

*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

ANTHEM

Let All the World In Every Corner Sing

Hampton

*Let all the world in every
corner sing: My God and King!*
The heavens are not too high,
his praise may thither fly;
The earth is not too low,
his praises there may grow.

*Let all the world in every
corner sing: My God and King!*
The church with psalms must shout,
no door can keep them out;
But, above all the heart
must bear the longest part.

LISTEN

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 18:20-33 and Genesis 22:1-8

Pam Roberts and
Harrison Reeder

*HYMN

Tremble, O Tremble

TROMBLEY



1. Trem - ble, O trem - ble! The God whose throne is
2. Trem - ble, O trem - ble! The jus - tice done by
3. Trem - ble, O trem - ble! When Mo - ses, Aar - on,
4. Trem - ble, O trem - ble! A tow - er made of
5. Trem - ble, O trem - ble! Our God for - gives, and



near to us is rul - er of the world. The Ho - ly One!
God for us will shake and mend the world. O Ho - ly One!
Sam - u - el cried out, our God re - plied. The Ho - ly One!
cloud, a voice that spoke a last - ing law. The Ho - ly One!
yet our sin must be set right at last. O Ho - ly One!

Children may leave for childcare.

SERMON

Anthony T. Livolsi

*HYMN

O God Beyond All Praising

THAXTED

1. O God beyond all prai - sing we wor - ship you to - day and
2. Then hear, O gra - cious Sav - ior, ac - cept the love we bring, that

sing the love a - ma - zing that songs can - not re - pay; for
we who know your fa - vor may serve you as our King; and

we can on - ly won - der at ev - ery gift you send, at
we - ther our to - mor - rows be filled with good or ill, we'll

bles - sings with - out num - ber and mer - cies with - out end: we
tri - umph through our sor - rows and rise to bless you still: to

lift our hearts be - fore you and wait up - on your Word, we
mar - vel at your beau - ty and glo - ry in your ways, and

ho - nor and a - dore you, our great and migh - ty Lord.
make a joy - ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice of praise.

RESPOND

*CALL TO PRAYER

John M. Edgerton

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

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

God Calls His People

Hampton

God calls, and he provides the grace to undergird our will;
It gives us confidence that he can good create from ill.

God calls, and powers that break and part are void; and all are one.
His love unites us, one and all, together with his sphere. Amen.

CALL TO THE OFFERING

John M. Edgerton

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

O God of Every Nation

Hampton

O God of every nation, of every race and land,
Redeem the whole creation with your almighty hand.
Where hate and fear divide us and bitter threats are hurled,
In love and mercy guide us, and heal our strife-torn world.

From search for wealth and power and scorn of truth and right,
From trust in bombs that shower destruction through the night,
From pride of race and station and blindness to your way,
Deliver every nation, eternal God, we pray!

Lord, strengthen all who labor that we may find release
From fear of rattling saber, from dread of war's increase.
When hope and courage falter, Lord, let your voice be heard;
With faith that none can alter, your servants undergird.

Keep bright in us the vision of days when war shall cease,
when hatred and division give way to love and peace,
till dawns the morning glorious when truth and justice reign,
And God shall rule victorious o'er all the world's domain.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Nancy S. Taylor

*HYMN 1

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO

*BIDDING TO MISSION AND BENEDICTION

Anthony T. Livolsi

POSTLUDE

Festive Trumpet Tune
John Roper, *Guest Organist*

David German



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



Today's Readers

Pam Roberts is a thirty-four year member of Old South
and serves as an at-large member of the Church Council.

Harrison Reeder is a one year member of Old South
and takes part in Young Adult Group activities.

Notes on Today's Music

from MITCHELL CRAWFORD

In worship today we survey several hymn tunes by American composer and organist **Calvin Hampton** (1938–1984), whose musical legacy was championed in the decades following his death by his close colleague and friend, **Harry Huff**. At a time when many congregations were demanding, simpler, “more singable” music, Hampton was devoted to the notion that the future of hymnody lay in the direction of greater variety and complexity.

