* ❖ Vicki Newman, *Pledge Secretary*

Helen McCrady, *Sr Church Administrator* ❖ Jamie Garuti, *Communications Administrator*
Linda Van Praet, *Accounting & Human Resources* ❖ David Albaugh, *Building Manager*
Allison Albaugh, *Wedding Coordinator* ❖ Lena Rojas, *Administrative Assistant*
Emily Ross, *Archivist*

Elias Perez, *Senior Sexton* ❖ Ozo Nwodo, Opong Serebour, & David Brode *Sextons*
Corey Spence, Rubia Reyes & Carrie Swayne-Gerrish, *Receptionists*

A NOTE ON THE INCLUSIVE DIMENSIONS OF GOD'S GRACE

Old South Church in Boston, in the name of its host, Jesus Christ, and in the spirit of Christ's invitation carved into the stone of this church's portico, "Behold I Set Before You an Open Door," welcomes all who seek to know God.

Following the One who we believe is Sovereign and Savior, we affirm that each individual is a child of God, and recognize that we are called to be like one body with many members, seeking with others of every race, ethnicity, creed, class, age, gender, marital status, physical or mental ability, sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression to journey together toward the promised realm of God.

We invite everyone to join in the common life and mission of our reconciling community through participation and leadership in this congregation, and by fully sharing in the worship, rites and sacraments of this church.

As we all move forward with the work of this church, we commit ourselves to making justice and inclusivity a reality in this congregation and in the world. On the threshold of Christ's open door, we rely upon the healing, unconditional nature of God's love and grace to be our help and guide.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMUNITY LIFE

YOUNG ADULT TRIVIA NIGHT AT CLERY'S

August 22nd, 7:45pm at Clery's

Join the Old South Young Adults for Stump! Trivia at Clery's, just down the street from OSC on Dartmouth Street. We'll split into teams when we arrive and try to beat our current record of third place! This is all about fun, so trivia newbies are more than welcome. Feel free to invite significant others or non-church pals in their 20s or 30s. RSVP to martha@oldsouth.org.

OLD SOUTH OUTDOORS

Sunday, August 26th, 12pm departure to Church of the Woods

This summer Old South has gone on a series of group hikes and excursions, and we have one left! We'll deepen our experiences of community and discover God in the beauty and majesty of the natural world. Immediately following Festival Worship, at 12 p.m., we will depart, carpooling from the church. Send questions and RSVPs to Rev. Anthony Livolsi at anthony@oldsouth.org.

SUMMER FUN READING & SEPTEMBER MEET UP

Love reading but can't make the typical 12-week commitment to a small group? Our Monday evening Spiritual Classics small group invites all of Old South to read Elizabeth Strout's *Abide With Me* over the summer, then gather to discuss it in September. For more information, email David Becker david.becker@mac.com or Karen Hand kshand@mac.com

SIGN UP TO JOIN A SMALL GROUP

Do you seek to deepen your experience of community at Old South Church, cultivate spiritual friendships, and grow in your faith? Consider joining a Small Group! We are currently forming groups for the fall season (September through November). Participants gather weekly at church or off-site to discuss a topic of their choosing. To sign up, fill out the interest form at www.OldSouth.org/small-groups, or email anthony@oldsouth.org with any questions.

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

MOBILE SOUP KITCHEN FOR FAMILIES

Sunday, August 26th, 10am-12:30pm

It's time to feed our neighbors - and we're looking for 4-5 families to help out. We'll begin at 10am on the 2nd floor kitchen, preparing and assembling soup, sandwiches, and goodie bags for our neighbors, then take it outside to pass out. Email Kate at children@oldsouth.org to reserve your family's spot! RSVPs should be solid due to limited space.

PARENT MEETUP: WIGGLER'S EDITION

Sunday, August 26th at 10am in the Green Room (3rd floor)

New parents know how difficult it can be to connect with others who are also experiencing the joys and challenges of new parenthood. To help solve this problem, Old South is hosting its Family Meet-up: Wiggler's Edition! You're invited to join other families with "wigglers" (infants and toddlers) for food and fellowship. Drop in anytime between worship services, and feel free to bring strollers and diaper bags.

WHAT IS GODLY PLAY, ANYWAY?

