



All-Church Worship
Old South Church *in Boston*

January 16th, 2022 ❖ 10:00 a.m.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Sunday
Stepping Into Action

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

Given the unprecedented surge in COVID-19 infections driven by the Omicron variant, Old South's Blue Ribbon Task Force has recommended a pause on ensemble singing, including congregational hymn singing, through February 13th at the earliest. We appreciate your patience during this challenging period.

PRELUDE Ain't Gonna Let Nobody Turn Me Round
 Freedom Highway
 THE WILLIE SORDILLO ENSEMBLE

OPENING SONG Rise Up Cassandra Monique Batie
 Jennifer Decilveo
 THE OLD SOUTH GOSPEL CHOIR
 Sayida Rivers Farmer, *soloist*
 Tim Harbold, *director*

You're broken down and tired of living life on a merry-go-round.
And you can't find the fighter, but I see it in you, so we're gonna walk it out.
Move mountains.
And I'll rise up, I'll rise like the day.
I'll rise up, I'll rise unafraid.
I'll rise up, and I'll do it a thousand times again.
And I'll rise up, high like the waves.
I'll rise up, in spite of the ache.
I'll rise up, and I'll do it a thousand times again. For you.

When the silence isn't quiet, and it feels like it's getting hard to breathe.
And I know you feel like dying, but I promise we'll take the world to its feet.
Move mountains.
And I'll rise up, I'll rise like the day.
I'll rise up, I'll rise unafraid.
I'll rise up, and I'll do it a thousand times again. For you.

* Indicates all who are able may stand

All we need is hope, and for that we have each other.
And we will rise.

I'll rise up, rise like the day.
I'll rise up, in spite of the ache.
I will rise a thousand times again.

Please rise as you are able for the remainder of the song.

And we'll rise up, rise like the waves
we'll rise up, in spite of the ache.
We'll rise up, and we'll do it a thousand times again.
For you.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Nancy S. Taylor

Please greet those around you, wishing them "peace" or "the peace of Christ."

WELCOME

INVOCATION

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

The Children of Old South Church

ATTEND

SCRIPTURE

Luke 4:16-21

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

David O'Malley and Deb Washington

David O'Malley is a professor of Social Work at Bridgewater State University, served on our Church Council as a member at large, and is now a member of (G)RACE Speaks—our church's holy conversations on race.

Deb Washington is the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Community Health Partnership Manager at MGH. She is the immediate past-moderator of Old South and a founding member of both our Gospel Choir and of (G)RACE Speaks—our church's holy conversations on race.

*HYMN

Woke Up This Morning
Herbert S. Jones, *soloist*

Spiritual

Woke up this morning with my mind stayed on freedom.
Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelujah.

Walkin' and talkin' with my mind stayed on freedom.
Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelujah.

Can't hate your neighbor with your mind stayed on freedom.
Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelujah.

*CALL TO PRAYER

Katherine A. Schofield

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. *Please be seated.*

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Creator God, 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

If I Can Help Somebody
Herbert S. Jones, *soloist*

A. Bazel Androzzo

If I can help somebody as I pass along,
if I can cheer somebody with a word or song,
if I can show somebody who is traveling wrong,
then my living shall not be in vain.

Then my living shall not be in vain,
then my living shall not be in vain.
If I can help somebody as I pass along,
then my living shall not be in vain.

If I can do my duty as a Christian ought,
if I can bring back beauty to a world upwrought,
if I can spread love's message that the Master taught,
then my living shall not be in vain.

Then my living shall not be in vain,
then my living shall not be in vain.
If I can help somebody as I pass along,
then my living shall not be in vain.

RESPOND

CALL TO THE OFFERING

Howard Cha-Young Kim



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or with a Credit Card,
scan the QR code with your
smartphone camera.
You can also Text 44-321 and enter
OSC to make a gift*

OFFERTORY

Make Them Hear You (from *Ragtime*)
Herbert S. Jones, *soloist*

Stephen Flaherty

Go out and tell our story, let it echo far and wide.
Make them hear you. Make them hear you.
How justice was our battle and how justice was denied.
Make them hear you. Make them hear you.
And say to those who blame us for the way we chose to fight
That sometimes there are battles which are more than black or white.
And I could not put down my sword when justice was my right.
Make them hear you.

