



August 13th, 2023

All-Church Worship

10:00 a.m.

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

Prelude: Voluntary in G

William Walond

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Katherine A. Schofield

One: In purple dahlias, golden sunflowers,
and the wide open face of the hibiscus;
in tender blossom and life-giving leaf:

Many: God's beauty surrounds us, everywhere!

One: In many-hued human faces, each resplendent in glory;
the wrinkle of the palm, the twinkle of the eye:

Many: God's beauty surrounds us, everywhere!

One: In the feats of science and architecture;
the genome mapped, the stone carved:

Many: God's beauty surrounds us, everywhere!
Alleluia! Amen!

** Indicates all who are able may stand*

HYMN 28

For the Beauty of the Earth

DIX

WELCOME

ATTEND

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 30

Anne Scholder

ANTHEM

I've Got the Joy

George W. Cooke

I've got the joy (joy, joy, joy) down in my heart,
down in my heart, down in my heart;
I've got the joy (joy, joy, joy) down in my heart,
down in my heart to stay.

I've got the peace that passeth understanding...

I've got the love of Jesus, love of Jesus...

SERMON

Paintbox Joy

Ashley J. Popperson

HYMN 5

Praise to God

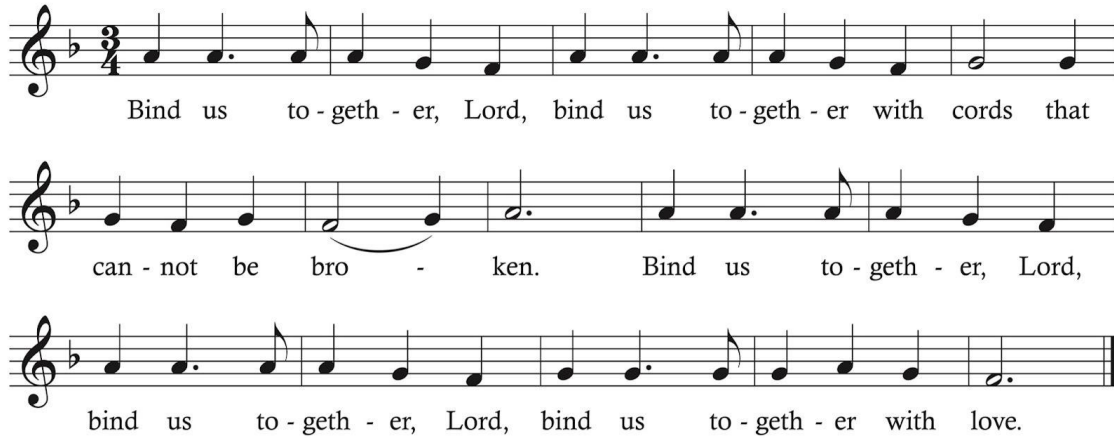
SAKURA

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.

CALL TO THE OFFERING



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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

Peace Like a River

Jay Althouse, *arr.*

I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in my soul;
I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in my soul.

I've got love like an ocean...

I've got joy like a fountain...

SUNG RESPONSE (AMEN!)

SHARING THE MEAL

Ashley J. Popperson

PRAYING THE WORDS OF JESUS

Our Creator in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen. *ELLC Ecumenical Version (1988)*

*HYMN *see next page*

This Joy That I Have

*BIDDING TO MISSION AND BENEDICTION

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

POSTLUDE



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

The flowers today are given
by Annamarie Shu
in memory of
Noah Bernard Evan Shu (8/18/1997),
Melanie Hope Shu (8/18/1997 - 8/31/1997),
and their father Evan H. Shu (3/4/1953 - 1/12/2020)
who are in the loving arms of God.

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



1. This joy that I have, the world did-n't give it to me. —
 2. This peace that I have, the world did-n't give it to me. —
 3. Ho - ly Ghost that I have, the world did-n't give it to me. The

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world did-n't give it, and the world can't take it a - way. 1,2
 world did-n't give it, and the world can't take it a - way. 3. The
 world did-n't give it, and the world can't take it a - way. way.

