



Old South Church

Copley Square, Boston

*A Congregation of the
United Church of Christ*

Gathered 1669

October 15th, 2023

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

*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 [III.] RICHMOND and [VIII.] DOMINUS REGIT ME C.S. Lang
from "20 Hymn-Tune Preludes," Op. 90

*HYMN 6 **Sing Praise to God, Our Highest Good** MIT FREUDEN ZART

*CALL TO WORSHIP Madison T. Chau

One: O Lord, you are our God; We will exalt you, we will praise your name:

**Many: For you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old,
faithful and sure.**

One: You have been a refuge to the poor,
a refuge to the needy in their distress,
a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.

**Many: You wipe away the tears from every face,
and take away disgrace from all the earth.**

One: This is the Lord for whom we have waited.

Many: Let us be glad and rejoice in God's salvation.

** Indicates all who are able may stand*

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

*SUNG RESPONSE

Solo: *Gathered in God's name 'round the living Word.
Gathered as one family in the name of love.*

Congregation:



Gath-ered from near and far, gath-ered in this ho - ly place,



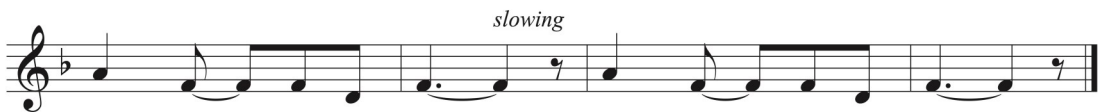
gath-ered as stran-gers and friends, gath-ered and gift-ed by grace.



Gath - ered in God's name, 'round the liv - ing Word.



Gath - ered as one fam-'ly in the name of love,



in the name of love, in the name of love.

Text and Music: Michael Burkhardt, 2021

WELCOME

ANTHEM

Bound for Canaan's Land Undine Smith Moore, *arr.*

Where you bound?

*Bound for Canaan's Land...
I am bound for Canaan's Land.*

Poor and needy though I be,
God my maker cares for me.

Get on board, little children...
There's room for many more.

Well, I wouldn't take nothing for my journey now.

LISTEN

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Kate M. Nintcheu

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 23

Deb Washington

*HYMN 247

My Shepherd Is the Living God

CONSOLATION

*During the hymn, children who wish to may meet childcare staff
in the back of the sanctuary and proceed to the 3rd floor.*

SERMON

Katherine A. Schofield

*HYMN 475

God's Eye Is on the Sparrow

SPARROW

RESPOND

*CALL TO PRAYER

Ashley J. Popperson

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

Our Creator in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE

Peace I Leave With You Amy Marcy Cheney Beach

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give unto you.

Not as the world giveth give I unto you.

Let not your heart be troubled.

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

**Laura Cook
John Edgerton**

**Ninette Marzouki
Max Oliverio**

PRESENTATION

Katherine A. Schofield

LITANY OF INTENT

One: Friends in Christ, we are all received into the church through the sacrament of baptism. These people have found nurture and support in the midst of the family of Christ. They have been led by the Spirit to affirm their baptism and to claim in our presence their covenantal relationship with Christ and the members of the Christian church.

Many: They are here, as we are here, to endeavor to love God with all our heart, soul, and mind, and our neighbors as ourselves. God help us.

One: Friends who are joining, we rejoice in your pilgrimage of faith which has brought you to this time and place. We give thanks for every community of faith which has been your spiritual home, and we celebrate your presence in this household of faith. Do you promise, by the grace of God, to continue in your pilgrimage of faith, to be Christ's disciple, to resist oppression and evil, and to witness to the work and word of Jesus Christ as best you are able?

Those joining: We promise, with the help of God.

One: Do you promise to walk with us in faithfulness and in Christian love? And do you promise that, so far as able, you will participate in the life of this church, by worshiping God with us, and offering your time, talent and means for the ministry of this church and for the larger church of which this is a part?

Those joining: We promise, with the help of God.

One: Friends, we then welcome you as partners in the common life of this church and we rise as we are able and share our covenant of mission with you.