Go out and tell our story to your daughters and your sons.
Make them hear you. Make them hear you.
And tell them, in our struggle, we were not the only ones.
Make them hear you. Make them hear you.
Your sword can be a sermon or the power of the pen.
Teach every child to raise his voice and then, my people, then
Will justice be demanded by ten million righteous souls.
Make them hear you. When they hear you, I'll be near you. Again.

—Lynn Ahrens, *adapted*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN

Lift Every Voice and Sing
Herbert S. Jones, *soloist*

James Weldon Johnson
J. Rosamond Johnson

Lift every voice and sing till earth and heaven ring,
ring with the harmonies of Liberty;
let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies,
let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,
sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us,
facing the rising sun of our new day begun
let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod,
felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
Yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet
come to the place for which our fathers sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered,
we have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,
out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last
where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
Thou who has brought us thus far on the way;
Thou who has by Thy might led us into the light,
keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee,
lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee;
shadowed beneath Thy hand, may we forever stand
true to our God, true to our native land.

*BIDDING TO MISSION AND BENEDICTION

Nancy S. Taylor

POSTLUDE

We Shall Not Be Moved

Spiritual

Jordan Pettis, *soloist*

THE OLD SOUTH GOSPEL AND FESTIVAL CHOIRS

THE WILLIE SORDILLO ENSEMBLE

We shall not, we shall not be moved.
We shall not, we shall not be moved.
Just like a tree that's planted by the water,
We shall not be moved.

Vying for our freedom...
Black and white together...
We're on our way to victory and....



The flowers today are given by Melody Allen & family
in loving memory of The Hon. W. Lloyd and Gertrude M. Allen.

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



INFORMATION ABOUT OLD SOUTH

Check out the church website at
www.oldsouth.org/Sundays for everything Sundays,
www.oldsouth.org/calendar for a calendar of virtual events,
and the general website www.oldsouth.org
for more on the history and other information about this storied ship of faith!

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Notes on Today's Music

Herbert S. Jones

Herbert S. Jones is a gospel musician, songwriter, and choral director with years of experience in museum human resources and volunteer management, with a passion for social justice. He grew up in Richmond, VA, and received his undergraduate degree in economics with a minor in music from Northeastern University. He currently manages the Front of House at Boston University's Joan & Edgar Booth Theatre. Previously he worked for over twenty-five years in Human Resources and Volunteer & Intern management at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston.

Herbert began his music career at Boston's historic Concord Baptist Church and later served for twenty-eight years as Minister of Music at Messiah Baptist Church in Brockton, MA. His compositions have been performed by mass choirs at Thomas Dorsey's National Convention of Gospel Choirs and Choruses, Inc., and the Edwin and Walter Hawkins Music and Arts Love Fellowship Conference. He is a recipient of the New England Conservatory's Gospel Music Award and a former member of its adjunct faculty, and has taught voice at the Franklin School for the Performing Arts.

For eight years, Herbert led a small ensemble, which performed his compositions exclusively and hosted a quarterly gospel coffeehouse at Brockton's Fuller Museum of Art, now the Fuller Craft Museum. Since 2003, he's directed BU's Inner Strength Gospel Choir, a student-run organization that according to Rev. Jesse Jackson, "...embodies the fulfillment of Dr. (Martin Luther) King's dream..."

OLD SOUTH CHURCH IN BOSTON MINISTERS, OFFICERS, & STAFF

Nancy S. Taylor, *Senior Minister* ❖ James W. Crawford, *Senior Minister Emeritus*
Katherine A. Schofield, *Interim Associate Minister* ❖ Shawn M. Fiedler, *Acting Associate Minister*
Donald A. Wells, *Theologian in Residence* ❖ June R. Cooper, *Theologian in the City*
Howard Cha-Young Kim, *Pastoral Resident* ❖ Jessica Young Chang, *Seminarian*
David Story, *Wedding Minister* ❖ Ken Orth, *Healing Worship Minister*

Mitchell Crawford, *Minister of Music*
George Sargeant, *Associate Organist & Choirmaster*
Tim Harbold, *Director, Gospel Choir* ❖ Willie Sordillo, *Director, Jazz Worship Music*
Peter Coulombe, *Director, Old South Ringers*

