

September 30, 2018  
**World Communion**  
**Sunday**  
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                      O Bread of Life from Heaven                      Emma Lou Diemer

\*HYMN 26                      **We Worship You God**                      LYONS

\*CALL TO WORSHIP                      John M. Edgerton

One: We are the people of God, the Creator,

**Many: Created in the image of God.**

One: We are the people of God, the Redeemer,

**Many: Reconciled in Jesus Christ.**

One: We are the people of God, the Giver of Life,

**Many: Open to the life-giving Spirit.**

\* *Indicates all who are able may stand*



\*HYMN

## How Great Thou Art

O STORE GUD



1. O might - y God! when I in awe - some won - der con - sid - er  
2. When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der, and hear the  
3. And when I think that God, the Son not spar - ing, sent him to  
4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion and take me



all the worlds thy hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the rol - ling  
birds sing sweet - ly in the trees; when I look down from loft - y moun - tain  
die, I scarce can take it in; that on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly  
home, what joy shall fill my heart. Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -



thun - der, thy power through - out the un - i - verse dis - played.  
gran - deur and hear the brook, and feel the gen - tle breeze; Then sings my  
bear - ing, he bled and died to take a - way my sin;  
ra - tion, and there pro - claim, my God, how great Thou art!



soul, my Sa - vior God to Thee; how great Thou art, — how great Thou art! Then sings my



soul, my Sav - ior God to Thee; how great Thou art, how great Thou art!

## RESPOND

\*CALL TO PRAYER

Donald A. Wells

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

**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.**

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

Here from All Nations

Roy Hopp, *arr.*

Here from all nations, all tongues, and all peoples,  
Countless the crowd but their voices are one.  
Vast is the sight and majestic their singing:  
“God has the victory! God reigns from the throne!”

These have come out of the hardest oppression;  
Now they may stand in the presence of God,  
Serving their Lord day and night in his temple,  
Ransomed and cleansed by the Lamb's precious blood.

Gone is their thirst and no more shall they hunger;  
God is their shelter, his power at their side.  
Sun shall not pain them, no burning will torture;  
Jesus the Lamb is their shepherd and guide.

He will go with them to clear living water  
Flowing from springs which his mercy supplies.  
Gone is their grief, and their trials are over.  
God wipes away every tear from their eyes.

*all stand and sing:*

**Blessing and glory and wisdom and power  
Be to the Savior again and again.  
Might and thanksgiving and honor forever  
Be to our God: Alleluia! Amen.**

## THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

*Litany by Mary Luti*

\*INVITATION

Nancy S. Taylor

- One: Long ago, God made a garden,  
and every creature lived in it happily with God.
- Many: We took long walks with God in the cool of the evening;  
we took joy in one another and in the earth.**
- One: And when we all sat down with God to eat,  
the curling vines gave up their fruit,  
the tall, gold wheat gave up its grain,  
and we ate delicious bread and drank from a cup of blessing,  
singing songs under the stars until morning.
- Many: And the grateful creation was at peace.**
- One: Ever since, whenever we honor the earth  
by eating and drinking with heartfelt thanks,
- Many: God walks with us again. God sits with us and eats.**
- One: Our tables become the garden,  
the whole creation sighs with peace,  
and we see again how life was meant to be.
- Many: Come, now, everyone, to this table,  
to the garden God planted in the East, in Eden.**
- One: Come, taste and remember, taste and see how good God is.

COMMUNION PRAYER *You may be seated.*

- One: Let us pray.
- Many: Thank you, Creator God, for sharing your life with us in every  
good thing of this world.**
- One: Thank you most of all for Jesus, who sat us down to eat and drink  
good bread and good wine, so that in tasting how good they are  
we could remember how good you are.
- Many: He is our East, our Eden, our Garden of peace.  
In him we find the fullness of life you desired for us from the  
start — walking together, sharing food, living in peace.**

One: Send the Spirit to his table now where he still sits us down,  
 where we still remember you.

**Many: Bless the bread and the cup, fruit of the earth and work of our  
 hands. May they become by your grace the taste of Eden in  
 our hearts.**

One: As we eat and drink together,  
 let us see more clearly a vision of life as you meant it to be.

