



July 9th, 2023 ❖ 10:00 a.m.
All-Church Worship

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

Aria

Flor Peeters

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Ashley J. Popperson

One: Vindicate me, Holy One – for I have walked in my integrity;

Many: I have trusted in you without wavering.

One: Prove me, O God; test my heart and mind –

Many: for your steadfast love is before my eyes.

One: I love the house in which you dwell –
the place where your glory abides.

**Many: Do not let me be swept away by those who plan evil,
with their hands full of bribes.**

One: I walk in my integrity; redeem me, and be gracious to me.

**Many: My foot stands on level ground;
in the great congregation I will bless you.**

** Indicates all who are able may stand*

HYMN 6

**Sing Praise to God,
Our Highest Good**

MIT FREUDEN ZART

WELCOME

ATTEND

SCRIPTURE

*Selected verses from
the Book of the Prophet Habakkuk*

Skye and Dan Li-Huerta

ANTHEM

Open Your Ears, O Faithful People

Hasidic melody
[YISREAL V'ORAITA]

Open your ears, O faithful people;
open your ears and hear God's word.
Open your hearts, O royal priesthood,
God has come to you.

*God has spoken to the people, Hallelujah!
God has spoken words of wisdom, Hallelujah!
God has spoken to the people, Hallelujah!
God has spoken words of wisdom, Hallelujah!*

They who have ears to hear this message,
they who have ears, then let them hear;
they who would learn the way of wisdom,
let them hear God's word.

SERMON

Writ Large

Richard E. Spalding

HYMN 174

Hear the Voice of God So Tender

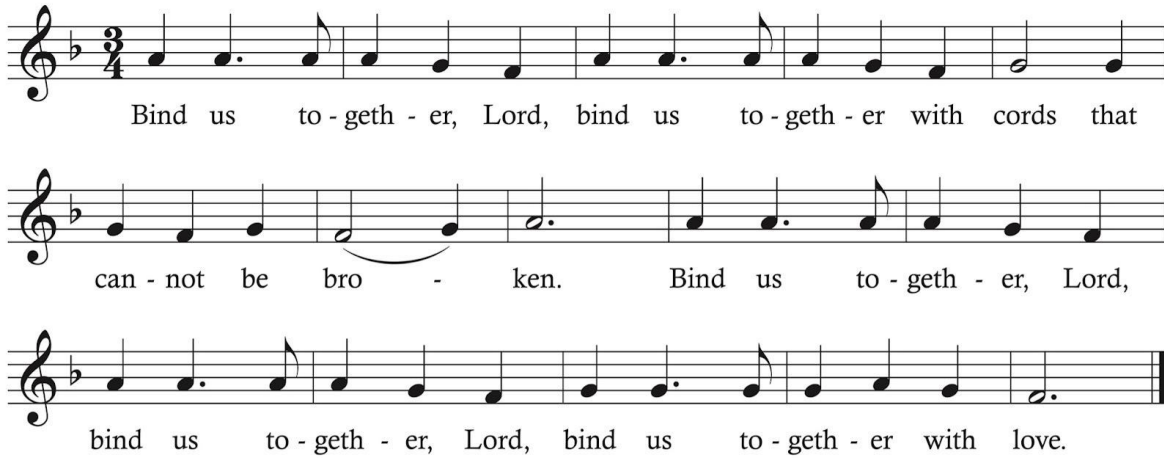
RAQUEL

RESPOND

PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD AND ONE ANOTHER Katherine A. Schofield

SUNG RESPONSE

Bind Us Together



Bind us to - geth - er, Lord, bind us to - geth - er with cords that
can - not be bro - ken. Bind us to - geth - er, Lord,
bind us to - geth - er, Lord, bind us to - geth - er with love.

OFFERING

Ashley J. Popperson



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OFFERTORY

Christ Has Broken down the Wall

Mark Miller

Christ has broken down the wall.
Let us join our hearts as one.
We're accepted as we are.
Through God's love all is reconciled.
Cast aside your doubts and fears.
Peace and love, freely offered here;
we will tear down the walls!
God has called us, one and all;
Christ has broken down the wall.

SUNG RESPONSE (AMEN!)


SHARING THE MEAL

Richard E. Spalding

PRAYING THE WORDS OF JESUS

Our Creator, 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.

*HYMN



I'm gon - na live so God can use me
I'm gon - na work so God can use me
I'm gon - na sing so God can use me



an - y - where, Lord, an - y - time!



I'm gon - na live so God can use me
I'm gon - na work so God can use me
I'm gon - na sing so God can use me



an - y - where, Lord, an - y - time!

Text: African-American spiritual
Tune: I'M GONNA LIVE, African-American spiritual;
arr. Wendell P. Whalum, 1984

*BIDDING TO MISSION AND BENEDICTION

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

POSTLUDE

To God Be the Glory

Cindy Berry, *arr.*



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

The Flowers today are given
in loving memory of Nan Tull
by her Old South Family.

