



September 23, 2018
**Eighteenth 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 Precious Lord, Take My Hand Linda Lamb, *arr.*
 OLD SOUTH RINGERS
 Peter Coloumbe, *director*

*HYMN 1 **Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise** ST. DENIO

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: O God, the mountains cannot tower over You,
 nor can the depths of the sea contain You.
Many: God of the untamed places, Your people praise You.
 One: O God, in the midst of a city's multitudes You are there.
Many: In the solitude of the wilderness, You are there.
 One: O God of all places, be with us here in this place.
Many: O God of all time, be with us here in this hour.

** Indicates all who are able may stand*

*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

LISTEN

SCRIPTURE

Ezekiel 1 *selected verses*

Vard Johnson

ANTHEM

Ezekiel Saw de Wheel

William Dawson, *arr.*

*Ezekiel saw de wheel, way up in the middle of the air.
Ezekiel saw de wheel, way in the middle of the air.*

The big wheel run by faith, and the little wheel run by the grace of God:
A wheel in a wheel, way in the middle of the air.

Better mind, my brother, how you walk on the cross:
Your foot might slip and your soul get lost.

O! Satan wears a club foot shoe—
If you don't mind, he'll slip it on you.

Some go to church for to sing and shout: Hallelujah!
Before six months they're all turned out.

Children may leave for choir and care.

SERMON

John M. Edgerton

*HYMN 7

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

OLD HUNDRETH

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

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

Swing Low, Sweet Chariot

Dawson, *arr.*

*Swing low, sweet chariot,
Coming for to carry me home.*

I looked over Jordan and what did I see?
A band of angels coming after me.

If you get there before I do
Tell all my friends I'm coming too.

CALL TO THE OFFERING

Nancy S. Taylor

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

OFFERTORY

Feel the Spirit
OLD SOUTH RINGERS

Lloyd Larson, *arr.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Anthony T. Livolsi

*HYMN 398

Shadow and Substance

TWILIGHT

*BIDDING TO MISSION AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Deep River

David Hurd, *arr.*



*Close-Up, a 20-minute tour of the Sanctuary,
begins following worship at the front of the Sanctuary.
Lead by docent David Becker.*

Vard Johnson, today's Scripture Reader,
is a thirteen year member, former Moderator,
and member of the 350th Anniversary Task Force
here at Old South.



Notes on Today's Music

from MITCHELL CRAWFORD

This morning, the Festival Choir presents two spiritual arrangements by **William Levi Dawson** (1899–1990), one of the 20th century's foremost contributors to the genre. Dawson's spirituals, while not the first to employ thick textures and lush sonorities, are certainly among the most exceptional in this regard, and point the way to further development at the hands of, among others, Moses Hogan and André Thomas.

Dawson was born in Anniston, Alabama and came of age during a period marked by increasing interest in *acapella* choral singing. Having fled his home at the age of 13, Dawson enrolled as a student at the **Tuskegee Institute**, the only school in the area to accept African-Americans at the time. Following a stint as a music educator

in the Kansas City public schools, Dawson would return to Tuskegee in 1931, where he quickly grew the 100-voice choir into a prominent touring ensemble. Broadcasts and recordings soon followed, as did notable appearances before Presidents Hoover and Roosevelt.

Though he began writing music at an early age, Dawson's acclaim as a composer received a considerable boost when, in 1934, his *Negro Folk Symphony* was premiered by **Leopold Stokowski** and the **Philadelphia Orchestra**. Afterward, and undoubtedly encouraged by his work with the Tuskegee Choir, Dawson concentrated his efforts on the spiritual, producing some two dozen arrangements between 1931 and 1956, the year he left the Institute. *Ezekiel Saw de Wheel* (1942) is among the most popular, and contains striking use of extended techniques and formal structures that make his arrangements so compelling. Of special note is the final section of the piece, wherein the choir divides into twelve parts. Four of these are melody parts, but the others combine to create a looping *ostinato* brilliantly simulating the turning "wheels" seen in the sky by Ezekiel. *Swing Low, Sweet Chariot* (1946) engages the choir in an accompanying role, which frees a soloist to declaim the melody with an elasticity otherwise impossible to achieve.

This Morning in Brief:

We welcome the return of the **Old South Ringers**, under the direction of **Peter Coloumbe**. The ringers resumed rehearsals following Labor Day, and next join us in worship on October 21st.

Adriana Repetto, *soprano* — soloist in "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot."

The voluntary "Deep River" is the last in a collection of *Four Spiritual Preludes* by American Organist and Composer **David Hurd** (b. 1950), who was for 28 years Professor of Sacred Music and Director of Chapel Music at the **General Theological Seminary** in Manhattan. Dr. Hurd currently serves as Director of Music at **The Church of Saint Mary the Virgin** in Times Square.

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 Bob Hohler in loving memory of Barbara Hohler, who always gave the Sunday flowers on her birthday.