***Many: We pledge to give ourselves to the one whom Jesus called "Abba, Father," as the God in whose love we are grounded, and to Jesus Christ, God incarnate, who rules our lives. We give ourselves to God the Holy Spirit, the One who sustains, recreates and guides us. We promise to walk in covenant with one another, with the wider church, and with the Old South Church, secure in God's grace, and prepared in gratitude to live by the promise and serve in the hope of the Gospel.**

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Rachel J. Barton



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scan the QR code with your smartphone camera.
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OFFERTORY

He Is Marvelous!

Rosephanye Powell

He is marvelous! Jesus is wonderful! Give him glory!
Shout to the Lord and proclaim:
he is marvelous, oh so wonderful!
Give him the glory and praise!

For he is King of Kings, and he is Lord of all creation!
Yes, he is King of Kings, and Lord of Lords.
Shout to the Lord!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN 366

God of Our Life

LANDON

*BIDDING TO MISSION AND BENEDICTION

Katherine A. Schofield

POSTLUDE

Tuba Tune, Op. 15

C. S. Lang



Join us for Refreshments & Fellowship
in the Gordon Chapel following the Postlude.

Close-Up, a twenty minute tour of the Sanctuary,
begins immediately following worship at the front of the Sanctuary.
Led by docent Stephanie LaShoto-Westfield.



JOINING TODAY

AT FIRST AND FESTIVAL WORSHIP

Rev. John Edgerton

John is well-known to Old South Church, having served as our Associate Minister from 2012-2019. Since then, John went on to serve as the Senior Minister for First United Church of Oak Park, Illinois. John is a graduate of St. John's College in Santa Fe, New Mexico, and of the University of Chicago Divinity School. John loves all things food-related and spends much of his free time planning menus and cooking for his wife, Heather, and their daughter, Veronica.

AT FIRST WORSHIP

Tim Lynch

Tim came to Boston from New York to go to Law School. He fell in love with Boston and stayed. Currently, Tim is “retiring” after a long and active career. During his career, Tim was honored to serve on many Non-Profit Boards of Directors. Most dear to him is Boston CASA, a charity that helps children identified by the Court as abused or neglected. Tim served over 27 years as a volunteer, Board member, and then President of the Board. Tim and Gerson got married at Fenway Park after batting practice. They currently are raising 4 Huskies (Worf, Jadzia Dax, K'Ehlayr, and Kira) and 2 cats (Morrigan and Pandora).

James Jumper, Val Snekvik and Mark Snekvik

James hails from the not-as-polluted-as-it-used-to-be city of Pittsburgh. Actually, it's the town of Aliquippa that no one has ever heard of. After graduating from Penn State, he earned several degrees he rarely uses (but he has a lot to talk about at dinner parties). Before coming to Old South, James and his family attended Reservoir Church in Cambridge and still have wonderful friends there. Valerie grew up in a suburb of Los Angeles. A short while after graduating from college, she and her late husband Andrew came to Cambridge to help start Reservoir Church 25 years ago. Val currently teaches piano full-time from her studio in Jamaica Plain. She and James are helping launch all seven of their combined young adult sons who live in Australia and Boston. Mark, born and raised in Boston, is a Junior at Boston Latin School. He sings in the BLS Gospel Choir, plays saxophone in the school Symphonic Band, and plays the piano. He also enjoys studying languages and history.

JOINING AT FESTIVAL WORSHIP

Laura Gayle Cook

Laura moved to Boston last year from Dallas, TX. Laura is a CPA who recently made the transition from public to corporate accounting. In her free time, Laura tries to read, embroider, swing dance, and spend time with friends. Laura grew up in the church and is excited to have found a new church home at Old South.

Max Oliverio

Max hails from Waltham, MA. For thirty years they have practiced a solitary faith, feeling unwelcome in their home church. As a non-binary and neurodivergent person, it has been very affirming to be welcomed into the Old South family. Max has been attending services at Old South for six months this November, and is happy to call the church home.



