



OLD SOUTH CHURCH IN BOSTON | July 29, 2018

Festival Worship

44th Anniversary of the 'Irregular' Ordinations of the 'Philadelphia Eleven' the first women ordained in the Episcopal Church

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

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Diane Bish

*HYMN

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

ABBOT'S LEIGH



1. Lord, you give the great — com - mis - sion: "Heal the sick — and
 2. Lord, you call us to — your ser - vice: "In my name — bap -
 3. Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: "This, my bod - y;



preach the word." Lest the church ne - glect — its mis - sion,
 tize — and teach." That the world may trust — your prom - ise:
 this, — my blood." Let us all, for earth's true glo - ry,



and the gos - pel go — un - heard, help us wit - ness to — your
 life a - bun - dant meant for each. Give us all new fer - vor,
 dai - ly lift — life heav - en - ward, ask - ing that the world — a -



pur - pose with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty: with the Spir - it's
 draw us clos - er in — com - mu - ni - ty: with the Spir - it's
 round us share your chil - dren's lib - er - ty: with the Spir - it's



gifts — em - pow'r us for — the work of min - is - try.
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*CALL TO WORSHIP *I Corinthians 12:4-11*

Rev. Frankie Doolittle,
ordained into Christian ministry 2008

One: Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord;

All: **And there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone.**

One: To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

All: To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit,

One: to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit,

All: to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.

*HYMN

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4. Lord, you show us love's true mea - sure: "Fa - ther, what ___ they
5. Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing: "I am with ___ you



do, ___ for - give." Yet we hoard as pri - vate trea - sure
to ___ the end." Faith and hope and love ___ re - stor - ing,



all that you ___ so free - ly give. May your care and mer - cy
may we serve ___ as you ___ in - tend, and, a - mid the cares ___ that



lead us to a just ___ so - ci - e - ty: with the Spir - it's
claim us, hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty: with the Spir - it's



gifts ___ em - pow'r us for ___ the work of min - is - try.
gifts ___ em - pow'r us for ___ the work of min - is - try.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord;

All: All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

*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

Rev. Anthony T. Livolsi,
ordained into Christian ministry 2012

ANTHEM

O Praise the Lord, All Ye Nations
*An Anthem Composed for the Consecration Service of
Phillips Brooks, D. D., Bishop of Massachusetts*

Amy Beach

O praise the Lord, all ye nations: praise him, all ye people.
For his merciful kindness is great toward us:
and the truth of the Lord endureth for ever. Praise ye the Lord.

LISTEN

SCRIPTURE

New Testament verses on the leadership of women

You are all Children of God through faith in Christ Jesus, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise. *Galatians 3:26-29*

read by The Rev. Elinor Yeo, ordained into Christian ministry 1970

A woman should learn in quietness and full submission. I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man; she must be silent. *I Timothy 2:11-12*

read by The Rev. June R. Cooper, ordained into Christian ministry 2002

As in all the congregations of the saints, women should remain silent in the churches. They are not allowed to speak, but must be in submission, as the Law says. If they want to inquire about something, they should ask their own husbands at home; for it is disgraceful for a woman to speak in the church. *I Corinthians 14:33-35*

read by The Rev. Patricia Long, ordained into Christian ministry 1994

I commend to you our sister Phoebe, a deacon of the church in Cenchreae. I ask you to receive her in the Lord in a way worthy of his people and to give her any help she may need from you, for she has been the benefactor of many people, including me. Greet Priscilla and Aquila, my co-workers in Christ Jesus. They risked their lives for me. Not only I but all the churches of the Gentiles are grateful to them. Greet also the church that meets at their house. *Romans 16:1-5*

But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship God in spirit and truth, for God seeks such as these to worship God. *John 4:23*

read by **The Rev. Jamie Howard**, ordained into Christian ministry 1977

*HYMN

When the Morning Stars Together

WEISSE FLAGGEN



1. When the morn - ing stars to - geth - er their Cre - a - tor's glo - ry sang,
 2. When in syn - a - gogue and tem - ple voic - es raised the psalm - ists' songs,
 3. Voice and in - stru - ment in un - ion through the a - ges spoke your praise.
 4. Lord, we bring our gift of mu - sic; touch our lips and fire our hearts.