WORDS: Contemporary African American
 MUSIC: Contemporary African American; arr. Houston Simmons, 1956-
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THIS JOY
 Irregular

Old South Church *in* Boston invites you
to its *Signature Services* during the coming year.

FIRST SERVICES LED BY THE 21st SENIOR MINISTER

September 10th at First ☞ Festival Worship

A new era in the 353-year history of Old South Church begins as John Edgerton leads services as our 21st Senior Minister.

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

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*

James W. Crawford, *Senior Minister Emeritus* ❖ Nancy S. Taylor, *Senior Minister Emeritus*

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*

Alex Pickering, *Administrative Assistant* ❖ Kathleen Steen, *Staff Accountant*

Emily Ross, *Archivist* ❖ Karen Hand, *Wedding Coordinator*

Jamie Garuti, *Multimedia Director*

Rémy Hatfield-Gardner and William Wei, *Livestream Production Assistants* ❖ Ava Welling, *Sound Technician*

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
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in BOSTON

ANNOUNCEMENTS



CHURCH-WIDE ART PROJECT: CARE OF CREATION BANNERS

Sundays, August 13th and 27th at 11 a.m.

Select Sundays in August, following worship, church members and friends of all ages are invited to join in painting banners that celebrate Old South's calling to care for the earth. No artistic skills required. Simply join us in Mary Norton Hall (2nd Floor) and we'll show you what to do. This is a great way to really engage in our summer theme focused on the arts and our commitment to eco-justice.

FAMILY PICNICS (ALL-CHURCH)

Sunday August 20th, Questions? Kate Nintcheu children@Oldsouth.org



This summer we're attempting to host some low-key, no-frills, bring-your-own-food-and-blankets get togethers for our church families and any other Old Southerners who would like to join us following worship once a month. Our August picnic will take place on Sunday August 20th, weather-permitting. Plan on bringing your own food, or ordering for pick up, and gathering in the Public Garden around 11:30/11:40. You will find Kate Nintcheu and families on the Beacon Street side of the garden.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR NAN TULL

Sunday, August 13th, 3 p.m. in the Sanctuary and on Livestream

Join us as we celebrate Nan's life. Nan was a long time member of Old South Church and served in many leadership positions during her time with us. Nan was also a well-known Boston artist who had a zest for life and all things creative. Go to tinyurl.com/NanTullObituary to read her full obituary.



VESPERS HEALING WORSHIP

Sunday, August 13th, 5 p.m. on Zoom, go to tinyurl.com/OSCHealing 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.

MIDDLE PASSAGE REMEMBRANCE CEREMONIES

All-Church Worship at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, August 27th

Gathered in 1669, Old South Church in Boston continues to research, name and account for a history which includes radical abolitionists and the first anti-slavery tract on this soil (1700) AND many early ministers and members who were enslavers, who benefited from the forced enslavement and unpaid work of countless persons of African descent. We will honor the lives of our African members from the 1600s, 1700s, and early 1800s on Middle Passage Sunday.

MIDDLE PASSAGE REMEMBRANCE INSTALLATION

In the Portico, go to tinyurl.com/OSCMiddlePassageRemembrance to learn more

Go to tinyurl.com/OSCMiddlePassageVideo for an introduction to the Middle Passage

The Middle Passage Installation of Remembrance, in Old South's portico, presents a large banner (17' x 5')



dehumanizing practice, are bold images -- faces and families -- of those who might be the descendants of enslaved persons, or what these persons might have looked like before having been enslaved. The United Nations has designated August 23rd the International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition. "The slave trade is not merely a thing of the past -- it has shaped the world we live in, it has molded the face of modern societies, creating

indissoluble ties between peoples, irreversibly transforming economies, cultures and customs across the world," said UNESCO Director-General Irina Bokova. "The slave trade concerns not only people of African descent but the whole of humanity."

PEEK BEHIND THE CURTAIN: GODLY PLAY

Sunday August 27th, Tower Room, 11:15 a.m.

Sunday Sept 3rd, Guild Room, 11:15 a.m.

