



epiphany
Stewardship:
An Epiphany

January 20, 2019
MLK JR SUNDAY

*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

Rise Up
Sayida Rivers Farmer, *soloist* Cassandra Monique Batie
Jennifer Decilveo

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.

** Indicates all who are able may stand*

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.

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.

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.

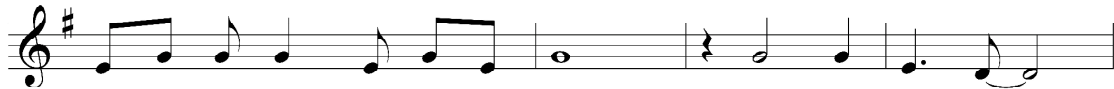
*HYMN

Woke Up This Morning

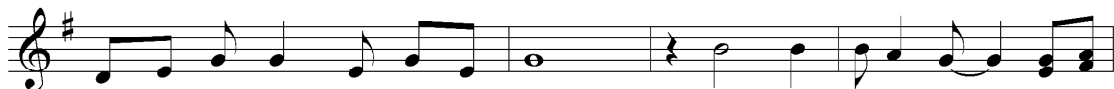
WOKE UP THIS MORNING



1. Woke up this morn - ing with my mind	stayed on free - dom,
2. Sing - ing and pray - ing with my mind	stayed on free - dom,
3. Teach - ing the child - ren with my mind	stayed on free - dom,
4. Work - ing for jus - tice with my mind	stayed on free - dom,



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***OPENING PRAYER**

Nancy S. Taylor

One: Father, Mother, God, Thank you for your presence during the hard and mean days.

All: For then we have you to lean upon.

One: Thank you for your presence during the bright and sunny days,

All: for then we can share that which we have with those who have less.

One: And thank you for your presence during the Holy Days,

All: for then we are able to celebrate you and our families and our friends.

One: For those who have no voice,

All: we ask you to speak.

One: For those who feel unworthy,

All: we ask you to pour your love out in waterfalls of tenderness.

One: For those who live in pain,

All: we ask you to bathe them in the river of your healing.

One: For those who are lonely,

All: we ask you to keep them company.

One: For those who are depressed,

All: we ask you to shower upon them the light of hope.

One: Dear Creator, You, the borderless sea of substance,

All: we ask you to give to all the world that which we need most—Peace.

—Maya Angelou

***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

June R. Cooper

ANTHEM

I Will Sing

Rosephanye Powell

Old South Choir and Gospel Choir
Sayida Rivers Farmer and Jordan Pettis, *soloists*

I will sing! I will sing!
I'll sing of the joy that fills my heart when freedom rings.
Let freedom ring, let it ring. Let it ring through love.
Let freedom ring, let it ring. Let it ring through peace.
Let freedom ring, let it ring. Let it ring through hope.
I'll sing of the joy that fills my heart when freedom rings.
I'll sing of the joy (that fills my heart).
I'll sing of the love (that fills my heart).
I'll sing of the peace (that fills my heart).
I'll sing of the hope (that fills my heart).
I'll sing of the joy that fills my heart when freedom rings.

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 1:1-3

Leclerc Jean Louis

*HYMN

We Shall Not Be Moved African-American Spiritual
Jordan Pettis, soloist



1. We shall not be moved. We shall not be moved, just like a



tree that's plant-ed by the wa - ter. We shall not be moved.

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

During the hymn, the children are invited to leave for choir and care.

STORY TELLER

Deb Washington

Today's story teller, Deb Washington, serves as the Moderator of Old South Church. A member since 2011, Deb has served on many Committees and Task Forces. She is a founder of our Gospel Choir and of (G)RACE Speaks.

*HYMN 471

What a Covenant

LEANING

RESPOND

*CALL TO PRAYER

Katherine Schofield

One God be with you.

All And also with you.

One May the peace of Christ dwell in your hearts.

All 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

I Remember, I Believe

Bernice Johnson Reagon

Jordan Pettis, *soloist*

I don't know how my mother walked her trouble down,
I don't know how my father stood his ground,
I don't know how my people survived slavery,
I do remember, that's why I believe.