and the an - gel host all shout - ed till with joy the heav - ens rang,
 of - fering up the ad - o - ra - tion which a - lone to you be - longs;
 Plain - song, tune - ful hymns, and an - thems told your faith - ful, gra - cious ways.
 Teach our minds and train our sens - es; fit us for these sa - cred arts.



then your wis - dom and your great - ness their ex - ul - tant mu - sic told,
 when the sing - ers, trum - pets, cym - bals all com - bined, your praise to share,
 Choir and or - ches - tra and or - gan each a sa - cred of - fering brought,
 Then with skill and con - se - cra - tion we would serve you, Lord, and give



all the beau - ty and the splen - dor which your might - y works un - fold.
 awe - struck peo - ple saw your glo - ry fill the sa - cred house of prayer.
 while, in - spired by your own Spir - it, po - et and com - pos - er wrought.
 all our powers to glo - ri - fy you, and in serv - ing ful - ly live.

Children may leave for childcare

SERMON

Irregular: July 29, 1974

Rev. Nancy S. Taylor,
ordained into Christian ministry 1983

*HYMN

A Prophet-Woman Broke a Jar

HOW CAN I KEEP
FROM SINGING



1. A proph - et - wom - an broke a jar, by Love's di - vine ap - point - ing. With
2. A faith - ful wom - an left a tomb by Love's di - vine com - mis - sion. She
3. Tho' wom - an - wis - dom, wom - an - truth, for cen - tu - ries were hid - den, un -
4. The Spir - it knows; the Spir - it calls, by Love's di - vine or - dain - ing, the



rare per - fume she filled the room, pre - sid - ing and a - noint - ing. A
saw; she heard; she preached the Word, a - ris - ing from sub - mis - sion. A
sung, un - writ - ten, and un - heard, de - rid - ed and for - bid - den, the
friends we need, to serve and lead, their powers and gifts un - chain - ing. The



proph - et - wom - an broke a jar, the sneers of scorn de - fy - ing. With
faith - ful wom - an left a tomb, with res - ur - rec - tion gos - pel. She
Spir - it's breath, the Spir - it's fire, on free and slave de - scend - ing, can
Spir - it knows; the Spir - it calls, from wom - en, men and chil - dren, the



rare per - fume she filled the room, pre - par - ing Christ for dy - ing.
saw; she heard; she preached the Word, a - pos - tle to a - pos - tles.
tum - ble our di - vid - ing walls, our shame and sad - ness mend - ing.
friends we need, to serve and lead. Re - joice, and make them wel - come!

RESPOND

*CALL TO PRAYER

Rebecca Bowler,
ordination date TBD

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

Fill My Cup

Amanda Powell

Fill my cup, let it overflow with love.
Fill my heart, let it overflow with grace.
Fill my soul, let it overflow with joy.

CALL TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

A New Song

Bish

I will sing to the Lord, I will sing a new song.
She has given me a clean heart, She has given me salvation.
Therefore, I will sing to the Lord, I will sing a new song.
She has filled my life with gladness, She has filled my heart with joy.
Therefore, I will sing to the Lord, I will sing a new song.
And I'll praise her name forever, I will sing a new song to the Lord.

CELEBRATE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, ELEANOR JENSEN



Old South Church member, Eleanor Jensen,
turns 100-years-old today.

That's something to celebrate!

A 57-year member of this church, Eleanor became Old South's first female Clerk in 1975. Eleanor is worshipping with us virtually, via live-stream, from her home on Massachusetts Avenue. We invite the congregation to rise and to turn around to face the live-stream camera in the back gallery. Together, let us regale and serenade Eleanor with a rousing rendition of **Happy Birthday To You!**

*HYMN 355

God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian

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*BIDDING TO MISSION AND BENEDICTION

Nancy S. Taylor

POSTLUDE

Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord, BWV 651

J. S. Bach



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



Notes on Today's Music

from MITCHELL CRAWFORD

Today's music spotlights three remarkable women composers from distinct backgrounds and traditions. Taken together, their lives and works illustrate the ways in which women have risen to increasing prominence within American church music, and within the field of classical music more generally.

