

September 2, 2018
Fifteenth 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	Cantabile	César Franck
*HYMN 11	Bring Many Names	WESTCHASE
*CALL TO WORSHIP		Nancy S. Taylor
One:	Children of the living God, come to worship the most high.	
Many:	We join the Holy One, Whose spirit preceded us and will remain when we depart.	
One:	God's love is upon us and God is present with us everywhere we go.	
Many:	All the world is Your temple, O God, and our every breath is praise.	
One:	Creator, source of time and space, we join our voices with all creation.	
Many:	For You, the world is one and all the people in it.	

**Indicates all who are able may stand*

One: May You make of this multitude of people..
Many: **One people, one community.**

*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 Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing Victor Johnson, arr.

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it, mount of Thy redeeming love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by Thy help I've come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let Thy grace, Lord, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it— seal it for Thy courts above.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Diego Marques Zepeda

Child of Luana Marques and David Zepeda

Godparents are Juliana Marques de Oliveira Elias and Edwin Zepeda

Cameron Andre Saint-Phard

Child of Natalie and Ralph Saint-Phard

Godparents are Jerry Felix and Jacqueline Afflick

LITANY OF BAPTISM

One: We are gathered to present Diego Marques Zepeda and Cameron Andre Saint-Phard to the Church and to dedicate them to God. What can we affirm about them?

Many: They are children of God, made in God's image.

One: As Diego and Cameron grow and mature, how will they know they are children of God and how will they learn of the Christian story?

Many: We will tell them about Abraham and Sarah, the parents of our faith; about Moses and Miriam who led our ancestors out of bondage; about Mary and Joseph's openness to mystery; about the Savior, Jesus.

One: In turn, what will we expect of Diego and Cameron?

Many: We look forward to sitting with them at the Lord's Table, sharing with them the costs and joys of discipleship, learning and growing with them in the Christian pilgrimage, and declaring with one voice our faith in God and God's son, Jesus.

One: Do you, Luana and David, Natalie and Ralph, parents, assume your primary responsibility for fulfilling these expectations by growing with Diego and Cameron in the Christian faith, helping them to become faithful members of the church of Jesus Christ, and by offering them the nurture and support of the Christian church? And do you, Juliana and Edwin, Jerry and Jacqueline, Godparents, agree to guide Diego and Cameron into becoming engaged and complete human beings, teaching them about personal sacrifice for a greater good, about grace and reconciliation at times of human weakness, and the power of unconditional love for all people?

Parents/Godparents: We happily and genuinely accept this serious duty.

One: And Old South Church, do you pledge to maintain a nurturing and challenging Christian environment for Diego and Cameron?

Many: We do, for they belongs to us as well.

One: Then, may God be with us.

Many: God help us. Amen.

THE PRAYER AND ACT OF BAPTISM

CONGREGATIONAL WELCOME *Unison.* Stephanie LaShoto, Deacon

We rejoice in God's empowering love, freely given to each and all. We welcome you, newly baptized, into the circle of love in Christ's church. We promise to pray for you, to seek the depths of faith with you, to support you, and to love you. We covenant with you to love God with all our hearts, minds, souls, and strength, and our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.

HYMN 351 *seated* **I Was There To Hear Your Borning Cry** BORNING CRY

Children may leave for childcare.

LISTEN

SCRIPTURE Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 Rand Peabody

SERMON John M. Edgerton

*HYMN 175 **O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come** KENTRIDGE

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 Blest Are the Pure in Heart Searle Wright

Blest are the pure in heart, for they shall see our God;
The secret of the Lord is theirs, their soul is Christ's abode.
Lord, we thy presence seek; may ours this blessing be;
Give us a pure and lowly heart, a temple meet for thee.

CALL TO THE OFFERING

*In thanksgiving to God and giving witness to generous hearts,
our financial gifts support ministries of mercy, justice, and beauty.*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Gracious Spirit, Dwell With Me K. Lee Scott, *arr.*

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would gracious be;
Help me know Thy grace to see, I would be like Thee;
And, with words that help and heal, thy life would mine reveal;
And, with actions, bold and meek for Christ my Savior speak.

Truthful Spirit, dwell with me, I would truthful be;
Help me now Thy truth to see, I would be like Thee;
And, with wisdom kind and clear, Thy life in mine appear;
And, with actions lovingly, speak Christ's sincerity.

Holy Spirit, dwell with me, I would holy be;
Show thy mercy tenderly, make me more like thee;
Separate from sin I would and cherish all things good,
And whatever I can be give Him who gave me Thee.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN 454 **Lord, I Want To Be a Christian** I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

*BIDDING TO MISSION AND BENEDICTION John M. Edgerton

POSTLUDE Marche, Op. 122, No. 4 Louis-J.-A. Lefébure-Wély



Close-Up, a 20-minute tour of the Sanctuary,
begins following worship at the front of the Sanctuary.

Rand Peabody, today's Scripture Reader,
is a six-year member of Old South.
Rand and his wife Sally lead pilgrimages to Turkey.
They consider it the other holy land.



Notes on Today's Music

from MITCHELL CRAWFORD

Voluntaries this morning are by organist-composers of the 19th century French school. Contemporaries **César-Auguste-Jean-Guillaume-Hubert Franck** (1822–1890) and **Louis-James-Alfred Lefébure-Wely** (1817–1869) each occupied prominent posts: the former at Sainte-Clotilde and as professor at the Conservatoire, and the latter at La Madeleine and Saint-Sulpice. Franck and Lefébure-Wely shared a warm collegiality: they were members of the same societies, shared the occasional organ recital, and dedicated works to one another. Their relative styles (personal and musical), on the other hand, were often at odds, and illustrate a schism within compositional ideology among French organist-composers during the second half of the century.