NOTES ON TODAY'S MUSIC

Born near the turn of the century in Jarratt, Virginia, **Undine Smith Moore** (1904–1989) was the granddaughter of slaves. She began composing music while a student at Fisk University, and in 1924 became the first graduate of Fisk to receive a scholarship to The Juilliard School. Following her graduation — *cum laude* — in 1926, she briefly relocated to North Carolina before returning to Virginia following her appointment to the faculty of Virginia State College (now University) in 1927. There, Moore taught piano, organ, and music theory until her retirement in 1972 — a staggering 45 year tenure at a single institution.

Moore, who was lovingly known as the “Dean of Black Women Composers,” is widely remembered for her choral works, though she wrote for varieties of instruments and ensembles as well. Her “Scenes from the Life of a Martyr,” a 16-part oratorio on the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize in 1981. During that same year, Moore gave the keynote address to the First National Congress on Women in Music, wherein she expressed the feeling she was “a teacher who composes, rather than a composer who teaches.” The academy rewarded her dedication to the profession: among her many accolades are

the Humanitarian award from Fisk University and an honorary doctorate from Indiana University.

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.

Rosephanye Powell serves as a Professor of Voice at Auburn University in Alabama. Hailed as one of America’s premier women composers of choral music, she has so far focused her research on the the African-American spiritual, the art songs of William Grant Still, and voice-care concerns for choral singers and directors. Powell is in great demand as conductor and clinician, frequently appearing at regional and national conventions of the American Choral Directors Association as well as All-State and Honor Choir festivals. She has an impressive catalogue of works published by leading national and international publishers, and her compositions are routinely praised for their rhythmic energy, colorful harmonies, and well-crafted vocal lines. Dr. Powell holds degrees from Florida State University, Westminster Choir College, and Alabama State University.

—Mitchell Crawford, *Minister of Music*

Old South Church *in* Boston invites you
to its *Signature Services* during the coming year.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY — November 5th, 2023 | 11AM

In a solemn service of sacred music, we gather to name and remember our own beloved dead who now rest from their labors in the arms of God.

MEETING HOUSE SUNDAY — November 19th, 2023 | 11AM

We return to our ancestral home, the Old South Meeting House at Washington & Milk Streets, to give thanks for God's many blessings and the rich history of our faith.

CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS EVE — December 24th, 2023

FAMILY SERVICE WITH IMPROMPTU PAGEANT | 5PM

LESSONS AND CAROLS | 8PM

CAROLS AND COMMUNION | 11PM

HOLY WEEK 2024

Palm Sunday — March 24th | 9AM & 11AM

Maundy Thursday — March 28th | 7PM

Good Friday — March 29th | 12PM & 7PM

Easter Sunday — March 31st | 9AM & 11AM

MARATHON SUNDAY — April 14th, 2024 | 9AM & 11AM

Each year hundreds of marathoners join us for worship, where we pause to acknowledge the runners, their families, and volunteers in a special “Blessing of the Athletes.”

PHILLIS WHEATLEY SUNDAY — May 12th, 2024 | 9AM & 11AM

Old South honors and learns from one of the saints of this church who was stolen from Africa, suffered the Middle Passage, was sold into slavery, and triumphed through her awesome wit and the mighty power of her pen.

WELCOME TO OLD SOUTH CHURCH

For LARGE print bulletins or children's bulletins, please ask an Usher.

Restrooms are available. Just ask!

An accessible, single-use restroom is available near Reception.

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 church in the heart of Boston. If you are interested in deepening your participation, or if you just love Old South, it's time to think about **membership**. Contact Interim Associate Minister Katherine Schofield at katherine@oldsouth.org

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). For more information check out www.oldsouth.org/your-first-visit or see the front desk.