Hampton was forever writing hymns: they seemed to spring from his creative mind almost incidentally, unencumbered by the variety of other projects and undertakings that filled his working hours. As a result, we are fortunate to have a deep well from which to draw. *O God of Every Nation* [PIKE] is a call to action, made explicit in the clarion figures which accompany the first verse of text. *Let All the World In Every Corner Sing* [MacDOUGALL] incorporates imitation between the parts, which operate independent of the accompanying material. *God Calls His People* [REID] employs a gentle motion that belies a sophisticated handling of the meter.

We are pleased to have with us today **John Roper**, a young organist who commands the E. M. Skinner organ in our opening and closing voluntaries. Mr. Roper, a student at the Xaverian Brothers High School in Westwood, spent time exploring Old South's renowned instrument earlier this summer. John writes, “I am a 16 year old organ student studying in Dorchester under Andrew Sheranian. I've been playing piano for 10 years, but I started playing organ last year after becoming a recipient of the **Boston AGO Young Musician's Scholarship**. I have had an interest in the pipe organ since I was very little, and I am happy to finally be able to study more formally. I also have a strong interest in computer science and I have recently been using my skills to research and design digital organ technology.”

I know you will greet John with enthusiasm following the service.

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, 6:00 to 7:30 PM*

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 loving memory of Geraldine Fillmore Bacon, my mother and friend, August 1924 – May 2017.

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 26

- 9:00 am FIRST Worship, Anthony T. Livolsi preaching
- 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
- 10:00 am What is Godly Play, Anyway?
- 11:00 am FESTIVAL Worship, Anthony T. Livolsi preaching
- 12:15 pm Fellowship Hour in Gordon Chapel
- 12:30 pm 350th Tell the Story Task Force
- 12:30 pm Small Group Leader Gathering

Thursday, August 30

- 6:00 pm JAZZ Worship, *John M. Edgerton preaching*
- 7:00 pm Young Adult Book Group

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LOOKING AHEAD

Thursday, September 6

- 6:00 pm JAZZ Worship, *Festival of the Christian Life*

Sunday, September 9

- 9:00 am FIRST Worship, *Festival of the Christian Life*
- 10:00 am Celebration (Potluck!) Brunch
- 11:00 am FESTIVAL Worship, *Festival of the Christian Life*
- 12:00 pm Ice Cream Sunday

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, *Senior 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, *Oppong 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

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.

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.

AUGUST BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Sunday, August 26, 12:15 p.m. in Gordon Chapel

Calling all August birthdays and lovers of cake — join us for birthday cake in the Gordon Chapel on Sunday, August 26th during Fellowship Hour.

HOSPITALITY SIGN UP

It's time to sign up to participate in Old South's warm, inclusive, open door welcome for October, November and December. Whether you'd like to usher, welcome, or bring and serve food, we need your help!

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

RISE FOR CLIMATE, JOBS & JUSTICE

Saturday, September 8th, 12-5pm in East Boston, site to be confirmed

We're at a critical crossroads to protect the climate and our communities, and it's past time to implement the solutions we need. On September 8th, we're joining the People's Climate Movement to show our elected leaders that we demand action.

Join Old Southers for the Climate, Jobs, & Justice outdoor "People's School." It will start with a short kickoff rally, then move into interactive teach-ins, skill-shares, and art-builds that touch on a range of intersectional topics to educate folks, build relationships, and lift up the work of local frontline groups. **RSVP to clboggs1@gmail.com.**

CLIMATE CHANGE WORKING GROUP

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

Join the growing team of Old Southers ready to help our congregation take bold action on climate change. Rev. Anthony Livolsi will help facilitate the meeting. Please RSVP to Mary Ann Lape at malape70@gmail.com.

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 Blackmer 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.

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.

ICE CREAM SUNDAY

Sunday, September 9th at 12pm

Stick around after Festival Worship for our annual tradition of sweet treats from Friendly's!

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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