

One: God who leans with us toward the time
when peace flows like the river of gladness,
**Many: show us, as we greet one another, a glimpse of your face
and a sign of your reconciling love at work here and now.**

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

WELCOME

ATTEND

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Kate M. Nintcheu

ANTHEM

Rivers of Babylon

Brent Dowe
& Trevor McNaughton

COMBINED GOSPEL AND SUMMER CHOIRS

By the rivers of Babylon, where we sat down,
and there we wept when we remembered Zion.
Carry us away in captivity, require from us a song;
how can we sing the Lord's song in a strange land?

So let the the words of our mouth,
and the meditation of our heart
be acceptable in thy sight over us.

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 137:1-4

Simba Pasipanodya

*HYMN 472

Precious Lord

PRECIOUS LORD

*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 Rev. Dr. Calvin Jones

See Rev. Jones' biography on the front of the Announcement insert.

*HYMN 570

We Shall Overcome

WE SHALL OVERCOME

*CALL TO PRAYER

Katherine A. Schofield

One: God be with you.

Many: And also with you.

One: May the Spirit of the Living God fall afresh on us.

Many: The Holy Spirit guides our way and ignites our hope.

One: Let us pray. *Please be seated.*

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

His Eye Is on the Sparrow
Jordan Pettis, *soloist*

Charles Gabriel
and Civilla Martin

Why should I feel discouraged, why should the shadows come?
Why should my heart be lonely, and long for heaven and home
when Jesus is my portion? My constant friend is he;
his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me;
his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.

*I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free;
for his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.*

“Let not your heart be troubled,” his tender word I hear.
And resting on his goodness, I lose my doubts and fears.
Though by the path he leadeth, but one step I may see:
his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me;
his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.

I sing because I'm happy....

RESPOND

CALL TO THE OFFERING

Ashley J. Popperson



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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

Faith

Kirk Franklin

COMBINED GOSPEL AND SUMMER CHOIRS

Jordan Pettis, *soloist*

I can do the impossible, I can see the invisible because I got faith.
Cause you know I got faith— yeah, yeah.

I can climb a mountain, and I can reach my goal.
More than a conqueror down in my soul.
The devil is a liar, I've won the race;
said I got victory all because I got faith.

I can do the impossible, I can see the invisible because I got faith....

Yes I can, oh I can, if I wanna, yes I can...

*BLESSING and PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN

Oh, Freedom



Oh, _____ free-dom! Oh, _____ free-dom! Oh, _____ free-dom o - ver
No more weeping...
There'll be singing...
There'll be shouting...
me! _____ And be-fore I'd be a slave, I'll be bur - ied in my grave,
— and go home to my Lord and be free. _____

*BIDDING TO MISSION AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE



Join us for Refreshments, Conversation, and Community
in the Gordon Chapel following the Postlude.

The Flowers today are given by Judy Fisher
in remembrance and love for her mom Shirley.

Close-Up, a twenty minute tour of the Sanctuary
led by docent Kate Silfen,
begins immediately following worship at the front of the Sanctuary.



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

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

Richard E. Spalding, *Interim Senior Minister*
James W. Crawford, *Senior Minister Emeritus* ❖ Nancy S. Taylor, *Senior Minister Emeritus*
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*

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

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*
Jamie Garuti, *Multimedia Director* ❖ Kathleen Steen, *Staff Accountant*
Alex Pickering, *Administrative Assistant* ❖ Emily Ross, *Archivist*
Rémy Hatfield-Gardner and William Wei, *Livestream Production Assistants*
Ava Welling, *Sound Technician* ❖ Karen Hand, *Wedding Coordinator*

Eliás 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.



OLD
SOUTH
CHURCH
in BOSTON

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Old South Church in Boston ❖ Week of June 18th, 2023

FREEDOM DAY JUNETEENTH WEEKEND EVENTS

MONUMENTAL ONE-DAY RETREAT @OSC

June 17th, 8:45 a.m. - 4 p.m. (lunch provided), All Ages Welcome, Free (donations accepted)

Go to tinyurl.com/2023OSCOneDay

What are monuments for? Whose stories do they hold up for celebration? Whose stories do they erase or bury?

- In our first workshop of the day, led by Wee The People Boston's Francie LaTour, we explore statues and monuments (famous and not so famous), question what they mean, and reimagine how they can celebrate values of community, equity, and justice. Hands-on making for all ages!
- Our day continues with a second workshop for adults focusing on monuments and representation at Old South, led by Old South pastors and leaders, along with our guest. Children will have their own afternoon activities with Children's Ministries staff.



Wee The People
little voices, big change

JUNETEENTH SUNDAY - June 18th, 10 a.m.

We warmly welcome our Guest Preacher, The Rev. Dr. Calvin Jones, Assistant Minister at Memorial Church of Harvard University. He previously served as Youth Pastor at Trinity United Church of Christ in Chicago, Illinois. His ministry is centered in the love of Christ, striving to be a light of love, justice, peace, and inclusion. A religion and history major at Morehouse College, Rev. Dr. Jones graduated in 2015 Summa Cum Laude and Phi Beta Kappa. He earned a Master of Divinity in 2018 from Yale Divinity School where he was a William Sloane Scholar, and recipient of the William Hallam Tweedy Prize for exceptional promise for pastoral leadership. He recently received his Doctorate of Ministry at Duke University with a concentration in theology, homiletics, and youth studies.





