



Old South Church

Copley Square, Boston

*A Congregation of the
United Church of Christ*

Gathered 1669

October 22nd, 2023

Children's Sabbath

*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

This Little Light of Mine

Calvin Taylor, *arr.*

*HYMN 305

You Servants of God, Your Sovereign Proclaim

HANOVER

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Cora S.

One: God said, "Let there be light."

Many: And there was light.

One: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world."

Many: And the light shone in the darkness.

One: Jesus said, "You are the light of the world."

Many: And the light shall not be quenched.

** 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,
slowing
in the name of love, in the name of love.

Text and Music: Michael Burkhardt, 2021

WELCOME

Garrett G.

ANTHEM

This Little Light of Mine

Trad. Spiritual

Old South Children's Choir, Aislin Kate Anderson, *director*
Old South Gospel Choir, Tim Harbold, *director*

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine...
...Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

All in my house, I'm gonna let it shine...

All on my way, I'm gonna let it shine...

Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine...

Shine, shine, shine. I'm gonna let it shine...

LISTEN

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 5: 14-16

Sage H.

*HYMN 181

You Are Salt for the Earth, O People

BRING FORTH

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

SERMON

Let Your Light Shine

Declan G.

*HYMN 389

Un mandamiento nuevo

LOPERENA

*The choir will introduce the refrain; you are invited to join them (as directed) on the repeat.
This morning, we sing the Refrain (Estríbillo) in Spanish, and the Verses in English.*

RESPOND

*CALL TO PRAYER

Alessia K.

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 *adapted*

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

Order My Steps

Glenn Burleigh

COMBINED GOSPEL AND FESTIVAL CHOIRS

Tim Harbold, *director*

Order my steps in your word, dear Lord. Lead me, guide me, every day.
Send your anointing spirit, I pray. Order my steps in your word.

Humbly I ask you, teach me your will. While you are working, help me be still.
Though Satan is busy, God is real! Order my steps in your word.

Bridle my tongue, let my words edify,
let the words of my mouth be acceptable in thy sight.
Take charge of my thoughts, both day and night. Order my steps in your word.

I want to walk worthy, my calling to fulfill.
Please order my steps, Lord, and I'll do your blessed will.
The world is ever changing, but you are still the same.
If you order my steps, I'll praise your name.

Order my steps in your word. Order my tongue in your word.
Guide my feet in your word. Wash my heart in your word.
Show me how to walk in your word. Show me how to talk in your word.
When I need a brand new song to sing,
Show me how to let your praises ring in your word!
Please order my steps in your word.

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Take Me to the Water

Rollo Dilworth

*Take me to the water, take me to the sea.
Take me to the river so that my spirit can be free.
Gonna lay my burdens down, down by the riverside.
Gonna wade in the water, the water that flows both deep and wide.
Oh, take me, take me, take me to the water.*

Gonna lay down my burden, down by the riverside...
...Oh, take me, take me, take me to the water.

Gonna lay down my sword and shield, down by the riverside...
...Oh, take me, take me, take me to the water.

Wade in the water, wade in the water, children.
Wade in the water, God's a-gonna trouble the water.

Oh, oh, oh!

(entering sequentially, overlapping:)

[1] Take me to the water! Take me to the sea!
Take me to the water! Set my spirit free!

[2] Wade! Wade in the water, children and set my spirit free!

[3] Down by the riverside, down by the riverside...
I'll set my spirit free!

Oh! Take me, take me, take me to the water.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN 76

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

THE ASH GROVE

*BIDDING TO MISSION AND BLESSING

Declan G.

POSTLUDE

O Worship the King

Gilbert M. Martin



Thanks to today's instrumentalists:

Roberto Alaniz, *bass*
Aaron Trant, *percussion*

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

The flowers today are given
in loving memory of my sister Wink
by Martha Coleman.

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



NOTES ON TODAY'S MUSIC

Dr. Calvin Taylor is a well-known contemporary African-American organist, pianist, and composer. He travels and concertizes widely in order to share his music with as many people as possible. Among his organ works are two collections of five settings of spirituals. Both were commissioned by and are dedicated to Marilyn Mason, who was Dr. Taylor's teacher while he pursued graduate studies at the University of Michigan. They are a unique synthesis of the baroque-style chorale prelude with the harmonic languages of jazz and gospel music. "This Little Light of Mine" is a sparkling, delightful piece that features the organ's zimbelstern, a set of rotating bells.

—George Sargeant, *Associate Organist and Choirmaster*

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*

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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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



ORGANIST DR. CHARLES SPANNER IN RECITAL

Saturday, October 21st at 1 p.m. 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 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.

October 29th - Fat Church: Claiming a Gospel of Fat Liberation

We will be joined by Pastor and theological educator Anastasia E. B. Kidd who will discuss her new book. Whether your body is small or large, aged or young, disabled or abled, toned or soft, lithe or stiff--or somewhere in-between--anti-fatness affects us all, because it is intended to. Fat Church critiques anti-fat prejudice and the Church's historic participation in it, calling for a fatphobic reckoning for the sake of God's gospel of freedom. Copies of the book are available to borrow from the Crawford Library.

JAZZ DREAMING TEAM SEEKS YOUR PERSPECTIVE

As we gather to reflect and re-envision Jazz Worship, we need your ideas and perspectives. The team will be hosting several conversations to share our work and to hear from you. If you cannot attend a conversation, please submit your thoughts to tinyurl.com/JazzPerspectives. Our initial gatherings will be:

- This Sunday, October 15th after Festival Worship in the Crawford Library
- Thursday, October 26th after Jazz in the Crawford Library
- Sunday, November 12th at 10 a.m., location TBD
- Thursday, November 9th after Jazz in the Crawford Library

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.

GREEN TIP: Green Your Halloween Candy

What's really going into the chocolate we buy? Some chocolate companies are rising to the challenge of making cocoa sustainable, but others continue to ignore consumer demand for chocolate that's free of deforestation, farmer poverty, and child labor. Green America's Chocolate Scorecard can help you make an informed (and delicious) decision. greenamerica.org/chocolate-scorecard

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: 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!

9am Service - October 29th after service

11am Service - November 12th at 12:30pm

Jazz Service - October 19th after service

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.

VESPERS HEALING WORSHIP

Sunday, November 12th, 5 p.m. on Zoom, go to tinyurl.com/OSHealing 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.

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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