Have you ever wondered what Godly Play is? Ever wanted to experience how our young children learn Bible stories -- or wondered how Old South's church school differs from your experience growing up? Godly Play storyteller Kathleen Simone will host 2 sessions of Godly Play for adults (although children can come too) on Sunday August 27 and Sept 3 at 11:15 following All-Church Worship. We'll tell a different story each week, so you can come to one or come to all - all are welcome in the circle!

JAZZ TRANSITION



WILLIE SORDILLO'S LAST SERVICE

Save the Date: September 7th at 6 p.m.

Celebrate the ministry of Willie Sordillo at his final Jazz Worship. After gracing us with eighteen years of soulful saxophone and worship leadership, Willie is retiring. Following the service, we'll celebrate in grand fashion with food and fellowship!

WILLIE'S PURSE

In keeping with Old South tradition, we'll honor Willie's service with a purse so he can kick off his retirement in style — and at his discretion! To donate online, visit oldsouth.org/donate to add your contribution. Checks (made out to Old South, with "Willie's retirement" in the memo) may be mailed to the church or dropped by the reception desk. Gifts may be made anytime between now and September 7th — and will be processed to ensure tax deductibility for contributors.

WHAT'S NEXT FOR JAZZ WORSHIP

Following Willie's retirement, Zoë Krohne will lead the newly formed Copley Square Quartet at Jazz Worship through the Fall. We are blessed and grateful for her velvet voice and faithful leadership. We believe the need for a dynamic, non-traditional service is still very much alive, though what that looks like in this new era at Old South may be different than it has for the past eighteen years. Beginning in mid-September, we'll gather a team of dreamers to listen to God, our congregation, and the wider city of Boston about where God is calling us next. Together with our new Senior Minister, the Rev. John Edgerton, we look to engage in a collaborative process throughout the Fall — including listening sessions with the congregation — and hope to launch a new service in the new year. Questions? Email ashley@oldsouth.org.

NANCY MARTTILA MEMORIAL SERVICE

Saturday, September 23rd, 12 p.m. in the Chapel

Nancy was a regular at First Worship and was known for her quick wit and friendliness. To read her obituary go to tinyurl.com/MarttilaObituary.



SUMMER SUNDAYS

Sundays through Sept. 3rd, in the Gordon Chapel

All-Church Worship will be in the Chapel at 10 a.m. for July and August (yay air conditioning!) and includes communion. Anyone can Join our amazing **Summer Choir** for rehearsal at 9 a.m. Following worship we will have coffee hour on the front porch. **Children are always welcome** to worship with their families, childcare is 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 for communion with parents, like we normally do in First Worship.

SUMMER GREEN TIP: Don't Create More Waste

Before you head out to the local big box retailer, see what you already have in your house. Make sure to reuse supplies that you already own. Every year, six billion pens are thrown away that still work—so make sure you don't have any functioning supplies lying around before you buy new ones.

WE ARE HIRING

SEEKING ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

See full posting at Linked In [tinyurl.com/OSCAAdminAssist](https://www.linkedin.com/company/oldsouthchurch/bos/positions/osc-admin-assistant)

Old South Church in Boston is seeking a full-time Administrative Assistant to coordinate and support the administrative life of this active congregation. Our next Administrative Assistant will be a people-person who enjoys being a “face of Old South” for members and the public. We seek a multi-tasking self-starter who looks forward to being a part of a team of talented, committed and supportive colleagues.

LOOKING FOR A FEW CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHERS

As we prepare for a new season of church school classes, we are looking to add a few volunteers to join our teaching teams. If you would like to know more about our church school program, please reach out to Dir of Children and Family Ministries Kate Nintcheu at children@oldsouth.org. Teachers must pass a CORI check and are expected to teach about twice a month. We have openings in our youngest Godly Play classroom, our middle school age Bible Survey classroom, and potentially in our Confirmation class. Please reach out if you would like to learn more.

WEEKLY WORSHIP

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

All-Church Worship Sundays at 10 a.m.

Summertime Jazz 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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