

Old South Church Celebrates
Black History Month



ROOTS OF BLACK MUSIC IN AMERICA

All-Church Worship Old South Church *in Boston*

February 6th, 2022 ❖ 10:00 a.m.

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany BLACK HISTORY MONTH

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. We appreciate your patience during this challenging period.

PRELUDE

I Want Jesus to Walk With Me

Calvin Taylor

*HYMN

It's the Old Ship of Zion

(vv. 1 and 5 only)

The musical score is written in 2/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The first system is labeled 'Refrain' and contains the lyrics 'It's the old ship of Zi-on, it's the old ship of Zi-on,'. The second system is labeled 'Last time, end' and contains the lyrics 'It's the old ship of Zi-on, get on board, get on board.'. The third system is labeled 'Leader' and 'All' and contains two verses: '1 It has land-ed man-y a thou-sand, it has land-ed man-y a thou-sand.' and '2 It will bring us home to glo-ry; it will bring us home to glo-ry.'. The fourth system is labeled 'to Refrain' and contains the lyrics 'It has land-ed man-y a thou-sand, get on board, get on board.' and 'It will bring us home to glo-ry, get on board, get on board.'.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Katherine A Schofield

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

RESPONSE

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

Doris Akers

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;
There are sweet expressions on each face,
and I know they feel the presence of the Lord
Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove,
stay right here with us, filling us with your love;
and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise.
Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived
when we shall leave this place.

This is one of the most popular gospel songs from the corpus of African-American songwriters who emerged during the golden age of gospel (1930-1969). Although this era was dominated by Baptists, Doris Akers had Methodist roots.

WELCOME

INVOCATION

A MOMENT IN BLACK HISTORY: Spirituals

Jessica Young-Chang & Doug Rich

*Collaboration between (G)RACE Speaks,
The Old South Music Ministry, and Children & Family Ministries*

ATTEND

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 137:1-4

Deb Washington

SERMON

Sorrow Songs

Nancy S. Taylor

CALL TO PRAYER

June R. Cooper

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

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

Deep River
Paul Soper, *baritone*

Harry T. Burleigh, *arr.*

Deep river, my home is over Jordan.
Deep river, Lord, I want to cross over into campground.

Oh, don't you want to go, to the Gospel feast;
that Promised Land, where all is peace?

Oh, deep river, Lord, I want to cross over into campground.

RESPOND

CALL TO THE OFFERING

Howard Cha-Young Kim



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

In Christ There Is No East or West

(vv. 1, 2, and 4 only)

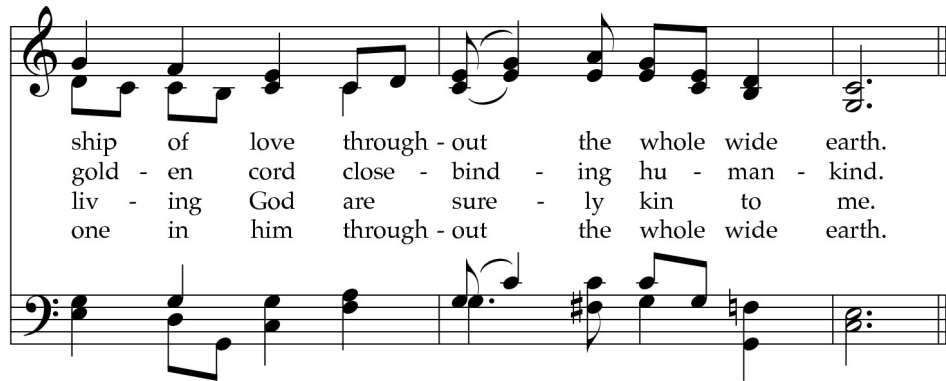
The Composer of this hymn tune, Harry T. Burleigh,
likewise arranged the solo spiritual arrangements performed this morning by Mr. Soper.



1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no
2 In Christ shall true hearts ev - ery - where their high com -
3 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what - e'er your
4 In Christ now meet both east and west; in him meet



south or north, but one great fel - low -
mu - nion find; his ser - vice is the
race may be. All chil - dren of the
south and north. All Christ - ly souls are



ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.
gold - en cord close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.
liv - ing God are sure - ly kin to me.
one in him through - out the whole wide earth.

*BIDDING TO MISSION AND BENEDICTION

Nancy S. Taylor

POSTLUDE

Deep River from *Four Spiritual Preludes*

David Hurd



The flowers today are given by Deb Washington
in celebration of our black ancestors

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



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. Of them, Dr Taylor writes, "While the spirituals are well known as a vocal medium and were popularized as such around the world, their inherent melodic beauty transfers naturally to the King of Instruments."

I Want Jesus to Walk With Me is found in the second collection. It begins with the melody accompanied by a "walking" bass line reminiscent of the pizzicato sound of the double bass or bass guitar. The texture then becomes denser as the volume builds with each phrase. Following the climax, the original material returns with the melody transferred to the highest octave, perhaps suggesting the ascent of the soul to Heaven.

—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

CELEBRATING THE ROOTS OF BLACK MUSIC IN AMERICA

This February, Old South Church is celebrating Black History Month by exploring the roots of Black music in America. Each week our worship and programming will pay homage to a genre of music that grew out of the experiences of African-Americans. Go to oldsouth.org/black-history-month for more information and links to dig deeper into this month's topics.

