



Old South Cupola, photo by Kutnar

All Church Worship — Old South Church *in* Boston

October 24th, 2021 ❖ 10:00 a.m.

Twenty-Second 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

Adagio in E Major

Frank Bridge

CHORAL PROCESSION

During this time of pandemic, the choir processes silently.

HYMN 17

To You, O God, All Creatures Sing

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Please rise as the organ begins the introduction to the hymn.

Unison

1 To you, O God, all crea-tures sing, and all cre - a - tion, ev - ery-
2 Your wind that blows the tem-pest by, your clouds that sail a-cross the
3 Your flow-ing wa - ters, crys - tal clear, make mel - o - dies for you to
4 To you, O God, day af - ter day, your plan - et earth in ev - ery

(Harmony) *(Unison)*

thing sings your prais-es, al-le - lu - ia! Your burn-ing sun with gold-en
sky sing your prais-es, al-le - lu - ia! Your morn-ing ris - es with a
hear, sing your prais-es, al-le - lu - ia! Your fire, . . . boun-ti - ful and
way, sings your prais-es, al-le - lu - ia, As sa - vory fruit and fra-grant

(Harmony)

beam, your sil - ver moon with soft - er gleam sing your prais-es,
song, and lights of eve - ning sing a - long, sing your prais-es, al-le -
bright, re - mem - bering your warmth and light, sings your prais-es,
flower show forth your glo - ry and your power, sing - ing prais-es,

(Unison)

lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Now we who are of tender heart,
forgiving others, take our part,
Singing your praises, alleluia!
To you we lift pain and care,
Receive the burdens that we bear
Singing praises, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

In you, a kind and gentle death
prepares to hush our final breath,
singing praises, alleluia!
Christ goes before us to renew
the way that leads us home to you.
Hear our praises, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Katherine A. Schofield

One: Let the heavens be glad and let the earth rejoice!

Many: From everlasting to everlasting, God reigns.

One: God has established the world, and God's realm will never be shaken!

Many: From everlasting to everlasting, God reigns.

One: God has been our dwelling place throughout all generations

Many: From everlasting to everlasting, God reigns.

One: Here and now, in the splendor and mystery of worship,
God welcomes us home.

Many: From everlasting to everlasting, God reigns.

—based on Psalm 90

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

RESPONSE

Gathered in God's Name

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, *slowing* in the name of love.

WELCOME

CHILDRENS' MESSAGE

Jessica Young Chang

ATTEND

SCRIPTURE

Luke 11:1-4, 9-10

Karen Hand

Congregational Care and Support Committee, Chair

SERMON

God on Mute

Shawn M. Fiedler

HYMN 514

Over My Head

African American Trad.

1 O-ver my head I hear mu-sic in the air.
2 O-ver my head I hear sing-ing in the air.
3 O-ver my head I see trou-ble in the air.
4 O-ver my head I see Je-sus in the air.

O-ver my head I hear mu-sic in the air.
O-ver my head I hear sing-ing in the air.
O-ver my head I see trou-ble in the air.
O-ver my head I see Je-sus in the air.

O-ver my head I hear mu-sic in the air,
O-ver my head I hear sing-ing in the air,
O-ver my head I see trou-ble in the air,
O-ver my head I see Je-sus in the air,

there must be a God some - where.

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.

PASTORAL PRAYER

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

Great Is Your Mercy

Donnie McClurkin

OLD SOUTH GOSPEL CHOIR

Tim Harbold, *director*

Jordan Pettis, Herbert Jones, and Sayida Rivers, *soloists*

Great is Your mercy towards me, your loving kindness towards me.

Your tender mercies I see day after day.

Forever faithful towards me, you're always providing for me.

Great is Your mercy towards me. Great is Your grace.

RESPOND

CALL TO THE OFFERING

Jessica Young Chang



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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

Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior

Mary McDonald, arr.

*Savior, Savior, hear my humble cry;
while on others Thou art calling, do not pass me by.*

Pass me not, O gentle Savior,
hear my humble cry;
while on others Thou art calling,
O Lord, do not pass me by.

Trusting only in Thy mercy,
would I seek Thy face;
heal my wounded, broken spirit,
save me by Thy grace.