Sunday, August 26th, 10am in the Tower Room (4th Floor)

Come learn about our Godly Play church school program. Storyteller Kathleen Simone will share a couple of Godly Play stories and give you the opportunity to ask questions and work with the materials in one of our classrooms. All adults welcome!

OUR WHOLE LIVES CLASSES

Our Whole Lives (OWL) is a comprehensive sexuality education program providing lessons around relationship-building, boundaries, and personal spiritual development alongside practical and explicit information on sexual health and development.

Old South is partnering with sister UCC churches (First Cambridge and First Somerville) to present this school-year long class on Sunday afternoons from 1:30 - 3:15 beginning on September 16th. Our OSC teachers are Martha Schick and Rory Razon. If you know of a student who will be in grades 7 - 8 (or in special cases 9th grade), please talk to Kate Nintcheu about how to get involved!

JUSTICE & ACTION

45 OLD SOUTHERS NEEDED FOR D.A. CANDIDATE FORUM

August 23rd 7pm-9pm

District Attorneys have enormous power in the criminal justice system--deciding on sentencing, bail, use of mandatory minimums, and more. A reform minded DA could go a long way to eliminating racial disparities in our criminal justice system. That is why the DA elections for Suffolk County and Middlesex County are perhaps the most important item that will be on your ballot. Hosted by GBIO, this forum features eight candidates running for DA. Learn where the candidates stand on the most important issues facing our criminal justice system. Old South is committed to bringing 45 people to this event, please seriously consider attending. RSVP to john@oldsouth.org

MARCH FOR OUR LIVES, 50 MILES MORE

August 23rd - August 25th

Following the school shooting in Parkland Florida, young people across this country took up leadership roles to help reduce gun violence. Here in Boston, young people are taking a bold, public stance. 125 teenagers are marching the 50 miles from Worcester to Springfield, to stage a protest in at the headquarters of Smith and Wesson, demanding that Smith and Wesson stop abusive business practices that put peoples' lives at risk.

You can support these young people by marching along with them for portions of the march. People of all ages are welcome, but they are particularly looking for adults. RSVP to John@oldsouth.org

CLIMATE CHANGE WORKING GROUP

Sunday, August 19th and Sunday, September 9th at 12:30 p.m. in the Guild Room

Climate change is one of the most pressing moral crises of our time, and Old South is gearing up to tackle it head on. Get in on the ground floor as we begin to build a team of Old Southerns ready to help our congregation take bold action on climate. Rev. Anthony Livolsi will help facilitate the meeting. Please RSVP to Mary Ann Lape at malape70@gmail.com.

WELCOME BACK SUNDAY

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Sunday, September 9th during First Worship (9am) and Festival Worship (11am)

Start your school year on the right foot! All students are encouraged to bring their school backpacks with them to worship on September 9th as we celebrate the beginning of the program and school year. We will ask students to come forward during worship to receive blessings (with or without their backpacks) to carry with them throughout the new school year.

CELEBRATION (POTLUCK!) BRUNCH

Sunday, September 9th at 10am in Mary Norton Hall

We're kicking off the school-year and Old South's program year with a celebration brunch. We invite all generations to gather for a potluck brunch and to learn about exciting upcoming Christian Formation opportunities across the lifespan! Let us know what dish you're able to bring by visiting tinyurl.com/WelcomeBackPotluck. For more information, email children@oldsouth.org.

ALL-CHURCH RETREAT

October 5th - 7th at Craigville Retreat Center on Cape Cod

Join us for three days of learning, worship (on the beach!), and play at the annual All-Church Retreat. This year—with environmental concerns on many of our minds—we will *Encounter the Sacred in Nature*. Rev. Stephen Bladmer and Liz Hannah, from the Church of the Woods in Canterbury, NH, will help us explore our relationship to God and God's world, theologically, spiritually, and experientially. Register at tinyurl.com/OSCRetreat or grab a form from the front desk. Questions? Email anthony@oldsouth.org or children@oldsouth.org.

NOTICES 1) Worship services and events at Old South Church are sometimes photographed and videotaped to document the vibrant life of our church. If you do not wish to be included in these recordings, please notify an usher. 2) Please do not leave bags unattended in the building, including in the Sanctuary, for any length of time.

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