Amy Marcy Cheney Beach (1867–1944) — known throughout her published works as “Mrs. H. H. A. Beach” — had a significant career as a pianist and composer during the latter part of the 19th century and early decades of the 20th. Born in New Hampshire to

musically inclined parents, she was prodigiously talented from a young age. Following the family's move to Chelsea, Suffolk County, in 1875, Amy began studying in Boston, making her concert debut in an 1883 "Promenade Concert" at the **Boston Music Hall**. Following her marriage in 1885, she devoted herself almost exclusively to composition. She was acclaimed as among America's foremost composers in critical reviews of the 1890s, and saw a number of groundbreaking works published and performed, her Gaelic Symphony, (the first such work composed and published by an American woman) and Piano Concerto (which she premiered as soloist with the **Boston Symphony Orchestra**) among them. Following the death of her husband, she relocated to Manhattan and became especially associated with St. Bartholomew's Church. She is buried in the Forest Hills Cemetery of Jamaica Plain.

Diane Bish (b. 1941) is one of the most renowned organists of her generation. A native of Kansas and graduate of the University of Oklahoma, where she was a student of the great Mildred Andrews, Bish is widely known as the host of **The Joy of Music** television series — in continuous production since the early 1980s. On the show, Bish aims "to feature great churches and organs with performances of classical and sacred music; to reflect 'Excellence in all things and all things to God's glory;' and to educate, inspire, and enrich the lives of people through God's gifts of creation." Aside from her career as a soloist, Diane Bish has amassed a substantial compositional output, especially of sacred choral works and music for organ. You may view her "MUSICAL VISIT TO BOSTON" on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/XKhZcTIFq3Y>

Amanda Powell (b. 1981) is a ranging musical artist, comfortable within a variety of situations and styles, and equally at home in the chancel, on the opera stage, or at the jazz club. She is noted in reviews for the authenticity and vibrancy she brings to her music, which she credits with promoting meaningful connections to her audiences. Beyond her extensive performing career, she appears frequently as presenter and workshop leader around the country. A "fresh voice in progressive church circles," she has directed, performed and presented workshops for a number of regional and national ecumenical events, including at **Princeton Theological Seminary** and **Union Presbyterian Seminary**, for **The United Methodist Women's Assembly**, the American Guild of Organists, and the Presbyterian Association of Musicians; in addition, she has been liturgist or worship leader at events with the **World Council of Churches**, **The United Church of Christ Church House**, and the **General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church**. More at her website: <http://amandapowell.info>

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 are given in celebration of **ELEANOR JENSEN** on the occasion, today, of her 100th birthday. We are deeply grateful for nearly six decades of faith, friendship and service. We love you Eleanor! – Your Church Family

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, July 29	8:00 am	Common Cathedral Food Prep
	9:00 am	FIRST Worship, <i>Nancy S. Taylor preaching</i>
	9:45 am	Old South Café in Gordon Chapel
	10:00 am	Reception for Rebecca Bowler
	10:00 am	Summer Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am	Summer Church School
	10:00 am	Wigglers Meet-Up
	11:00 am	FESTIVAL Worship, <i>Nancy S. Taylor preaching</i>
	12:15 pm	Fellowship Hour in Gordon Chapel
	12:30 pm	Climate Change Discussion Group
	12:30 pm	(G)RACE Speaks
Monday, July 30	7:00 pm	GBIO Delegate Assembly at The Union Church In Waban
Wednesday, August 1	6:15 pm	Young Adult Book Group
Thursday, August 2	6:00 pm	Jazz Worship, <i>Ken Orth preaching</i>
	7:00 pm	Young Adult Book Group
Saturday, August 4	9:00 am	Godly Play Retreat
Sunday, August 5	9:00 am	FIRST Worship, <i>Ken Orth 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—Hammond Pond Reservation
	11:00 am	FESTIVAL Worship, <i>Ken Orth preaching</i>
	12:15 pm	Fellowship Hour in Gordon Chapel
12:30 pm	350th Tell The Story Task Force	
Tuesday, August 7	7:00 pm	Christian Formation 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 ❖ 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
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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.