Kate Nintcheu, *Director, Children & Family Ministries*
Martha Schick, *Youth & Young Adult Ministries Leader*
Summer Marsh and Carolyn Davis, *Co-Directors, Old South Preschool*

Helen McCrady, *Senior Church Administrator* ❖ John Braught, *Director of Operations*
Jamie Garuti, *Multimedia Director* ❖ Linda Van Praet, *Accounting & Human Resources*
Alex Pickering, *Administrative Assistant* ❖ Emily Ross, *Archivist*
Ralph Watson, *Snowden Partnership Coordinator* ❖ Karen Hand, *Wedding Coordinator*
Oussama Ouadani and William Wei, *Livestream Production Assistants*

Elias Perez, *Senior Sexton* ❖ Ozo Nwodo, Richard Serebour, and David Brode, *Sextons*
Corey Spence, *Weekday Receptionist*
Shirley Bivins and George Sargeant, *Evening & Weekend Receptionists*

Phil Stern, *Moderator* ❖ Rob Gabler, *Clerk* ❖ Bill Bulkeley, *Treasurer*
Kristi Geary, *Chair, Board of Trustees* ❖ Kate Silfen, *Historian*
Paul Brouillette & Susan Navia, *Senior Deacons* ❖ Vicki Newman, *Pledge Secretary*

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.



OLD
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in BOSTON

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

Wednesday, January 19th, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., 2nd floor Mary Norton Hall

The Red Cross continues to experience a severe blood shortage. Want to help out? Donate blood to help end the critical shortage status with the Red Cross. Visit tinyurl.com/BloodDriveOSC or call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) to schedule an appointment.



THROUGH THE BIBLE

Thursdays, 7:30 p.m., on Zoom

Join us as we journey at a reflective and thorough pace through the Hebrew Bible. We're currently reading through Psalms. For more information and the Zoom link, email Howard Cha-Young Kim at howard@oldsouth.org.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY HOUR FORUMS

Sundays, following All-Church Worship, on Zoom at tinyurl.com/OSCForum

January 16th, Old South Church Enslavers and Enslaved.

Archivist Emily Ross has delved into the records of Old South and the archives of 17th and 18th century Boston newspapers to explore the depth of slave holding by members of Old South. She will present a snapshot of her findings.

January 23rd, Meet Our New Pastoral Resident: Howard Cha-Young Kim.

Welcome Howard, who is beginning his two-year residency at OSC this January through the Urban Pastoral Ministry Program (funded by the Lilly Endowment, in partnership with City Mission). Howard is a 2020 graduate of Duke Divinity School and is on the ordination track with his home church, The Way, LA. Howard has many years of church and non-profit experience, and is passionate about organizing and building solidarity between marginalized communities.

THE MAGI HAVE ARRIVED!

Our annual **Stewardship campaign** to fuel Old South's 2022 ministries of mercy, justice, and beauty has begun! Together we join the three kings in presenting our very best to God and God's future. The theme for 2022 is *Stepping Into God's Future*—quite apt as we walk together into times of transition, challenges and the unknown!

*Stepping
into God's
future* 

Join us as we

- listen to inspiring reflections by Old Southerners during worship in January
- consider prayerfully what contribution you can make in 2022.
- prepare to celebrate our congregation's steadfast generosity at hybrid celebrations on Thursday, January 27 and Sunday, January 30.

A 2022 Commitment Card will be arriving in the mail soon, along with your 2021 Giving Statement. You can also pledge online by going to tinyurl.com/OSCGiving2022.

Giving Envelopes for 2022 are now available at the Church. If you would like envelopes contact Helen McCrady, helen@oldsouth.org.

OLD SOUTH MICRO COMMUNITIES

Sign up at <https://forms.gle/SSF88ecoqoHPQykR8>

In an effort to help our community stay well connected, build new friendships, and weather the isolation of the winter season, we are once again creating groups of 4-5 people who each week will have a question to discuss over text or email. This year our discussion topics will be more spiritually based and groups will be encouraged to gather (in person or online) for an initial "getting to know you" session. We'll kick this off the week of January 16th and run through April 9th, the beginning of Holy Week. Once you have signed up, you will hear from us the second week of January introducing you to your micro community!