THIS WEEK: SPIRITUALS

Spirituals form the foundation of all the musical genres we will explore this month. We'll be featuring musicians Mahalia Jackson and Harry T. Burleigh.

SUNDAY COMMUNITY HOUR FORUMS

*Following All-Church Worship, 2nd floor Mary Norton Hall,
And on Zoom at tinyurl.com/OSCForum*

- **2/6 "Say Amen, Somebody"**: a discussion of the 1982 documentary film directed by George Nierenberg about the history and significance of gospel music as told through the lives and trials of its singers. To view the documentary for free click over to tinyurl.com/SayAmenOSC and use the password: Boston
- **2/13 "Marian Anderson: The Whole World in Her Hands"**: This documentary explores the life and legacy of the famous singer who became an icon for the civil rights movement. Available on Amazon Prime and PBS Passport.
- **2/20 "Respect"**: a conversation about the film that follows the rise of Aretha Franklin's career from a child singing in her father's church's choir to her international superstardom. Available on Amazon Prime.

CONNECTIONS Two Opportunities!

*Saturday, February 12th, at 10 a.m. in Rev. Taylors office
or Sunday, February 13th, following Worship in the 4th Floor Guild Room
or via zoom at tinyurl.com/ConnectionsFeb2022*

To be a member of Old South Church is to enter the company of Revolutionary Era heroes, abolitionists, suffragettes, anti-poverty crusaders, and poets. Our saints include Benjamin Franklin, Samuel Adams, Phillis Wheatley... and maybe you! Want to learn more about the life of this community of faith? Join our Connections Info Session! For more info contact Rev. Katherine Schofield at katherine@oldsouth.org

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 jessica young chang at jess@oldsouth.org.

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.

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 jessica young chang at jess@oldsouth.org.

GREEN TIP: MOMENTS OF HOPE FROM 2021

KEYSTONE PIPELINE PERMITS REVOKED

In January 2021, the Biden administration revoked the Keystone XL's pipeline permits, saying that its continued construction was in conflict with the administration's economic and climate initiatives. The pipeline was first proposed in 2018 and was planned to carry 800,000 barrels of oil daily from Alberta to the Texas Gulf Coast, threatening wildlife, communities, and the planet with possible spills and fossil fuel emissions along the way. This win is part of greater Indigenous resistance efforts for climate justice.

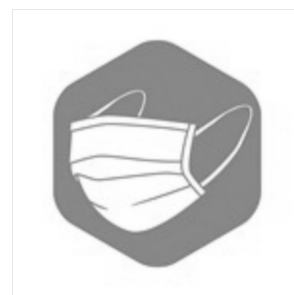
PLANNED GIVING: THE MARY NORTON SOCIETY

Is one of your New Year's resolutions to make (or update) your will or other planning documents? Whenever you sign a new Will or trust, please consider making a bequest to help Old South maintain its building, staff, and programs after you are no longer with us. As with weekly or annual giving, no amount is too small, or too small to have an impact. What's right is the amount that makes you feel good about your gift. Questions? Email Helen McCrady at helen@oldsouth.org.

COVID PRECAUTIONS

As we are all aware, COVID has not gone away.

- We 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 have suspended ensemble singing and congregational singing through mid-February.



JAZZ WORSHIP – *Thursdays at 6 p.m.*

We 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 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 remain remote for the month of February. 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

sign up now to get a date that is meaningful to you,

Only 7 Sundays still available, including Sunday February 20th

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.

YOUR PLEDGE STILL NEEDED!

We ask you to consider what you can pledge of your financial resources to fuel our 2022 ministries of Mercy, Justice & Beauty. Following the journey of the Magi, we each take our turn, bearing our own gifts for the Christ child as we, too, STEP INTO GOD'S FUTURE. Go to oldsouth.org/donate to make your pledge today!

LGBTQIA+ YOUNG ADULT VALENTINE'S BASH

Friday, February 11th at 8 p.m., email martha@oldsouth.org for Zoom link

Do you love Valentine's Day? Loathe it? Only enjoy it for the half-priced candy the next day? Come and make your thoughts known! Wear red or pink (or black, if the mood strikes!), and bring a song, poem, short story, anything in the 1-5 minute range to share and express what you're feeling this holiday. It can be funny, romantic, heart-wrenching, or anything else that represents YOU! If you'd like a care package ahead of time, RSVP to Martha Schick at martha@oldsouth.org by Sunday, February 6th with your address and any allergies/dietary restrictions. Newcomers welcome!

JOIN OLD SOUTH'S WINTER WALK 2022 TEAM

Sunday, February 13th, 9:00 a.m., Copley Square

Old South will have a team at this year's Winter Walk. The walk takes place on Sunday, Feb. 13, 2022 beginning at 9:00 in Copley Square. The goal of the walk is to raise awareness of the needs of our friends and neighbors who struggle with homeless issues. Go to tinyurl.com/Winterwalk2022 and click on the fund raiser box (the first one) and click on register for a team. We are the *Old South Church- Boston* team. To make a donation go to tinyurl.com/Winterwalk2022Donate and change the recipient to our team name. For more information email Ralph Watson at ralphwatson258@gmail.com.

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.