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



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*
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*
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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*
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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*
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

SUMMER SUNDAYS

Sundays, July 2nd - September 3rd,
in the Gordon 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. 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. **Children are always welcome** to worship with their families, but we also have childcare available on the 3rd floor for ages birth through 5th grade every Sunday from 8:50 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. Families choosing care have the option for children to join worship in time for communion with parents, like we normally do in First Worship.



YOUNG ADULT AFTER-JAZZ DINNER

Next Dinner July 13th, Questions? Email sarahcowles17@gmail.com



Join us for a casual hangout with other 20s and 30s Old Southerners. We meet in the chapel after Jazz service at 6:45 p.m. on the first Thursday of every month. We grab take out food in the area or bring food from home and gather in the Tower room to catch up, meet new folks, and enjoy a meal together.





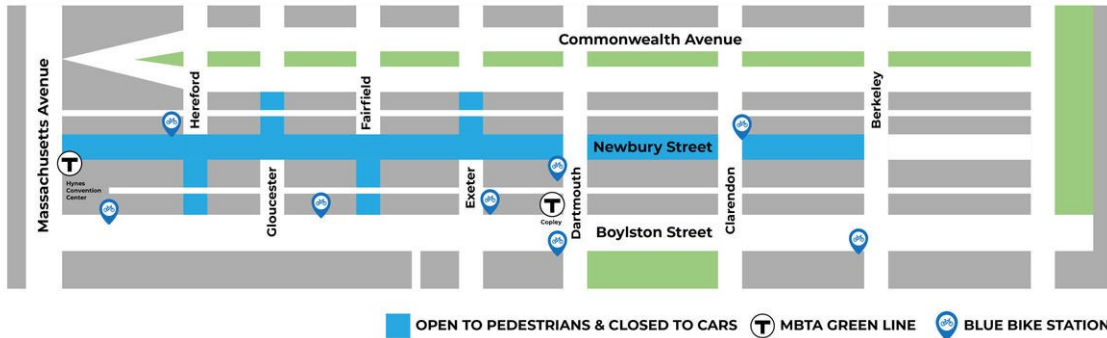
PILGRIMAGE TO SEARCH FOR TRUTH AND JUSTICE – Selma and Montgomery, Alabama

*A transformation experience to understand the Civil Rights Movement and ourselves
led by Rev. June Cooper and Dr. Marrey Embers*

*Two dates to choose from: Oct. 9-12 or Oct. 12-15, 2023 –
approx. cost \$600 (plus transportation & lodging)*

- **Pilgrimage highlights include:** visits to the Equal Justice Initiative Legacy Museum and the National Memorial for Peace and Justice (including memorials to 4400 African American victims of lynching); the newly-constructed Mothers of Gynecology Monument; the Morris Brown Chapel and the By the River Center for Humanity; walking the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma; daily reflection time with Pilgrimage facilitators.
- **Goals include:** learning the history of white racial violence from Reconstruction to Jim Crow; acknowledging the living legacy of white supremacy in our country and the strength of the African American community in resistance as the struggle for freedom continues; creating a learning community among participants to consider continuing work on anti-racist activities

For more information contact junercooper@comcast.net.



NEWBURY STREET CLOSED ON SUNDAYS

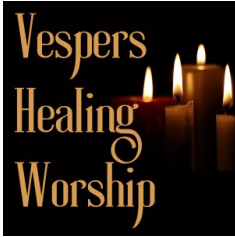
Through October 15th, see above map to help you plan, tinyurl.com/2023OpenNewbury for more info

Whether you're shopping, dining out, or just going for a walk, pedestrian-only days on Newbury Street are a Boston summer staple. Newbury Street is a mile-long, eight block stretch of shops, salons, galleries and restaurants. This famous Boston street becomes a pedestrian-only walkway on Sundays in the summer. The street is closed to vehicles to allow pedestrians the opportunity to use the full width of the street, from Berkeley Street to Massachusetts Avenue.



SUMMER GREEN TIP: Plastic Free Picnic

Food can really bring a community together, so what better way to inspire people to choose to refuse single-use plastics than with a (plastic free, of course) picnic! Be sure to bring along food and drink that's not wrapped in plastic. You can do this easily by buying food from local bulk food stores, checking out farmers markets, and making it yourself from scratch.



VESPERS HEALING WORSHIP

Sunday, July 9th, 5 p.m. on Zoom, go to tinyurl.com/OSHealing to join

Please join us to take a moment for rest and renewal in the presence of God and other spiritual companions gathering by Zoom. All are welcome to share this quiet space and lift up our concerns, our losses, our hurts, and our celebrations in the Healing Presence of God and one another.

JAZZ WORSHIP

Thursdays, 6 p.m., in the Gordon Chapel or at oldsouth.org/jazz

Join us in the Gordon Chapel on Thursday evening for Jazz Worship! You don't have to be a jazz aficionado to feel at home - just someone who wants to immerse yourself in soulful music, inspiring words, and creative liturgy. It's intimate and it's welcoming. We start preludes shortly before 6 p.m.



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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