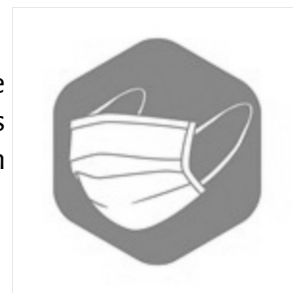
BIBLE STUDY

Sundays at 9:00 a.m., Sam Johnson Room on the fourth floor, and Zoom

Delve into the day's scripture passage heard in worship. Led by our ministerial staff, this no-homework Bible study delights in taking a scholarly look at ancient texts. Don't leave your questions at the door; we need them. For more information contact jess@oldsouth.org.

COVID PRECAUTIONS

As we are all aware, COVID has not gone away. We need to be extra cautious through January. Between now and then the virus will be relentless. Here's our thinking at Old South Church, although we reserve the right to pivot on a dime, depending on the virus:



- We will remain open daily for visitors.
- Masking is mandated, as is social distancing.
Do upgrade any cloth masks to at least a three-ply surgical mask.
- If you have so much as a sniffle, do not enter the building.
- We encourage you to get tested as often as possible, or as often as necessary, considering your circumstances and the availability of tests.
- We are suspending ensemble singing and congregational singing through mid-February.

JAZZ WORSHIP – *Thursdays at 6 p.m.*

We will continue to be hybrid (both in person and remote; masking and social distancing; congregational singing will be curtailed).

ALL CHURCH WORSHIP – *Sundays at 10 a.m.*

We will continue to be hybrid (both in person and remote; masking and social distancing; congregational singing will be curtailed, as will the presence of vocal ensembles).

OTHER PROGRAMING AND MEETINGS

We expect most of our other programming (meetings, classes, small groups) to go remote for the month of January. Church School families should check their Friday newsletter from Kate for details on children's classes. Stay tuned. Stay safe.

DONATE FLOWERS FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP—

Sunday January 30th is available, sign up now to get a date that is meaningful to you

The church is open for worship on Sunday mornings and we have beautiful flowers in front of the pulpit again! Would you like to give the flowers one Sunday in memory or honor of a special person or event? Go to tinyurl.com/SundayFlowers2022 to sign up for a Sunday or contact Helen McCrady, helen@oldsouth.org. Due to the COVID economy the price has gone up to \$100. Please send your message along with your payment. You can drop it off, send a check, or go to www.oldsouth.org/donate and make your gift online.

MEET OUR NEW GRANTEE: FATHERS' UPLIFT

In November 2021 OSC's Christian Service and Outreach Committee selected Fathers' Uplift to be awarded a three-year grant of \$60,000 (\$20,000/year for three years). This organization is based in Dorchester and assists fathers in overcoming financial, oppressive, emotional, traumatic, and addiction-based barriers that prevent them from remaining engaged in their children's lives. This grant will help Father's Uplift scale up and expand their Therapeutic Coaching services. To learn more about Father's Uplift have a look at this segment from Greater Boston: www.youtube.com/watch?v=M6xw3_ZjysE

GREEN TIP

The time is NOW to switch to renewable energy in Boston. As OSC member Bradford Swing (Dir. of Energy Policy and Programs, City of Boston, Office of the Mayor) has shared with our community before, the City's [Community Choice Electricity](#) program provides Boston residents with more affordable greener electricity than Eversource. In fact, from January 1st to June 30th, the City's GREEN 100 product (electricity 100% from renewable generation) will be **cheaper** than Eversource's 18% green electricity (the minimum mandated by state law.). If you need help with any aspects of this, please reach out to his staff to schedule an appointment at <https://calendly.com/bcce> or calling 617-635-2331.

THE CAREGIVERS' SUPPORT GROUP

The Caregivers' Support Group is a gathering for sharing and support, open to members and friends of Old South serving as caregivers to others. This group is facilitated by Rev. Dr. Frankie Doolittle, Old South Member, Counselor and ordained UCC Minister. If you are interested in attending please contact Rev. Katherine Schofield at katherine@oldsouth.org.

WEEKLY WORSHIP

Join us for worship in person and on Vimeo.

JAZZ Worship, Thursdays at 6:00 p.m.

ALL-CHURCH Worship, Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

Our monthly **HEALING Worship** is held the second Sunday at 12:30 p.m. via Zoom

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 the Sanctuary, for any length of time.