I don't know why the rivers overflow their banks,
I don't know why the snow falls and covers the ground,
I don't know why the hurricane sweeps through the land
every now and then,
Standing in a rainstorm, I believe.

*Heyda malaya heyda heyda myeh
Heyda malaya heyda heyda meh.*

I don't know why the angels woke me up this morning soon,
I don't know why the blood still runs through my veins,
I don't know how I rate to run another day,
I am here still running, I believe.

Heyda malaya heyda heyda myeh...

My God calls to me in the morning dew,
The power of the universe, it knows my name,
Gave me a song to sing and sent me on my way,
I raise my voice for justice, I believe.

Heyda malaya heyda heyda myeh...

CALL TO THE OFFERING

John M. Edgerton

ANTHEM

I Have a Dream
Old South Choir and Gospel Choir
Sayida Rivers Farmer, *soloist*

Donnell L. Patterson

I have a dream today, I have a dream.

From every mountainside, let freedom ring.
I have a dream today, we shall overcome!
Every valley shall be exalted, every hill and mountain low.
The rough places shall be made plain, and the crooked places straight.
And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed.
And all flesh shall see it together.

I have a dream today, I have a dream.

—adapted from Martin Luther King, Jr.'s *I Have a Dream* address

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN 593

Lift Every Voice and Sing

LIFT EVERY VOICE

*BIDDING TO MISSION AND BENEDICTION

June R. Cooper

POSTLUDE I Wish I Knew How It Would Feel to be Free Billy Taylor and
Richard Lamb

Jordan Pettis and Sayida Rivers Farmers, *soloists*

I wish I knew how it would feel to be free.
I wish I could break all the chains holding me.
I wish I could say all the things that I should say,
Say 'em loud, say 'em clear, for the whole round world to hear.

I wish I could share all the love that's in my heart,
Remove all the bars that keep us apart.
I wish you could know what it means to be me,
Then you'd see and agree that everyone should be free.

I wish I could give all I'm longing to give.
I wish I could live like I'm longing to live.
I wish I could do all the things that I can do,
Though I'm way overdue, I'd be starting anew.

I wish I could be like a bird in the sky.
How sweet it would be if I found I could fly.
I'd soar to the sun and look down at the sea.
Then I'd sing 'cause I'd know how it feels to be free.



TODAY'S MUSICIANS:

Willie Sordillo, *saxophone*

Ron Mahdi, *bass*

Phil McGowan, *percussion*

Tim Harbold, *Gospel Choir Director and piano*

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

WELCOME TO OLD SOUTH CHURCH

Welcome! We are a progressive Christian church first gathered in 1669. The Church played a significant role in early American history. We continue to outfit ourselves for mission and ministry in the 21st century as a thriving urban church in the heart of Boston. Join us following worship for fellowship and refreshments in the Gordon Chapel.

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

Need to stretch your legs during worship? The Chapel has full audio of the service.

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 aired with the loop.

The sound is 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).



On *May 12, 1669*
the founders of Old South Church first gathered.
Their descendants intend to mark the occasion as follows

SUNDAY, MAY 12, 2019

- 11:00am *Anniversary Worship Service*
The inaugural singing of a hymn commissioned for the occasion and presentation of the Open Door Award.
- 12:30pm *A Ceremony*
Heraldic trumpets, dignitaries, an interfaith blessing.
- 1:00pm *350th Birthday Party*
Cake & ice cream, antique press, samurai hats, balloon twisters, reenactors, and dance music.
- 2:30pm *Finale*
Benediction followed by the pealing of the Tower Bell.