LEARN MORE

Check out the church website at www.oldsouth.org/calendar for a calendar of 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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OLD SOUTH CHURCH *in* BOSTON — MINISTERS, OFFICERS, & STAFF

John M. Edgerton, *Senior Minister*
Ashley J. Popperson, *Associate Minister* ❖ Katherine A. Schofield, *Interim Associate Minister*
Donald A. Wells, *Theologian in Residence* ❖ June R. Cooper, *Theologian in the City*
David Story, *Wedding Minister* ❖ Ken Orth, *Healing Worship Minister*
Rachel Barton, *Nancy S. Taylor Fellow and Youth & Young Adult Leader*
Madison Chau, *Seminary Fellow*

James W. Crawford, *Senior Minister Emeritus* ❖ Nancy S. Taylor, *Senior Minister Emeritus*

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

Kate Nintcheu, *Director, Children & Family Ministries*
Summer Marsh, *Director, Old South Preschool*
Aislin Kate Anderson, *Children's Choir Director*

Amelia Gerrard, *Church Administrator* ❖ John Braught, *Director of Operations*
Rémy Hatfield-Gardner, *Administrative Assistant* ❖ Kathleen Steen, *Staff Accountant*
Emily Ross, *Archivist* ❖ Karen Hand, *Wedding Coordinator*

Jamie Garuti, *Multimedia Director*
William Wei, *Livestream Production Assistants* ❖ Ava Welling, *Sound Technician*

Elias Perez, *Senior Sexton* ❖ Ozo Nwodo, Richard Serebour, and David Brode, *Sextons*

Corey Spence, *Weekday Receptionist*
Shirley Bivins, Shelia Randolph, and George Sargeant, *Evening & Weekend Receptionists*

Phil Stern, *Moderator* ❖ Rob Gabler, *Clerk* ❖ Bill Bulkeley, *Treasurer*
Debby Kuenstner, *Chair, Board of Trustees* ❖ Kate Silfen, *Historian*
Christine Del Favero and Tony Rich, *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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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ORGANIST DR. CHARLES SPANNER IN RECITAL



Saturday, October 21st at 1pm, in the Sanctuary, Free Admission
During his last trip to Boston in the Fall of 2019, Dr. Charles Spanner joined us as a walk-on member of the Festival Choir. This year, he returns to Old South to give a free recital on the E. M. Skinner pipe organ in the Sanctuary. Come for an accessible program of favorites sure to appeal to all! This concert is a wonderful opportunity to hear the organ in a concert setting following substantial renovations to the instrument throughout the past year.

CHILDREN'S SABBATH

Sunday, October 22nd, at First and Festival Worship

Children's Sabbath celebrates the spiritual leadership of our kids, emphasizing their role in guiding us in meaningful ways today, not just in the future. On this special day, the children of Old South provide hospitality as ushers, as well as lead us through worship in song and word.

MARY NORTON SOCIETY LUNCHEON

Sunday, October 29th at 12:15pm, 2nd floor Mary Norton Hall

RSVP at tinyurl.com/Oct29MaryNorton

Everyone is invited to lunch and a not-to-be-missed program about the history of Old South Church. Capacity is limited.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMON CATHEDRAL LUNCH

*Sunday, November 12th, 8:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m.,
stay as long as you can!*

Contact carolyneclark@comcast.net with your
commitment or for more info

The Christian Service & Outreach Committee is assembling volunteers to help prepare lunches in the Old South Church kitchen and serve them to the common cathedral homeless congregation on the Boston Common. The prep work for making 120+ sandwich lunches will begin at 8:30 a.m., transported to the Boston Common by 12:00 noon, and served to guests at 12:30 p.m. The Common Cathedral service begins at 1:00 p.m. and lasts until around 2:30 p.m. See commoncathedral.org for more information about the work of this organization that is one of Old South's annual grantees.



THE COMMUNITY HOUR FORUM

Sundays, 10 a.m. in 2nd floor Mary Norton Hall, tinyurl.com/OSC23-24Forum to Zoom

This casual, no-commitment, come-when-you-can forum hosts series on a variety of topics. Clergy, congregation members, and special guests share in leading sessions.

October 15th - Service and Social Justice Activity Fair

Want to learn more about how Old South is working for justice and positive change in our community and the wider world? Ready to roll up your sleeves and join a service project? Want to learn more about the organizations we support with grant funding? This is the Forum for you!

