

Phillis  Wheatley
SUNDAY

May 8th at eleven o'clock in the morning
Two-thousand and twenty-two



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 Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us Diane Bish, *arr.*

*HYMN 11 **Bring Many Names** WESTCHASE

*CALL TO WORSHIP Nancy S. Taylor

(from P. Wheatley's poem, *On Imagination*)

One: *Imagination! who can sing thy force?*

All: Or who describe the swiftness of thy course?

One: Soaring through air to find the bright abode,

All: Th' imperial palace of the thund'ring God,

One: We on thy pinions can surpass the wind,

All: And leave the rolling universe behind:

One: From star to star the mental optics rove,

All: Measure the skies, and range the realms above.

One: There in one view we grasp the mighty whole,

All: Or with new worlds amaze th' unbounded soul.

* *Indicates all who are able may stand*

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

WELCOME

ANTHEM

Faith of Our Mothers

Sally Ann Morris

Faith of our mothers, living still,
through gifts derided, calls denied,
striving undaunted through the years,
till bolted doors have opened wide:
Faith of our mothers, firm and strong,
voices long silenced rise in song!

Faith of our sisters, serving still
With towel and basin, cup and bread
Tending earth's needs with patient care
'til hurts are healed and hungers fed.
Faith of our sisters' art and skill
Loving with heart and mind and will

Faith of our daughters, hoping still,
venturing pathways yet untrod,
partners in witness to the world,
seeking a living, moving God;
faith of our daughters, bold and true,
restless till Christ makes all things new.

Faith of our families, growing still
Varied in gender, class and race
Patchwork of patterns, shapes and hues
Vast as the mantle of God's grace
Faith of our families, growing faith
We honor you in life and death.

ATTEND

SCRIPTURE

2 Timothy 1:3-5

Lauren S.

I thank God, whom I serve, as my ancestors did, with a clear conscience. Night and day I remember you in my prayers. Recalling your tears, I long to see you, so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your deep faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois, and in your mother Eunice, and now lives in you also.

*HYMN 370

What Gift Can We Bring

ANNIVERSARY SONG

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

SERMON

The Faith of Our Mothers

Emmett G. Price III

Emmett G. Price III is the inaugural Dean of Africana Studies, Berklee School of Music. An internationally recognized expert on Black music and culture, Afro-diasporic sacred and secular expressions, and Christian worship, Price has decades of experience as a writer, lecturer, scholar, educator, and speaker.

*HYMN 376

God, We Thank You for Our People

HOLY MANNA

RESPOND

*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. *(please be seated)*

PASTORAL PRAYER

CALL TO THE OFFERING

jessica young chang



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scan the QR code with your smartphone camera.
You can also Text 44-321 and enter OSC to make a gift.*

OFFERTORY

I Hear America Singing

André J. Thomas

I hear America singing of its greatness.
I hear America singing strong.
I hear America singing of its beauty.
I hear America singing today.

Oh, walk together children — don't you get weary.
Talk together children — don't you get weary.
There's a great camp meeting in the Promised Land.

Sing together children — don't you get weary.
Shout together children — don't you get weary.
There's a great camp meeting in the Promised Land.

We're going to sing of truth and love.
Walk together hand in hand together in peace.
We're going to sing, and never tire.

There's a great camp meeting (America singing!),
A great camp meeting in the Promised Land.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

jessica young chang

*HYMN 377

Forward through the Ages

ST. GERTRUDE

*BIDDING TO MISSION AND BENEDICTION

Shawn M. Fiedler

POSTLUDE

Sorite, Op. 122, No. 8

Louis J. A. Lefébure-Wély

PHILLIS WHEATLEY'S CHURCH PROMENADES TO HER STATUE

Following worship please join us as we promenade to the Women's Memorial
on the Commonwealth Avenue Mall (about four blocks).

Once arrived at the statue of Phillis Wheatley,
we will fete and celebrate her on her birthday with poetry, cupcakes and song.



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

The flowers today are given
by Scott McInturff and Pamela Roberts,
in loving memory of their mothers,
Eleanor Faye McInturff and Elizabeth Dunbar Roberts.

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



Announcing the
PHILLIS WHEATLEY ROOM

By action of the Church Council, the Samuel Johnson Room (previously named for a pious and generous lay leader) will be known as the Phillis Wheatley Room. Located on the Fourth Floor, this room houses our collection of Senior Minister portraits and is a place of study, prayer, and meeting for all ages. We will retain the tradition of displaying a lay leader's portrait, now Phillis, above the fireplace, keeping watch over the Old South clergy. Phillis' will be the first portrait of a person of color, and second female (after Nancy Taylor) displayed in the public spaces of Old South Church.

**Please join us on Sunday, June 19th at 10 a.m.
for the dedication of the Phillis Wheatley Room.**

Together, we will thank Sam Johnson,
celebrate Phillis Wheatley,
and turn our hearts to our Still-Speaking God.