**Praise God, whose many names abound.
Our Judge, our Rock, our Holy Ground.
Our Home, our All, earth's Majesty.
Love, Spirit, Light and Mystery.**

—Nancy S. Taylor

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN 403

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

SOLID ROCK

1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je - sus' love and
 2 When shad - ows veil my Sav - ior's face, I rest up - on un -
 3 Christ's oath and cov - e - nant and blood sup - port me in the
 4 When Christ shall come with trum - pet sound, oh, may I then in

righ - teous - ness; I dare not trust this earth - ly frame, but
 chang - ing grace; In ev - ery high and storm - y gale, my
 ris - ing flood; When all a - round my soul gives way, Christ
 Love be found, Dressed in God's righ - teous - ness a - lone, fault -

Refrain
 whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 an - chor holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the sol - id Rock, I stand;
 then is all my hope and stay.
 less to stand be - fore the throne.

all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

BIDDING TO MISSION AND BENEDICTION

Shawn M. Fiedler

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune in D

David N. Johnson



The flowers today are donated
by Old South Church
in loving memory of Harry L. Huff.



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



NOTES ON TODAY'S MUSIC

Frank Bridge was a British composer, conductor, and violist of the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. He studied at the Royal Conservatory of Music with Charles Villiers Stanford. Early in his career he focused on performance, later, under the patronage of Elizabeth Sprague Coolidge he devoted himself primarily to composition. He held strong pacifist views and was deeply disturbed by World War I. It is likely that his convictions shaped those of his pupil Benjamin Britten. His compositions that predated the war, of which the *Adagio in E Major* is an example, are in a late Romantic/early Impressionist style. Afterwards, he began to experiment with pushing the boundaries of tonality, though he did not go as far as Arnold Schönberg or Alban Berg.

David N. Johnson was an American organist and composer who taught at St. Olaf College in Minnesota, Syracuse University, and Arizona State University. His *Trumpet Tune in D* is often heard at weddings and comes from an anthology of ceremonial music patterned after the voluntaries of English Baroque composers such as Henry Purcell, Jeremiah Clarke, and John Stanley. The collection also draws inspiration from the key arrangement of J.S. Bach's two and three-part inventions. Each calls for the prominent use of a loud solo trumpet stop, of which Old South's E.M. Skinner organ has an abundance.

—George Sargeant, *Associate Organist and Choirmaster*



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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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

OLD SOUTH CHURCH *in* BOSTON Week of October 24th, 2021

BIBLE STUDY

Sundays at 9:00 a.m., Sam Johnson Room on the 4th 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 Jessica Young Chang at jess@oldsouth.org

COMMUNITY HOUR FORUM

Sundays, October 17th-November 7th, 11:00 a.m., 2nd floor Mary Norton Hall and on Vimeo

Fall Book Study: Practicing mindfulness can help Christians better live out their faith. We invite you to prepare for upcoming sessions by reading "**Mindfulness and Christian Spirituality: Making Space for God**" by Tim Stead. Stead explains what mindfulness is and what is beneficial about it. He also reflects on how it can impact what and how we believe, and seeks to find how mindfulness enables our Christian faith to work for us. Discussions will be led by members of the Wednesday Young Adult Book Group. Join us whether you read the book or not! Sundays Oct 17th, 24th, 31st, and Nov 7th.

- Oct 24th: From Believing to Knowing Chapters 4-5
- October 31st - From Doing to Being (Part 1), Chapters 7-11
- November 7th - From Doing to Being, (Part 2) Chapters 12-15

YOUNG ADULTS VIRTUAL HAPPY HOUR

Monday, October 25th at 6:30 p.m., on Zoom

Virtual Happy Hour is back! Hop onto Zoom from near or far for fellowship time with the community. Email Martha Schick at martha@oldsouth.org for the Zoom link.

GBIO MAYORAL FORUM

Wednesday, October 27th, 7-8:30 p.m., Register at <https://tinyurl.com/mdas7xss>

GBIO will host a Mayoral Forum with Michelle Wu and Annissa Essaibi George. We invite you to join this important event as we hold our elected officials accountable, and ensure our voices are heard in City Hall. We hope to see many Old Southerners at this important gathering!



SCARED FOR GOOD!