SUMMER WORSHIP HOURS - A SINGLE SERVICE AT 10 A.M.

For a 354 year old church we can be surprisingly nimble at times, responding to the needs of the moment, following the beckoning of the Spirit. Old South, we are asking you to practice a spry spirituality as we approach the summer with a new worship schedule. Get excited for All-Church Worship, all summer long! This summer we will worship together, strengthening our ties and joining our voices in the beautiful harmony of a diverse faith community whose hearts lean together. All Sunday services through the rest of the summer will be at 10 a.m.!

IN THE SANCTUARY

MEMBERSHIP CELEBRATION AND CANDIDATING SUNDAY

June 25th, 10 a.m.

Join us as we receive new members, celebrate our long term members, and welcome the newest group of members who have shared their time and talent with the church for 20 years! We will also introduce the Search Committee's nominee for our next Senior Minister, who will preach at the 10 a.m. service. The service will be followed by a **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** to vote on extending a call to the nominee. (See the next page for the official notice of the meeting and plans to introduce the nominee.)

JULY AND AUGUST IN THE CHAPEL

Inspired by the words of William Carlos Williams - "In summer, the song sings itself" - our summer sermon series will focus on the sacred in the arts, particularly the artistic offerings of this amazing city. All-Church Worship will be in the Chapel at 10 a.m. for July and August (yay air conditioning!) and will include communion each week. And don't forget our amazing Summer Choir, which anyone can join for rehearsal at 9 a.m. Following worship we will have coffee hour on the front porch, where we can enjoy one another's company and the beautiful summer weather.

SENIOR MINISTER CANDIDATE CHOSEN!

In accord with Article IX.B of the By-laws of Old South Church in Boston, a Special Meeting of the Congregation of Old South Church is hereby called for June 25th, for the purpose of hearing the report of the Senior Minister Search Committee and voting on their chosen candidate to be the 21st Senior Minister of Old South Church. The meeting will be called to order at approx. 11 a.m., following the conclusion of the 10 a.m. service of worship, at which the candidate will preach.

At tinyurl.com/OSCCandidateMeeting is the Zoom link to allow those unable to be present in person to hear the meeting. Full members of the congregation will be able to vote.

Materials introducing the candidate will be sent via email next Wednesday, June 21st. Out of respect for the candidate's current ministerial call, we ask that members of the Old South community who have any knowledge of the candidate hold this information in confidence until after the 21st so that the candidate's current congregation can be informed.

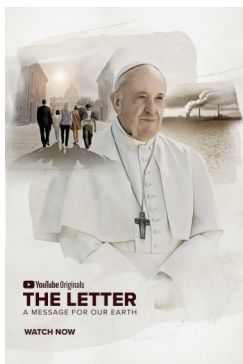
GET READY TO #POWERUP FOR HOUSING JUSTICE AT TEMPLE ISRAEL WITH OSC AND THE GREATER BOSTON INTERFAITH ORGANIZATION!

Monday, June 26th at 7pm (6pm for food, music and fellowship), 477 Longwood Ave, Boston MA

Housing Justice Campaign Video at tinyurl.com/2023GBIOHousingUpdate

Register at tinyurl.com/2023GBIORegistration

State leaders and legislators have not shown enough urgency for solving the housing crisis in Massachusetts. Small budget increases are not enough--we demand more. Join over 1000 GBIO leaders, tenant neighbors and allies as we demonstrate that our collective will cannot be ignored.



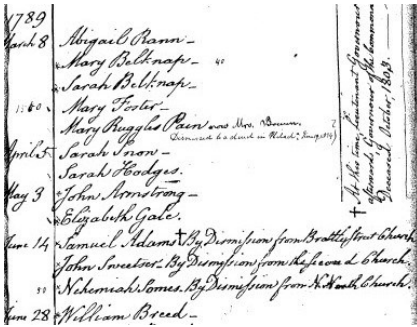
SUMMER GREEN TIP: Watch the Movie *The Letter*

Go to tinyurl.com/OSCTheLetterMovie to watch the movie.

This summer Interfaith Power & Light is partnering with the Laudato Si' movement to bring the documentary film, *The Letter*, to communities throughout the country. This gorgeously filmed story featuring scenes from around the world puts a human face on climate change.

SAMUEL ADAMS AND THE BRATTLE STREET CHURCH MYSTERY

Blog by Kate Silfen, Church Historian, go to tinyurl.com/OSCJuneHistoryBlog for the whole story



A few months ago, I came across a scanned image of an Old South membership record from 1789. On July 14th of that year, 66-year old Samuel Adams Jr became a member of the Old South Church. The membership record indicates that he had transferred his membership from the Brattle Street Church. This was a surprise to me. I had always assumed that Samuel Adams was a life-long member of Old South because of his family's long involvement with the church. His parents had been members before him, and his grandfather and great-grandfather were founding members of the Old South Church in Boston in 1669 (Stoll, 2008)...

While it took Samuel Adams 66 years to become an official member of his grandfather's church, he quickly became an active member. According to the Reverend Nancy Taylor, Samuel Adams found the time to represent the Old South Church at ecclesiastical councils in Roxbury and New Hampshire. He was also an active choir member and he selected the tunes to match the day's Psalms. A faithful church goer, he rarely missed a Sunday (Taylor, 2012). Old South was blessed to have him as a member for the remainder of his life.

WEEKLY WORSHIP

Join us in person, on Vimeo,

Facebook, and YouTube

All-Church Worship Sundays at 10 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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