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 23	9:00 am	FIRST Worship, <i>John M. Edgerton preaching</i>
	9:45 am	Old South Café in Gordon Chapel
	10:00 am	350th Encyclopedia Party
	10:00 am	Baptism Class
	10:00 am	Lectionary Bible Study
	10:00 am	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am	Church School
	10:00 am	Community Hour
	11:00 am	FESTIVAL Worship, <i>John M. Edgerton preaching</i>
	11:15 am	Children's Music
	12:15 pm	Fellowship Hour in Gordon Chapel
	12:30 pm	(G)RACE Speaks
	12:30 pm	350th Tell the Story Task Force
	Monday, September 24	6:00 pm
7:30 pm		Spiritual Classics Group – “A Canticle for Leibowitz”
Tuesday, September 25	6:00 pm	Old South Ringers Rehearsal
	6:00 pm	Congregational Care and Support
	7:00 pm	Board of Ministers and Deacons
Wednesday, September 26	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, September 27	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	Young Adult Book Group – “The Sin of Certainty”
	7:00 pm	Young Adult Open Small Group
Saturday, September 29	8:00 pm	Women's Christianity and Civic Life Small Group
	10:00 am	Rolling Soup Kitchen Prep
	6:00 pm	North of Boston Potluck in North Reading

OLD SOUTH CHURCH IN BOSTON MINISTERS, OFFICERS, AND STAFF

Nancy S. Taylor, *Senior Minister*
John M. Edgerton, *Associate Minister* ❖ Anthony T. Livolsi, *Associate Minister*
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Martha Schick, *Youth & Young Adult Ministries Leader* ❖ Betsy Wooster, *Seminarian Intern*
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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.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS SUNDAY AT OLD SOUTH

ISRAEL, PALESTINE, & THE 'PARENTS CIRCLE'

Community Hour Series, September 23 & 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 23rd, Eli Cohn-Postell of the Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC), one of Old South's longtime interfaith partners, will take us behind the headlines and help us understand today's conflict in its broader historical context. Then, on September 30th, Rami Elhanan and Mazen Faraj of the 'Parents Circle' – a group of Israeli and Palestinian parents who have lost children in the conflict and advocates for reconciliation – will share about their mission of bridge-building and peacemaking.

ENCYCLOPEDIA RESEARCH PARTY

Sunday, September 23rd at 10am in Gordon Chapel

Interested in writing an entry for our 350th Anniversary Concise Encyclopedia? Join members of the Tell the Story Task Force for conversation, inspiration and to ask questions. For more information, visit www.oldsouth.org/encyclopedia.

NEIGHBORS IN NEED OFFERING

Neighbors in Need is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the US. One-third of the funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry, and two-thirds are used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants. Any amount you are able to contribute during today's offering is appreciated!

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Calling all September birthdays and lovers of cake! Please join us in Gordon Chapel at 12:15pm this Sunday as we sing and celebrate those in our community with birthdays this month.

COMMUNITY LIFE

FAREWELL CELEBRATION FOR REV. ANTHONY LIVOLSI

Sunday, September 30, 12:30pm in Mary Norton Hall

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.

NORTH OF BOSTON POTLUCK

Saturday, September 29th at 5pm

Get to know your fellow Old Southerners at the North of Boston Potluck at the home of John and Mary Ann Lape in North Reading. Please bring a dish for six, and a beverage. RSVP to northofboston@oldsouth.org, or call John and Mary Ann at 978 664-3583.

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*. **Register at tinyurl.com/OSCRetreat** or grab a form from the front desk.

CHILDREN + FAMILIES

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. Through video, discussion, and projects, we get to know the many varied personalities that God chose to be leaders of God's people.

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

FAITH INTO ACTION

TRAVELING SOUP KITCHEN

Saturday, September 29th from 10am-12:30pm in Mary Norton Kitchen

Help feed our neighbors! Meet us in Mary Norton Kitchen to prepare bagged meals and goodies. Then we'll load it up on a cart and take it outside to distribute. RSVP to Ralph Watson at ralphwatson258@gmail.com.

COMMON CATHEDRAL PAINT NIGHT

Sunday, September 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.

REUSABLE COFFEE HOUR MUG INITIATIVE

Blessing of the Mugs will be held Sunday, October 14th during First and 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.

DERAY MCKESSON: ON THE OTHER SIDE OF FREEDOM

Tuesday, September 25, 7pm at Old South Church

Join DeRay Mckesson – the internationally recognized civil rights leader and host of the podcast *Pod Save the People* – for a conversation on culture, social justice, and politics. Drawing from his own experiences as an organizer, educator, and public official, DeRay will explore the issues of the day and discuss the subtle structures and inherent biases that impact our communities. Buy your tickets at derayboston.eventbrite.com.

DISASTER RELIEF

The week has brought terrible news of disasters near and far. Our neighbors in Lawrence, Andover and North Andover are still reeling from gas explosions and fires. Our neighbors in North Carolina are just beginning the long work of repairing and rebuilding after the flooding from Hurricane Florence. Out of compassion for those impacted by these disasters, we invite you to give to our denomination's disaster relief fund.

The United Church of Christ partners with local, 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 this week, 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

ADULT EDUCATION

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 anthony@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 anthony@oldsouth.org for information.

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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