Sunday, October 31st, 6:00 p.m., in the Sanctuary

Join us on Halloween — Sunday, October 31st — for the return of **Scared for Good!** Old South Organists MITCHELL-FIRE Crawford and GORE-ge Sargeant will play your favorite creepy organ music, and we've heard rumors the Phantom of the Opera may be on hand to set your ears ablaze with demonic song! At the conclusion of the concert, an offering will be collected to support Young Organist Initiatives through the Boston Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, in memory of our beloved Horrific Harry Huff.

A SAFE SPACE FOR ALL COLORS

Meets 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, via Zoom, next Meeting November 3rd

If you identify as a person of color we invite you to a time of connecting, a moment of breath, a reprieve. We are open to all ages. For more information and the Zoom link contact Amo Ngoepe at amo@oldsouth.org

LGBTQIA+ AND FRIENDS: MEET AND GREET

Sunday, November 7th following All Church Worship, Guild Room, 4th Floor

Old South Church in Boston has been a welcome and inclusive Christian community for decades. In 1988, the group 'Lesbians, Gays, and Friends' was formed for lesbian and gay folk (and their allies) to celebrate one another and work to further the cause of inclusivity. Over the years, the group has expanded its understanding of inclusion and is now LGBTQIA+ and Friends. Join us on November 7th following worship for a casual meet and greet with other LGBTQIA+ members and friends. Together, we will celebrate the presence of one another and dream up future events. For more information, email Rev. Shawn Fiedler at shawn@oldsouth.org

COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

Wednesday, November 10th, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., 2nd floor Mary Norton Hall

"The Red Cross is currently experiencing a severe blood shortage," said Chris Hrouda, president of Red Cross Biomedical Services. Want to help out? Donate blood to help end the critical shortage status with the Red Cross. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/OSCBloodDrive> or call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) to schedule an appointment.

GREEN TIP: REDUCE JUNK MAIL

Save paper and reduce waste by limiting the amount of mail you receive. You can opt out of catalogs using Catalog Choice catalogchoice.org. Switch to e-statements rather than paper statements for bills/banking. You can also opt-out of credit card and insurance offers by completing a simple form at www.optoutprescreen.com

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

SMALL GROUP SIGN UPS

Do you seek to deepen your experience of community at Old South Church, cultivate spiritual friendships, and grow in your faith? We are currently forming groups for the fall season (Sept through Dec). Some groups are meeting online while others meet in person (or a mix of both). Fill out a form at <https://www.oldsouth.org/seasonal-small-groups>. For more information, email Rev. Katherine Schofield at katherine@oldsouth.org

PLANNED GIVING

Have you named Old South Church in your planned giving? If so, you are a member of the Mary Norton Society and are invited to our annual Mary Norton Society event! Please contact Helen@oldsouth.org

MUSIC AT OLD SOUTH

We encourage you to join us if and when you feel comfortable. Safety mitigations like those we are taking — shorter sessions in large rooms, masks, vaccines, and distancing — have proven highly effective at reducing COVID transmission risks in a variety of settings. Participants in Old South's music ensembles must be vaccinated, mask inside the building, and socially distance.

FESTIVAL CHOIR *Rehearses Thursdays, 6:30 p.m. and Sundays, 9:00 a.m.*

For those able to attend regular rehearsals, Festival Choir offers opportunities to explore and perform a dazzling array of choral literature at a high level. A dedicated group of volunteer singers supported by Old South's professional Choral Fellows, we present music each week during Sunday Worship from September through June. For more information contact Mitchell Crawford at mitchell@oldsouth.org

THE OLD SOUTH CHURCH GOSPEL CHOIR *Rehearses once monthly—see below*

Gospel Choir provides a joyful ministry, singing once per month at Old South's Thursday night Jazz Worship, along with occasional appearances during Sunday Worship. Please join us! All are welcome! For our complete rehearsal schedule, contact Gospel Choir director Tim Harbold at tim@oldsouth.org

OLD SOUTH RINGERS *Rehearses Tuesdays, 6:00 p.m.*

Under the direction of Peter Coulombe and utilizing Old South's substantial collection of handbells and chimes, they perform once a month from Sept through June, as well as for special events. All skill levels welcome! For more information contact Peter Coulombe at handbells@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 12:30p.m. via Zoom
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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.
