

*A SIGN OF OUR UNITY AND RECONCILIATION

*We invite you to greet those around you,
wishing them “peace” or “the peace of Christ.”*

WORDS OF WELCOME

ANTHEM

Seasons of the Heart Karen Lakey Buckwalter
THE OLD SOUTH RINGERS
Peter Coloumbe, *director*

ATTEND

SCRIPTURE

Joshua 1:1-7

Jess Acosta

*HYMN 591

This Is My Song

FINLANDIA

During the hymn the children are invited to leave for choir and care.

SERMON

Katherine A. Schofield

RITUAL OF BOWING

Congregants are asked to bow as the litany is read.

*LITANY OF AMERICAN EXCEPTIONALISM
AND RECONCILIATION

Tim Longman

One: Source of Life, God of Love, You are the Creator of this land and of all good things.

All: We acknowledge the pain and injustice of our history and the suffering of Your peoples, and we ask your forgiveness.

One: We repent the massacres which took place early in the history of the United States, the decimation of indigenous populations, the too many trails of tears, biological warfare, Wounded Knee, boarding schools, and mistreatment of this precious land. We repent the lack of resources and opportunity for Native American people today, for underfunded schools, for languages lost, for the Keystone Pipeline

and other environmental devastations that have marred sacred sites and polluted nature's resources.

All: For the hubris of Manifest Destiny, the hunger for wealth and power, the denials of humanity -- we are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

One: We repent our allegiance to the Doctrine of Discovery, chattel slavery, the exploitation of Hawaii, the Chinese Exclusion Act, refusal of refugees, mistreatment of immigrants, the School of the Americas, and the misdirection of aid toward political purposes.

All: For racist convictions and well-meaning ignorance, for the legal theft of land and resources, for warfare justified by swollen-headed superiority, for difference turned to fear turned to hatred – we are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

One: We repent our apathy, and sometimes scorn, towards the unemployed and the unemployable, the mentally ill, the unhoused, the addicted. We confess the sin of condemning youth to frustration and futility, as we disregard and disempower elders. We repent our slide into opinion poll morality and the cult of self-indulgence. We confess a legal system that favors the rich and a church culture which favors the respectable.

All: For allegiance to the politics of expediency, for limiting the dreams of so many, for a lack of prophetic courage – we are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

One: Give us the strength to accept the realities of our history and help us find a new way, God,

All: Away from self-righteousness that will not compromise, and selfishness that glories in the oppression of others,

One: From the lust for property or power that drives humanity to kill, and mistrust in the council of peace,

All: From hearing, believing and speaking lies about other nations and religions,

One: From ground-less suspicions and fears that stand in the way of reconciliation,

All: From words and deeds that encourage discord, prejudice and hatred;

One: From everything that prevents the human family from fulfilling your promise of peace.

All: May your power and love be the foundations on which we build our families, our communities, our nation, our world, Amen.

*HYMN 563

We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky

ENDLESS SONG

RESPOND

*CALL TO PRAYER

Nancy S. Taylor

One: God be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: May the peace of Christ dwell in your hearts.

All: Christ is our peace, our light and our hope.

One: Let us pray. *You may be seated.*

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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.

SOLO

Mache Dich, Mein Herze, Rein
from the *Matthäus-Passion*, BWV 244
Paul Soper, *baritone*

J. S. Bach

*Mache dich, mein Herze, rein,
Ich will Jesum selbst begraben,
Denn er soll nunmehr in mir
Für und für
Seine süße Ruhe haben.
Welt, geh aus, lass Jesum ein!*

Make yourself pure, my heart:
I want Jesus to permeate my being,
Such that he will thereafter in me
More and more
Find sweet repose.
World, get out—let Jesus in!

CALL TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

For Lo I Raise Up, Op. 145

Charles Villiers Stanford

For lo, I raise up that bitter and hasty nation,
which march through the breadth of the earth,
to possess the dwelling places that are not theirs.

They are terrible and dreadful,
their judgement and their dignity proceed from themselves.

Their horses also are swifter than leopards,
and are more fierce than the evening wolves,
and their horsemen spread themselves;
yea, their horsemen come from far.

They fly as an eagle that hasteth to devour,
they come all of them for violence;
their faces are set as the east wind,
and they gather captives as the sand.

Yea, he scoffeth at kings and princes are a derision unto him.
For he heapeth up dust and taketh it.
Then shall he sweep by as a wind that shall pass over and be guilty,
even he whose might is his God.

Art not thou from everlasting, O Lord my God, mine Holy One?
We shall not die.

O Lord, thou hast ordained him for judgement
and thou, O rock, hast established him for correction.

I will stand upon my watch and set me upon the tower and look forth to see what he will
say to me and what I shall answer concerning my complaint.

And the Lord answered me and said:

WELCOME TO OLD SOUTH CHURCH

Welcome! We are a progressive Christian church first gathered in 1669. The Church played a significant role in early American history. We continue to outfit ourselves for mission and ministry in the 21st century as a thriving urban church in the heart of Boston. Join us following worship for fellowship and refreshments in the Gordon Chapel.

Need to stretch your legs during worship? The Chapel has full audio of the service.

Name tags facilitate community and help newcomers feel welcomed. If you don't see a tag with your name on it, let us know. For LARGE print bulletins or hearing assistance devices ask an Usher.