CELEBRATE WITH US

HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY TO ELEANOR JENSEN!

It's not every day that a member of our church turns 100 years old, but it is about to happen! Eleanor Jensen, the first female Clerk of Old South Church (that occurred in 1975), turns 100 years old on July 29, 2018. Celebrate this momentous occasion with us this Sunday!

JULY BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Sunday, June 29, 12:15 p.m. in Gordon Chapel

Calling all July birthdays (including Eleanor Jensen!) and lovers of cake — join us for birthday cake in the Gordon Chapel on Sunday, July 29th during Fellowship Hour.

RECEPTION FOR REBECCA BOWLER

Sunday, June 29, 10 a.m. in Gordon Chapel

From Pre-School Godly Play Storyteller, to Ministerial Intern, to Administrative Assistant, to Bible Study leader, Rebecca Bowler has been a true blessing to Old South over the years. Today is her last Sunday with us (although she's sticking with us part-time throughout the week!), as she embarks on her journey as Youth and Community Outreach Minister at Payson Park Church in Belmont.

Join us for cupcakes in Gordon Chapel at 10 a.m. as we celebrate the wonderful gift that Rebecca has been to our community!

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

PARENT MEETUP: WIGGLER'S EDITION

July 29th and August 26 at 10 a.m.

Who: Parents & Babies | **What:** Breakfast & Fellowship | **Where:** Red Room, Floor 3

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.

FAITH INTO ACTION

CLIMATE CHANGE WORKING GROUP

Sunday, July 29th at 12:30 p.m. in the Guild Room Kitchen

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 Southerners 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.

COMMON CATHEDRAL LUNCH VOLUNTEERING

Sunday, July 29th

The Christian Service and Outreach Committee is assembling a team of volunteers to prepare lunches in the Old South Church kitchen and serve them to the *common cathedral* homeless congregation on the Boston Common. Prep work for making 150+ sandwich lunches begins at 8:00 AM. We'll transport them to the Common by 12:00 noon, and serve to guests at 12:30. The *common cathedral* service begins at 1:00.

Please contact Paul Brouillette (brouillettepaul@gmail.com) with your commitment to this powerful service opportunity, or if you have any questions.

COMMUNITY LIFE

OLD SOUTH OUTDOORS

Sunday, August 5th at Blue Hills Reservation; August 26th at Church of the Woods

This summer Old South has planned a series of group hikes and excursions. We'll deepen our experiences of community and discover God in the beauty and majesty of the natural world. Immediately following First Worship, at 10 a.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

ALL CHURCH RETREAT

Join us for three days of learning, worship (on the beach!), and play at the annual All Church Retreat, October 5th through October 7th, at Craigville Retreat Center on Cape Cod.

This year—with environmental concerns on many of our minds—we will be Encountering 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.

All meals and lodging costs are included in the fee (\$174 per adult, BUT children and teens are free), and a \$25 deposit per adult will hold your spot. Scholarships are available on a first-come, first-served basis. We can accommodate most transportation, dietary, and housing needs; please be in touch with special questions about your situation.

Register at tinyurl.com/OSCRetreat or grab a form from the front desk. Questions? Email Rev. Anthony Livolsi at anthony@oldsouth.org, or Kate Nintcheu at children@oldsouth.org.

MONTHLY CAREGIVING SUPPORT GROUP

Meets the second Tuesday of every month, 11am, at Old South

Are you providing care for others and find the emotional burden to be sometimes overwhelming? Old South's monthly Caregiver Support Group, led by social worker and Old South member Rich Hassinger, is a structured space in which you can reflect, process, and be encouraged in your ministry of compassion. For more information, contact anthony@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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