FILMING TODAY AT OLD SOUTH CHURCH

The Museum of Science, Boston and Cosmic Picture have entered into an agreement to produce a film that celebrates New England and its people, exclusively for the large format dome screen at the Museum's Mugar Omni Theater. The film, an original production, will inspire audiences with stunning visuals and stories featuring the innovations, natural wonders, residents, landmarks, seasons, and characteristics that define New England. Old South member and MIT scientist, Paula T. Hammond, is being featured, and hanging on her considerable coattails, so is Old South Church.

If you do not wish to be filmed please sit in the balconies
or if stairs present a challenge you may sit under the balcony
on the left side of the Sanctuary in the social distancing section.

TODAY'S CALENDAR

- 8:45 a.m. Childcare 3rd floor (available through 12:30 p.m.)
- 9:00 a.m. FIRST Worship
- 9:45 a.m. Coffee Hour in Gordon Chapel
- 10:00 a.m. Promenade to Phillis Wheatley Statue on Commonwealth Ave.
- 10:00 a.m. Festival Choir Rehearsal
- 11:00 a.m. FESTIVAL Worship
- Noon Coffee Hour in Gordon Chapel
- Noon Promenade to Phillis Wheatley Statue on Commonwealth Ave.
- 12:30 p.m. HEALING Worship (Online) tinyurl.com/OSCHealing
- 1:15 p.m. O.W.L. Program (offsite)

WELCOME TO OLD SOUTH CHURCH

For LARGE print bulletins or children’s bulletins, please ask an Usher.
The Chapel has full audio of the service if you need to stretch your legs.

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.

Name tags facilitate community and help newcomers feel welcomed. If you don’t see a tag with your name on it, let us know—there will be one waiting for your next Sunday!

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

HEARING ASSISTANCE

Our hearing loop works directly with devices equipped with a “T-Coil.” The sound is best if you sit further inside the pews, away from the aisles. The loop does not work in the upper galleries. If you would like to borrow a device paired with our system, please ask an usher.

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

Nancy S. Taylor, *Senior Minister* ❖ James W. Crawford, *Senior Minister Emeritus*
Katherine A. Schofield, *Interim Associate Minister* ❖ Shawn M. Fiedler, *Acting Associate Minister*
Donald A. Wells, *Theologian in Residence* ❖ June R. Cooper, *Theologian in the City*
Howard Cha-Young Kim, *Pastoral Resident* ❖ jessica young chang, *Seminarian*
David Story, *Wedding Minister* ❖ Ken Orth, *Healing Worship Minister*

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

Kate Nintcheu, *Director, Children & Family Ministries*
Martha Schick, *Youth & Young Adult Ministries Leader*
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Helen McCrady, *Senior Church Administrator* ❖ John Braught, *Director of Operations*
Jamie Garuti, *Multimedia Director* ❖ Linda Van Praet, *Accounting & Human Resources*
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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*
Kristi Geary, *Chair, Board of Trustees* ❖ Kate Silfen, *Historian*
Paul Brouillette & Susan Navia, *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
SOUTH
CHURCH
in BOSTON

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PHILLIS WHEATLEY SUNDAY

Sunday, May 8th

Join us as we celebrate this extraordinary young woman (who was baptized into the church on August 18, 1771). The Museum of Science has commissioned an IMAX Film which tells the story of Boston, starting 5000 years ago and through to today. Old South members Phillis Wheatley and Paula Hammond will be featured, as will Old South Church. Don your Sunday best, come to church and join us as we go on promenade to the Boston Women's Memorial to fete Phillis Wheatley on the occasion of her birthday.

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT SUNDAY

Sunday, May 15th, at Festival Worship

We will celebrate our Youth leadership as we are led in worship by members of our Youth Group and welcome into membership 13 students through the Rite of Confirmation. This group of students represent 4 grade levels and two separate Confirmation Classes; 4 members of the 2019-2020 class, and 9 members of the 2021-2022 class.



MAY 22nd - NANCY'S FINAL DAY

Join us for this bittersweet occasion as we celebrate and honor Rev. Nancy Taylor on her last Sunday as the Senior Minister of Old South Church in Boston.

Nancy's Final Thursday: May 19th

6 p.m. Jazz Worship

Nancy's Final Sunday: May 22nd

10 a.m. Worship, Nancy preaching

11 a.m. Pizza and Cupcakes

12 p.m. Celebration Ceremony

BE A GUEST OF MASTERWORKS CHORALE

Sunday, May 15th, 3 p.m., visit masterworks.org and enter code OSC upon checkout. Limit two tickets per order
Masterworks Chorale invites you to a concert of remembrance and reflection. Conductor Kevin Leong has chosen the angelic Faure Requiem and works of William Grant Still in an illuminating pairing. Come worship in the morning, and then come back to hear 50 splendid voices honor those lost to the pandemic and celebrate the living, in works of simple, heartfelt beauty.