**Many: Consecrate us to the ministry of making it so,  
 by sharing earth's goodness with all,  
 in reverence and hope, with justice, and joy.**

#### SHARING THE MEAL

One: Dear friends in Christ, this is the bread Jesus blessed and broke  
 and gave us to share in remembrance of him.  
 Eating and drinking together,

**Many: We remember his death, we rejoice in his rising,  
 and we wait for him to come again, to judge in mercy,  
 to welcome in love, and restore all creation,  
 to the praise and glory of God. Amen!**

*Our communion table is open to all. Today's communion is served by intinction.*

*You are invited to come forward at the direction of the ushers.*

*You will be handed a piece of bread— dip it into the cup and partake.*

*The cups contain non-alcoholic grape juice. Gluten-free crackers are available at a separate station.*

#### ANTHEM

#### The Rice of Life

Swee Hong Lim, *arr.*

The rice of life from heaven came  
 To bring true life from God above.  
 Receive this gift; God's mercy claim;  
 In joy and pain give thanks for love.

The rice of God for all is meant;  
 No one who comes is turned away.  
 Believe in Christ whom God has sent;  
 In humble trust God's will obey.

True rice the hungry world has fed,  
 The rice required for life below.  
 Provide this gift; God's mercy spread;  
 In weakness God's compassion show.

The living rice, for all a sign,  
 Came down eternal life to give.  
 Abide in Christ, the living vine;  
 In Christ, with people die and live.

#### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

## SERVICE OF GODSPEED

GREETING

Nancy S. Taylor and John Edgerton

THANKSGIVING AND VOWS OF RELEASE      Deb Washington, *Moderator*

Moderator: Anthony, five years ago you arrived at Old South and began to minister with and among us. Thank you and bless you for the gift that you have been to the Old South Church.

Anthony: I thank Old South Church in Boston, its members and friends, for the love, kindness and support shown me these past five years. I ask forgiveness for the mistakes I have made. I am grateful for the ways my leadership has been accepted. As I leave, I carry with me all I have learned here.

**People: We receive your thankfulness, offer forgiveness, and accept that you now leave to minister elsewhere. We express our gratitude for your time among us. We ask your forgiveness for our mistakes. Your influence on our faith and faithfulness will not leave us at your departure.**

Anthony: I forgive you and accept your gratitude, trusting that our time together and our parting are pleasing to God.

Moderator: Do you, the members and friends of Old South, release Anthony Livolsi from the duties of Associate Minister?

**People: We do, with the help of God.**

Moderator: Anthony, do you release this local church from depending on you and turning to you?

Anthony: I do, with the help of God.

Moderator: Do you offer encouragement for the continued ministry here and on the relationship with another who will come to serve?

Anthony: I do, with the help of God.

PRAYER

*HYMN 425	<b>For the Fruit of All Creation</b>	AR HYD Y NOS
*BIDDING TO MISSION AND BENEDICTION		Anthony T. Livolsi
POSTLUDE	Toccata <i>from Organ Symphonie #5</i>	Charles-Marie Widor



*Please join us in Mary Norton Hall for a celebration of Rev. Anthony's ministry among us.*

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

*Maren Batalden, today's Scripture Reader, served on the Two Ministers Search Committee which called Rev. Anthony Livolsi to Old South. She currently chairs the Christian Formation Committee.*



## Notes on Today's Music

from MITCHELL CRAWFORD

Choral music this morning reflects the spirit of World Communion, both figuratively — as in our offertory, “Here From All Nations” — and explicitly, in anthems from Thailand and Taiwan. *Come and Worship God* incorporates indigenous Thai music as appropriated for Christian worship by the husband and wife team of **Ruth and Inchai Srisuwan**, who currently direct the work of the **Thai Faith and Music Foundation**. The piece uses the pipe organ to simulate the timbre of the *kebaen* (also spelled *kebene*), a Thai mouth organ bearing similarities to the harmonica.

*The Rice of Life* marries a melody adapted from the **Bunun rice-pounding song “Motomase,”** native to the Taiwanese region, with a text written by an American United Methodist missionary to Malaysia. In his poetry, **the Rev. Andrew Fowler** reinterprets the unfamiliar western concept of “bread” for the primarily rice-oriented societies in Asia. The Rev. Fowler has written, “For the Iban of Malaysia, rice is the basic ingredient of a meal. Other food that may be available to put on the rice is lumped together under the term *lauk*. For the traditional Iban, eating rice is considered to have a spiritual dimension, connecting them with their ancestors. From their perspective, a meal without rice — even if the person is full — leaves the person unsatisfied. True life in Christ is a gift that satisfies...the ‘rice of God,’ in physical/spiritual totality, is intended for all people. No one who comes is turned away.”