CALENDAR

Sunday, January 20	9:00 AM	FIRST Worship
	9:00 AM	Children's Choir
	9:45 AM	Old South Café in Gordon Chapel
	10:00 AM	Coffee with Clergy
	10:00 AM	Community Hour, <i>Civil Discourse</i>
	10:00 AM	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 AM	Lectionary Bible Study
	10:00 AM	Church School
	11:00 AM	FESTIVAL Worship, <i>MLK Sunday</i>
	11:15 AM	Children's Music
	12:15 PM	Fellowship Hour
	12:30 PM	350th Faith in Action Task Force
	12:30 PM	350th Tell the Story Task Force
	12:30 PM	Climate Change Task Force
	1:30 PM	O.W.L. Program
Monday, January 21		Church Closed
	10:00 AM	Rolling Soup Kitchen <i>May you and yours have a blessed MLK Day</i>
Tuesday, January 22	6:00 PM	Old South Ringers Rehearsal
	6:00 PM	Congregational Care and Support
	7:00 PM	Deacons Meeting
Wednesday, January 23	12:00 PM	Men's Lunch Hour
	6:15 PM	Young Adult Book Group
	6:30 PM	Young Adult Small Group

Thursday, January 24 12:00 PM Women’s Lunch Hour Small Group
 5:00 PM Operations Committee
 6:00 PM JAZZ Worship
 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal
 7:00 PM “Through the Bible” Study
 7:00 PM Young Adult Book Group
 8:00 PM Women’s Christianity and Civic Life Small Group

Sunday, January 27 9:00 AM FIRST Worship—Consecration Sunday
 9:00 AM Children’s Choir
 9:45 AM Old South Café in Gordon Chapel
 10:00 AM Coffee with Clergy
 10:00 AM Community Hour, *Civil Discourse*
 10:00 AM Choir Rehearsal
 10:00 AM Lectionary Bible Study
 10:00 AM Church School
 11:00 AM FESTIVAL Worship—Consecration Sunday
 11:15 AM Children’s Music
 12:15 PM Fellowship Hour
 12:30 PM Consecration Lunch
 12:30 PM O.W.L. Program

OLD SOUTH CHURCH IN BOSTON MINISTERS, OFFICERS, AND STAFF

Nancy S. Taylor, *Senior Minister*
John M. Edgerton, *Associate Minister* ❖ Katherine Schofield, *Interim 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*
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* ❖ Evan Shu, *Historian*
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, *Administrative Assistants*
Elias Perez, *Senior Sexton* ❖ Ozo Nwodo, Oppong Serebour, & David Brode, *Sextons*
Corey Spence, Rubia Reyes, *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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HONORING MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

MLK DAY MOBILE SOUP KITCHEN

Monday, January 21st at 10 a.m. at Old South

Martin Luther King Day is a day for giving back to the community and a day of service. Help us prepare a warm home cooked meal, pack it up and take to the streets to share it with our friends and neighbors who call the streets of Copley Square their home. RSVPs required—please email ralphwatson258@gmail.com

GOSPEL CHOIR AT MLK BREAKFAST

Monday, January 21st at 8:15 a.m. at the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center

We couldn't be prouder of the Old South Gospel Choir, who is performing for the second year in a row at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast in Boston. The breakfast is the nation's longest-running and Boston's premier event dedicated to honoring the legacy of Dr. King. Tickets are available at www.bostonmlkbreakfast.org/.

CONSECRATION LUNCH

Sunday, January 27th at 12:30 p.m. in Mary Norton Hall

During Epiphany, Old South members are sharing their stories during worship about why they support Old South. On Consecration Thursday and Sunday, we'll make our financial commitments for mission and ministry in 2019.

Following Festival Worship on January 27th we will celebrate with an All Church Lunch in Mary Norton Hall. Enjoy a fine meal cooked by Old South member Ralph Watson. Chorus Pro Musica, one of the great choruses in New England, will give a program about their music, mission and history. CPM has called Old South home since its founding in 1949.

During Lunch, we'll also celebrate January birthdays with cake and song.

Please RSVP by Jan. 20th at www.tinyurl.com/RSVP-Consecration-Lunch

COMMUNITY LIFE

YOUNG ADULT TRIVIA

Tuesday, January 29th, 6 p.m. at the Friendly Toast. *Please note the date change!*

We'll test our wits in teams of up to six people and enjoy delicious food and beverages at the Friendly Toast on Stanhope Street. Please arrive at 6 p.m. so we can be seated together. Try to bring cash. RSVP to martha@oldsouth.org -- trivia and/or church newbies welcome!