BOSTON HANDBELL FESTIVAL

Tuesday, May 17th, 7:30 p.m., in the Sanctuary, free admission

The Boston Handbell Festival brings together local community handbell ensembles—the Back Bay Ringers, Merrimack Valley Ringers, New England Ringers, and Old South Ringers—and an invited guest choir, for an evening of massed and solo ringing in Old South's beautiful sanctuary.

GODSPEED JESS YOUNG CHANG, SEMINARIAN | MAY 29th

Old South Church in Boston has always been a teaching church. With our location near some of the best seminaries in the world, we delight in taking part in raising up the next generation of church leaders and then sending them out into the world. While all seminarians are wonderful, Jess is special and we will miss her! Join us for Jess' final Sunday. She will preach at both 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. services.

GREEN TIP: REUSABLE BAGS

Reusable Bags We use and discard nearly 1 trillion plastic bags a year! Plastic bags are not good for the environment and are often unnecessary. Taking reusable cloth bags to the store is one of the easiest steps you can take to reduce waste and care for the planet. The best part, everyone can do it! For more Green Tips visit oldsouth.org/tips-greening-your-life

UPCOMING COMMUNITY HOUR FORUM

OSC CLIMATE CRISIS TASK FORCE: Building the Movement

Sunday, May 15th, 10 a.m., 2nd Floor or zoom

Our faith calls us to take direct action to fight the climate crisis. How do we make real change in our city, state and nation? Come celebrate the Climate Crisis' Task Force's accomplishments over the last three years and hear more about some exciting upcoming projects and partnerships

COVID PRECAUTIONS

- Masking is OPTIONAL (except for Church School teachers and children in classrooms)
- Masks are available at the front desk for those who choose to wear one
- We strongly encourage everyone to be fully vaccinated and boosted, to attend to handwashing, and to refrain from entering the building if you have so much as a sniffle.

ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

During the month of May, we honor Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month by giving thanks to God for the generations of Asian and Pacific Islanders who have enriched the church and whose presence makes us strong and beautiful.

PRIDE AT OLD SOUTH CHURCH CELEBRATING THE LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY



LGBTQ HISTORY WALKING TOUR

Sunday, June 5th, 12:30 p.m., 15 spots available, RSVP to Shawn@oldsouth.org

With Boston By Foot as our guides, we will follow the paths of Boston's LGBTQ+ community from the 1840s to the 1980s, from Thoreau's walks along the Common and Charlotte Cushman's cross-dressing roles, to the World War II bars and baths, to the AIDS Action Committee and the AIDS memorial quilt project. The tour lasts 90 minutes and covers 2 miles.

OVER THE RAINBOW: A MUSICAL SALUTE TO PRIDE

Thursday, June 9th, 6 p.m.

The Willie Sordillo Ensemble and the Holy Spirit team up to celebrate PRIDE as we pay tribute to LGBTQ+ movement with this special musical service. Who knows, maybe there will even be a bit of dancing!

PRIDE WORSHIP

Sunday, June 12th, 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Old South Church will fill the Sanctuary with song, prayers, praise, and worship of the God who loves and embraces all at our annual Pride Worship service--this year on Sunday. Senior Pastor of historic Myrtle Baptist Church Rev. Brandon Crowley will preach and receive the Open Door Award

PRIDE AT THE RED SOX

Wednesday, June 15th, 7 p.m., only 20 spots available, RSVP with Shawn@oldsouth.org

Join Old South members and friends for the annual Pride Night at Fenway Park as the Red Sox take on the Oakland Athletics. Tickets are \$35 each; only 20 spots available! Financial assistance is available. RSVP with shawn@oldsouth.org

THIRD ANNUAL TRANS RESISTANCE MARCH & FESTIVAL

Saturday, June 25th, 12 p.m.

We will join Boston's LGBTQ+ community in marching from Nubian Square in Roxbury to Franklin Park Playstead for a just and more inclusive city and world. More details to come. Contact shawn@oldsouth.org for more information.

KEEP ALL FOUR TRANSITION TEAMS IN YOUR PRAYERS

As Old South embarks on a pastoral transition, please keep the members of the Celebration, Interim, Transition, and Search Teams in your prayers. To learn more about this transition and the members of each team go to oldsouth.org/pastoral-transition.

COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

Wednesday, June 1st, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.,

2nd floor Mary Norton Hall

The Red Cross continues to experience a severe blood shortage. Want to help out? Donate blood to help end the critical shortage status with the Red Cross. Visit tinyurl.com/BloodDriveOSC or call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) to schedule an appointment.



WEEKLY WORSHIP

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

JAZZ Worship, Thursdays at 6:00 p.m.

FIRST Worship Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

FESTIVAL Worship Sundays at 11:00 a.m.

HEALING Worship, 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.