The voluntary *O Bread of God from Heaven* by **Emma Lou Diemer** (b. 1927) is an evocative piece employing bitonality between the two hands overtop a melody played by the feet. A subtle detachment — in both melodic and accompaniment parts — seems almost to pierce an otherwise opaque harmonic cloud. Dr. Diemer, a native of Kansas City, received degrees in composition from the Yale and Eastman Schools of Music. She is **Professor Emeritus** at the **University of California, Santa Barbara** where she taught composition and theory from 1971 to 1991, and is *organist emerita* at First Presbyterian Church in Santa Barbara.

## ***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 by Carolann Dawe in loving memory of William J. Dawe, Jr. and William J. Dawe Sr. & Lucille Dawe.

Flowers are also given to celebrate the ministry of Anthony Livolsi , and to thank him for sharing his gifts with us.

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

<b>Sunday, September 30</b>	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	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am	Church School
	10:00 am	Community Hour Israel, Palestine, and the Parents Circle
	11:00 am	FESTIVAL Worship, <i>Anthony T. Livolsi preaching</i>
	11:15 am	Children’s Music
	12:15 pm	Godspeed Celebration for Anthony Livolsi
Monday, October 1	4:30 pm	Leadership Committee
	6:00 pm	Theological Book Group
	7:00 pm	Christian Service and Outreach Committee
	7:30 pm	Spiritual Classics Group – “A Canticle for Leibowitz”
Tuesday, October 2	6:00 pm	Old South Ringers Rehearsal
	6:30 pm	Stewardship Committee
	7:00 pm	Christian Formation Committee
Wednesday, October 3	12:00 pm	Men’s Lunch Hour Small Group
	6:00 pm	Young Adult Small Group – “The Beatitudes”
	6:45 pm	Young Adult Small Group
Thursday, October 4	12:00 pm	Women’s Lunch Hour Small Group
	6:00 pm	JAZZ Worship, <i>Anthony T. Livolsi preaching</i>
	6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 pm	“Through the Bible” Study
	7:00 pm	Young Adult Book Group – “The Sin of Certainty”
	7:00 pm	Young Adult Open Small Group
	8:00 pm	Women’s Christianity and Civic Life Small Group
Friday, October 5	12:00 pm	Planned Giving Committee

**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* ❖ Betsy Wooster, *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*  
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* ❖ Emily Ross, *Archivist*  
Rebecca Bowler & Lena Rojas, *Administrative Assistants*  
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.

## FAITH INTO ACTION

### DISASTER RELIEF: MATCHING DONATIONS

Our neighbors in Lawrence, Andover and North Andover are still reeling from gas explosions and fires, while people in North Carolina are just beginning the long work of rebuilding after the flooding from Hurricane Florence. We invite you to give to our denomination's disaster relief fund.

The UCC partners with on-the-ground organizations and directs funds where they can have impact over the long term. **If you give to either of these disaster relief funds, Old South's Christian Service and Outreach Committee is offering a \$4,000 matching grant.** To be part of the match, please give through our church giving portal at [tinyurl.com/OldSouth-DisasterRelief](http://tinyurl.com/OldSouth-DisasterRelief)

### COMMON CATHEDRAL PAINT NIGHT

*Sun., Sept. 30, 3-5:30pm at Emmanuel Episcopal Church, 15 Newbury St., Boston*

Our friends at *common cathedral* invite you to join them at their 2nd annual Paint Night! Flex your own creative muscles, come together with a great community, and learn more about *common cathedral's* work in Boston. Tickets at [tinyurl.com/CommonArt](http://tinyurl.com/CommonArt).

### REUSABLE COFFEE HOUR MUG INITIATIVE

*Blessing of the Mugs will be Sunday, October 14th during First & Festival Worship*

Our Climate Change Task Force is launching their first project! In an effort to reduce waste at Coffee Hour, we are switching to reusable mugs. We all know to *Reduce, Reuse and Recycle*, so we're asking that Old Southerners contribute a spare mug from home (standard size, roughly 3.5" inches tall). Bring your mug to worship on October 14th for a special Blessing of the Mugs, and we'll use your mug at Coffee Hour from here on out!

### PRAYER VIGIL AT ICE DETENTION CENTER

*Sunday, October 14, 2pm at 20 Bradston St., Boston*

Join us as we come together as a visible symbol to our siblings in detention to show them that they are not forgotten. For more information please contact Marie Hurd at [marie.f.hurd@gmail.com](mailto:marie.f.hurd@gmail.com).

