



Scaffolding work continues on Old South's Tower. Photo by Nancy S. Taylor

All-Church Worship — Old South Church *in Boston*

August 29th, 2021 ❖ 10:00 a.m.

Fourteenth 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

Three Gospel Preludes
Amazing Grace · Blessed Assurance · In the Garden

Gerald Near

WELCOME

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Katherine A. Schofield

Welcome to worship!

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1 O Je-sus Christ, may grate-ful hymns be ris - ing, in ev - ery
 2 Grant us new cour - age, nev - er proud, but hum - ble, strong in your
 3 Show us your Spir - it, brood-ing o'er each cit - y, as you once



cit - y for your love and care; In - spire our wor - ship, grant the
 strength to ven-ture and to dare; To lift the fall - en, guide the
 wept a-bove Je - ru - sa - lem, Seek-ing to gath - er all in



glad sur - pris - ing that your blessed Spir - it rous - es ev - ery - where.
 ones whostum - ble, seek out the lone - ly and God's mer - cy share.
 love and pit - y, and heal - ing those who touch your gar - ment's hem.

*INVOCATION

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Shawn M. Fiedler

ATTEND

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 63:1-8

Brad Swing

REFLECTION

The Best Invitation of All

June R. Cooper

*HYMN

God Is My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

BROTHER JAMES' AIR



1 God is my shep-herd, I'll not want, I feed in pas-tures green.
 2 Re - stored to life each morn-ing new, I rise up from the dust
 3 When I must pass through shad-owed vale, where loss and death a - wait,
 4 No en - e - my can o - ver - come, no power on earth de - feat
 5 Good-ness and mer - cy all my days will sure - ly fol - low me;



* Indicates all who are able may stand

God grants me rest and bids me drink from wa - ters calm and clean.
 to fol - low God whose pres - ence gives me con - fi - dence and trust.
 I will not fear for God is there, my shep - herd strong and great,
 the ones a - noint - ed by God's grace and fed with man - na sweet,
 and where God reigns in heaven and earth, my dwell - ing place will be.

Through dai - ly tasks, I'm blessed and led by One I have not seen.
 I praise the name of God to - day; in God I put my trust.
 Whose rod and staff will com - fort me and all my fears a - bate.
 My cup is filled and o - ver - flows as I my Sav - ior greet.
 My shep - herd bless - es, cares, and leads through all e - ter - ni - ty.

PASTORAL PRAYER

Thomas A. Mitchell

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

Come, O Fount of Every Blessing

RESPOND

CALL TO THE OFFERING

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Nancy S. Taylor

OFFERTORY

Can't Give Up Now
 Jordan Pettis, soloist
 with Sayida Rivers Farmer and THE OLD SOUTH CHURCH GOSPEL CHOIR
 Tim Harbold, *director*

Curtis Burrell

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Refrain

Ev - ery time I feel the Spir - it mov - ing in my heart I will
 pray. Yes, ev - ery time I feel the Spir - it mov - ing

Last time, end

in my heart I will pray. 1 Up - on the moun - tain my God
 chil - ly and
 2 Oh, Jor - dan riv - er, chil - ly and

spoke, out of God's mouth came fire and smoke. Looked all a -
 cold, it chills the bod - y, not the soul. There's on - ly

to Refrain

round me; looked so fine; I asked my God if all were mine.
 one train on this track; it runs to heav - en, then right back.

*BIDDING TO MISSION AND BENEDICTION

June R. Cooper

POSTLUDE

Herr Jesus Christ, Dich zu uns wend, BWV 632

J. S. Bach



In lieu of flowers gifts have been made to the
 Allston Brighton Food Pantry
 in remembrance of our ancestors
 By Jim O'Donnell.



A Note on Today's Music from
George Sargeant, *Associate Organist and Choirmaster:*

Gerald Near is one of the most prolific living composers of American sacred music, both organ and choral. His source material ranges from Gregorian chant to spirituals. The *Three Gospel Preludes* are short, simple settings of familiar 19th century hymn melodies with harmonies reminiscent of Near's teacher and mentor, Leo Sowerby.



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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