After a remarkably furtive period known as the French Classic era (c. 1650– c. 1800), organ culture in France began to decline in the later 18th century and into the post-revolutionary years that followed. The manner of performance a young

Franck would have encountered was characterized by a lightness of substance, though animated by a variety of charming and occasionally arresting effects. Improvisation, long a requisite skill, was recalibrated in the style of the salon, resulting in a liturgical appropriation of popular and operatic styles. For decades, it was quite literally possible to go to church — especially the fashionable churches of the well-to-do — and hear the organist doodling on bits of *Robert le diable* and *Il barbiere di Siviglia*. This stream, a school in its own right, reached its apex in Lefébure-Wely, whose compositions have in more recent times tumbled from the repertory.

Franck's organ works were viewed by his contemporaries as severe, and indeed they evince certain formalities of design and construction others had abandoned. Especially relative to those of his peers, Franck's works are overtly contrapuntal, often employing imitation, and full of elegant voice leading. Franck also avoided flashy displays of virtuosity (except, notably, in his *Final en si bémol*, Op. 21 — dedicated to Lefébure-Wely). From the outset, however, Franck's *oeuvre* became a rallying point for composers of successive generations — those like **Louis Vierne** and **Charles-Marie Widor** — who would restore the French style to its former glory. They found in Franck's formalism and richly chromatic harmony a blueprint: one that wedded the sophistication of the classic era with the sensuality of the romantic.

Finally, in researching the above I came across two quotes I include here as bonbons:

“Lefébure-Wely is the most skilful artist I know” — **Adolphe Adam** (1803–1856), French composer and music critic, author of *O Holy Night*

“You [Lefébure-Wely] are admired more for your faults than your virtues” — **Gioachino Rossini** (1792–1868), Italian composer

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 my husband, Stanton W. Putnam, by David King.

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, September 2	9:00 am	FIRST Worship, <i>John M. Edgerton 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
	11:00 am	FESTIVAL Worship, <i>John M. Edgerton preaching</i>
	12:15 pm	Fellowship Hour in Gordon Chapel
Monday, September 3	All Day	Church Closed for Labor Day Holiday
Tuesday, September 4	6:00 pm	Old South Ringers Rehearsal
	6:30 pm	Stewardship Committee
Thursday, September 6	6:00 pm	Jazz Worship, <i>Festival of the Christian Life</i>
	6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 pm	Young Adult Book Group
Friday, September 7	12:30 pm	Planned Giving Committee
Saturday, September 8	8:00 am	Christian Formation, <i>offsite</i>
Sunday, September 9	9:00 am	FIRST Worship, <i>Festival of the Christian Life</i>
	9:00 am	Children's Choir
	9:45 am	Old South Café in Gordon Chapel
	9:45 am	Welcome Back Potluck Brunch
	10:00 am	HEALING Worship
	10:00 am	Lectionary Bible Study
	10:00 am	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am	Church School
	11:00 am	FESTIVAL Worship, <i>Festival of the Christian Life</i>
	11:15 am	Children's Music
	12:15 pm	Fellowship Hour in Gordon Chapel
	12:15 pm	Ice Cream Fellowship
	12:30 pm	Climate Change Discussion Group

**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*
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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*

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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

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!

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 children@oldsouth.org.

SMALL GROUP OFFERINGS

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.

THEOLOGICAL BOOK GROUP

Mondays from 6-7pm beginning on September 17th

The Theological Book Group will begin reading its Fall book: *Listening for the Heartbeat of God: A Celtic Spirituality*, by J. Philip Newell, on Monday, September 17th here at Old South. To sign up, email Don Wells (granwell@comcast.net). Only a few spaces left!

WOMEN'S DAYTIME SMALL GROUP

Thursdays at noon

Join this community of women in reading and reflecting together on faith and life and enjoying spiritual friendships. New members are always welcome at these Thursday 12 - 1pm gatherings. Email anthony@oldsouth.org for information.

MEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP

Wednesdays at noon beginning September 12th

If you are interested in discussing the news of the day, theology and faith, or big ideas and issues with other men from Old South, drop by any Wednesday from 12 - 1pm at the church for conversation and fellowship. This group is casual and come-as-you-can -- no weekly commitment needed. Email anthony@oldsouth.org for information.

SERVICE + FAITH IN ACTION

RISE FOR CLIMATE, JOBS & JUSTICE

Sat., Sept. 8th, 12-5pm at East Boston Memorial Park, 150 Porter Street, East Boston

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.

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! Visit <https://tinyurl.com/FALL2018Hosp> to sign up.

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

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 email Kate Nintcheu at children@oldsouth.org about how to get involved!

PARENTS NIGHT OUT

Friday, September 14th, 6pm-10pm

Parents Night Out returns as we kick off a new season for this family ministry. Parents drop kids off at Old South for 4 hours of fun, games, and crafts while parents head out in the Back Bay. Ages 6 months through 5th grade - RSVPs required, as space is limited. 2nd Fridays each month. Visit www.oldsouth.org/parents-night-out or email Kate Nintcheu 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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