## ADULT EDUCATION

'FUN-AND-NOT-SCARY, AT-A-SNAIL'S-PACE READ THROUGH OF THE WHOLE BIBLE' STUDY: *Thursdays at 7pm*. Join us as we journey through the Hebrew Bible with our **new study leader, Jonathan Mason Wolfe**, a PhD student at Harvard Divinity School.

## CITY STRINGS UNITED AT COMMUNITY HOUR

*October 7th at 10am in Mary Norton Hall*

The Music Committee is pleased to host a wonderful group from City Strings United, a local non-profit that provides free cello lessons for youth from economically-strained communities. In this session, we'll interact with a couple of their students and learn more about the program. City Strings will be holding a benefit concert in Gordon Chapel, including our own Willie Sordillo trio on October 28th from 3-5 pm.

## CHILDREN + FAMILIES

### SUNDAY MORNINGS

CHILDCARE: Infants through grade 2 are welcome in our childcare ministries beginning at 8:40 am. Care is available all morning through Festival Worship.

GODLY PLAY: Our Montessori-style Godly Play program invites children age 3 through 5th grade to see themselves as active participants in the story of faith.

MEET THE ANCESTORS: Students in 6th - 7th grades dive into Bible study as we *meet the ancestors* of the Old Testament.

YOUTH GROUP: Students in grades 8-12 explore issues of life and faith on Sundays with Youth Leader Martha Schick.

### PARENTS NIGHT OUT

*Friday, October 12th, 6pm-10pm at Old South Church*

Isn't it about time you had a date night? Parents Night Out is here to help! Drop the kids off at Old South for 4 hours of fun, games, and crafts while you head out to the Back Bay. Ages 6 months through 5th grade - RSVPs required, as space is limited. Visit [www.oldsouth.org/parents-night-out](http://www.oldsouth.org/parents-night-out) or email Kate Nintcheu [children@oldsouth.org](mailto:children@oldsouth.org).

# COMMUNITY LIFE

## FAREWELL CELEBRATION FOR REV. ANTHONY LIVOLSI

*Sunday, September 30 at 12:30pm*

Join us in saying thank you and farewell to Rev. Anthony Livolsi as he moves on to his next chapter at Marble Collegiate Church in Manhattan. After five years at Old South, Anthony will be greatly missed. We've been blessed to have enjoyed his tender gifts in counseling and pastoral care, his thoughtful, intelligent preaching, and his prodigious talents as a teacher. We can't wait to see the important and impactful work that he goes on to do.

## ISRAEL, PALESTINE, & THE 'PARENTS CIRCLE'

*Community Hour, September 30 at 10am in Mary Norton Hall*

In a time when tempers are hot and tensions high in the Holy Land, come learn with us. On September 30th, Rami Elhanan and Mazen Faraj of the 'Parents Circle' – a group of Israeli and Palestinian parents who lost children in the conflict and now advocate for reconciliation – will share about their mission of bridge-building and peacemaking.

## YOUNG ADULT APPLE PICKING TRIP

*Sunday, October 14 following Festival Worship*

Join the Old South Young Adults for a classic autumnal activity this October — apple picking! On October 14, we'll be heading to Honey Pot Hill Orchards in Stow, MA after Festival Worship. If you're interested, please email [martha@oldsouth.org](mailto:martha@oldsouth.org). Let us know if you can drive people or if you need a ride. Open to all 20s and 30s folks!

## KIP TIERNAN MEMORIAL DEDICATION

*Saturday, October 6, 1-4pm on Dartmouth St., between Boylston St. and Newbury St.*

Kip Tiernan (1926-2011) left an indelible mark on Boston, her adopted city, through her fearless vision and unyielding commitment to social justice. This fall, a memorial in Boston's Back Bay will recognize her contributions toward creating better lives for Boston's poor and forgotten. Rosie's Place, the nonprofit women's shelter Kip founded in 1974, will dedicate the memorial with a family-friendly, free community event on Saturday, October 6, from 1:00-4:00 pm. Celebrate with an afternoon of food, jazz and Rosie's Place friends—just as Kip would have done. All are welcome!

# OPEN SMALL GROUPS

## WOMEN'S DAYTIME SMALL GROUP

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 [martha@oldsouth.org](mailto:martha@oldsouth.org) for information.

## MEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP

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 [martha@oldsouth.org](mailto:martha@oldsouth.org) for information.

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