October 22nd -The Language of Worship:

Approaches to Text Adaptation at Old South with Mitchell Crawford

As our theology has widened to embrace an ever expanding view of God and humankind, traditional texts can sometimes feel constraining or even exclusionary. In this forum, we'll explore rationales for text adaptation, review the rubrics which have helped codify our local practice here at Old South, and examine a few representative adaptations employed in worship over the past few years.

USHERING AT OLD SOUTH

Questions? Email hospitality@oldsouth.org for more info

Looking to meet more people at Old South? Wondering how you can contribute to our wide open door? Think about serving as an usher! This is an easy way to get more involved at Old South. Everyone is welcome, and all you have to be is friendly and willing to help. Interested, or even just a little curious? Join us at one or more of the following sessions to learn about ushering at the indicated service:

9am Service - October 29th after service
11am Service - November 12th at 12:30pm
Jazz Service - October 19th after service

Potential, new, and returning ushers are encouraged to attend- we could all use a refresher, and it will be wonderful to get to know each other!

GET TO KNOW OUR NEW SENIOR MINISTER

Try John's Favorite Cookies from around Boston:

Select Sundays at 10 a.m. in the Senior Minister's Office:

Sunday, October 22nd: Black & White Cookies

Sunday, October 29th: Chocolate Chip

Sunday, November 5th: Snicker Doodles



Neighborhood Pizza Parties to Get to Know Rev. Edgerton

Select Sunday evenings from 6:30-8:30 p.m., next gathering October 22nd in Brighton

The "Welcome John Edgerton Task Force" is holding a collection of opportunities for smaller group conversation and relationship building with our new Senior Minister. One of those opportunities is a series of neighborhood pizza parties, hosted by members in their homes. Each gathering is limited to ten adults, with children welcome where hosts can accommodate them. The next gathering is on October 22nd in Brighton - go to tinyurl.com/pizzawithJohn to RSVP for all the meals, and stay tuned for more gatherings coming soon! Interested in hosting one of the pizza parties? Email Maren at mbatalden@gmail.com.

MUSIC AT OLD SOUTH

Visit oldsouth.org/music to learn more.

Old South is home to a vibrant array of vocal, choral, and instrumental ensembles, and no matter your age or ability, there is a place for you in our music ministry.

First Singers — Meet on Sundays at 8:30 a.m. to learn an anthem for First Worship.

Festival Choir — rehearse Thursdays at 7 p.m. and Sundays at 10 a.m.

Children's Choir — rehearse Sundays at 9 a.m.

Old South Ringers — rehearse Tuesdays at 6 p.m.

Gospel Choir — rehearse once monthly; visit oldsouth.org/music to see the full schedule.

GREEN TIP: Sustainable Halloween Costumes

Get creative with items you already have. Start a costume exchange with friends. Make your own facepaint or get crafty with accessories. There are so many ways to pull together a fun and eco-friendly costume.

VESPERS HEALING WORSHIP

Sunday, June 11th, 5 p.m. on Zoom, go to tinyurl.com/OSCHealing to join

Please join us to take a moment for rest and renewal in the presence of God and other spiritual companions gathering by Zoom. All are welcome to share this quiet space and lift up our concerns, our losses, our hurts, and our celebrations in the Healing Presence of God and one another.

JAZZ WORSHIP

Thursdays, 6 p.m., in the Gordon Chapel or at oldsouth.org/jazz

Join us on in Gordon Chapel on Thursday evening for Jazz Worship! You don't have to be a jazz aficionado to feel at home - just someone who wants to immerse yourself in soulful music, inspiring words, and creative liturgy. It's intimate and it's welcoming. We start preludes shortly before 6 p.m.

WEEKLY WORSHIP

**Join us in person, on Vimeo,
Facebook, and YouTube**

First Worship Sundays at 9 a.m. with communion

Festival Worship Sundays at 11 a.m.

Jazz Worship Thursdays at 6 p.m. with communion

Vespers Healing Worship 2nd Sundays at 5 p.m.



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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.

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