QUEER BRUNCH

Sunday, February 10th, 12:30-2 p.m. at City Table

Calling LGBTQIA+ Old Southerners: come brunch with us! Please meet at the back of the Sanctuary after Festival Worship. We'll head over to City Table (less than a block away) to enjoy good food and fellowship. We'll have childcare available at church and extra funds if money is a barrier—just let us know. **RSVP required.** Please email martha@oldsouth.org.

OLD SOUTH ENCYCLOPEDIA

To celebrate our upcoming 350th anniversary, we're writing our very own encyclopedia, titled "Concise Encyclopedia: Theological, Historical & Whimsical of Old South Church in Boston". We need volunteers to do research and write entries!

So far 244 topics have been claimed, and 180 essays submitted. Sign up for a topic before they're all taken! To participate, visit www.oldsouth.org/encyclopedia. If you do not have access to the internet, you can still participate — simply pick up the submission form and instructions at the Front Desk. Questions? Email rebecca@oldsouth.org.

MONTHLY CAREGIVING SUPPORT GROUP

Meets the second Tuesday of every month at 11am

Are you providing care for others -- for parents, partners, children, neighbors, friends? 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.

THIS SUNDAY AT OLD SOUTH

COFFEE WITH CLERGY

Sunday, January 20th at 10am in Rev. Nancy Taylor's Office (3rd Floor)

Are you new to the Old South community and looking to get better connected? Join us this Sunday to get to know some of the ministers and leaders at OSC, ask any questions you may have, and learn more about the many ways you can get involved.

Then, if you'd like to dig a little deeper, learn more about OSC, and explore the process of becoming a church member, please join us for **Connections Lunch, Sunday, February 17th at 12:15 p.m.** in the Guild Room (4th Floor). To RSVP for Connections Lunch, or if you have follow-up questions please email Rev. Katherine Schofield at Katherine@oldsouth.org.

JOIN A CLIMATE CHANGE TASK FORCE GROUP

Sunday, January 20th, 12:30-1:30 p.m. in Mary Norton Hall

Climate change is both a moral and a practical imperative, and our Climate Change Task Force is tackling the issue head-on. This Sunday, twenty-five people will kick off three Climate Change Task Force groups. Two of these groups would welcome additional members. You are invited to join the Climate Justice/Advocacy Group or the Environmental Stewardship Group. (The Communications Group will also begin Sunday, but it will not be taking additional members at this time.) If you have questions, please contact Mary Ann Lape at malape70@gmail.com

COMMUNITY HOUR SERIES ON CIVIL DISCOURSE

Sundays, January 20th & 27th at 10 a.m. in Mary Norton Hall

Join us in a discussion series covering the tenets for civil discourse, values-based conversations, the messiness of policymaking, and the importance of maintaining a sacred space for debate.

Grounding conversations in our shared faith, we will learn strategies and techniques for engaging in the hard topics respectfully and lovingly - looking to understand our neighbors, even when we disagree. We'll explore how our denomination, our congregation, and each of us as individuals can be inspired by our faith to publicly engage on important issues.

SUNDAY FLOWERS

The Sunday Flower Calendar for 2019 is up in the first floor elevator lobby, and there are still dates available for sign up. Donating Sunday flowers is a beautiful way to remember loved ones and special events. The cost is \$50. Put your name by the date you want and send the message you wish to appear in the bulletin to helen@oldsouth.org.

SPONSOR A MEMORIAL LEAF

Memorial Leaf sponsors wanted to honor early members of African descent.

Our Columbarium's Phase 2 features a *bas relief* tree with brass leaves you can purchase to have engraved with the names of loved ones who have died at \$250 per leaf.

However, **the first 63 leaves will be engraved with, and are reserved for, the names of members of Old South Church who were enslaved** and who, so far as we know, were not laid to rest in marked graves. On each such leaf we will engrave the name of one enslaved person and the only date we have for them: the date of their baptism or membership at Old South Church. The cost of sponsoring such a leaf will be \$75. To sponsor a leaf, contact helen@oldsouth.org.

On an historical note: During the late 1600s, through the 1700s and into the early 1800s, Old South Church welcomed into membership more persons of African descent and more enslaved persons than any other church in Boston. Our Open Door has been swinging wide for some time.



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