HEARING ASSISTED DEVICES

Old South has installed a **Hearing Loop** in the Sanctuary, the latest technology in hearing assisted devices.

1. If you have a hearing aid: the loop works directly for those whose hearing aids have a "T-Coil."
2. If you are hard of hearing but don't use an aid: ask for one the devices that is aired with the loop.

The sound is best if you sit further inside the pews, away from the aisles.

The loop does not work in the upper galleries.

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):

1. Park at the **Garage @ 100 Clarendon** (behind Back Bay Station), have your ticket validated at our Front Desk, and **you** pay the discounted rate of \$7 for up to 3 hours. Old South bears no cost.

2. Park at the **Prudential Garage** for up to 5 hours on Saturday or Sunday, have your ticket validated at our Front Desk, and the Prudential Garage will bill **Old South** (costing us \$15k - \$20k per year).

CALENDAR

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| Sunday, March 24 | 9:00 AM | FIRST Worship, <i>Katherine A. Schofield preaching</i> |
| | 9:00 AM | Children's Choir |
| | 9:45 AM | Old South Café in Gordon Chapel |
| | 10:00 AM | Community Hour, <i>Lenten Study</i> |
| | 10:00 AM | Choir Rehearsal |
| | 10:00 AM | 350th Celebrate! |
| | 10:00 AM | Lectionary Bible Study |
| | 10:00 AM | Youth Group |
| | 10:00 AM | Church School |
| | 11:00 AM | FESTIVAL Worship, <i>Katherine A. Schofield preaching</i> |
| | 11:15 AM | Children's Music |
| | 12:15 PM | Fellowship Hour |
| | 12:30 PM | Climate Social Justice & Advocacy Group |
| | 12:30 PM | LGBT/Queer Brunch <i>at Back Bay Social Club</i> |
| | 12:30 PM | (G)RACE Speaks <i>Curriculum Module I</i> |
| | 12:30 PM | Sacred Music and the Bible |
| | 1:00 PM | O.W.L. Program |
| Monday, March 25 | 6:00 PM | Theological Book Group |
| | 7:30 PM | Spiritual Classics |
| Tuesday, March 26 | 6:00 PM | Old South Ringers Rehearsal |
| | 6:00 PM | Congregational Care and Support Committee |
| | 7:00 PM | Board of Ministers and Deacons |
| Wednesday, March 27 | 12:00 PM | Men's Lunch Hour |
| | 6:15 PM | Young Adult Book Group |
| | 6:30 PM | Young Adult Small Group |
| | 6:30 PM | Communications Committee |

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| Thursday, March 28 | 12:00 PM | Women’s Lunch Hour Small Group |
| | 3:30 PM | Climate Change Steering Committee |
| | 6:00 PM | JAZZ Worship, <i>June R. Cooper preaching</i> |
| | 6:30 PM | Choir Rehearsal |
| | 7:00 PM | “Through the Bible” Study |
| | 7:00 PM | Young Adult Book Groups |
| | 8:00 PM | Women’s Christianity and Civic Life Small Group |
| Saturday, March 30 | 11:00 AM | Memorial Service for Eleanor Jensen |
| Sunday, March 31 | 9:00 AM | FIRST Worship, <i>June R. Cooper preaching</i> |
| | 9:00 AM | Children’s Choir |
| | 9:45 AM | Old South Café in Gordon Chapel |
| | 10:00 AM | Community Hour, <i>Lenten Study</i> |
| | 10:00 AM | Choir Rehearsal |
| | 10:00 AM | Lectionary Bible Study |
| | 10:00 AM | Family Soup Kitchen |
| | 10:00 AM | Youth Group |
| | 10:00 AM | Church School |
| | 11:00 AM | FESTIVAL Worship, <i>June R. Cooper preaching</i> |
| | 11:15 AM | Children’s Music |
| | 12:15 PM | Fellowship Hour |
| | 12:30 PM | Connections Lunch |
| | 12:30 PM | Climate Change Communications Group |
| | 12:30 PM | Environment Stewardship Group |
| | 12:30 PM | Sacred Music and the Bible |
| | 1:00 PM | O.W.L. Program |
| 2:00 PM | Prayer Vigil, <i>offsite at ICE Detention Center</i> | |

OLD SOUTH CHURCH IN BOSTON MINISTERS, OFFICERS, AND STAFF

Nancy S. Taylor, *Senior Minister*
John M. Edgerton, *Associate Minister* ❖ Katherine A. Schofield, *Interim Associate Minister*
James W. Crawford, *Senior Minister Emeritus*
Mitchell Crawford, *Minister of Music*
Kate Nintcheu, *Director, Children & Family Ministries*
Donald A. Wells, *Theologian in Residence* ❖ June R. Cooper, *Theologian in the City*
David Story, *Wedding Outreach Minister* ❖ Ken Orth, *Healing Worship Minister*
Martha Schick, *Youth & Young Adult Ministries Leader* ❖ Betsy Wooster, *Seminarian*
Carolyn Davis, *Director, Old South Preschool*
George Sargeant, *Associate Organist & Choirmaster*
Tim Harbold, *Director, Gospel Choir* ❖ Willie Sordillo, *Director, Jazz Worship Music*
Peter Coulombe, *Director, Old South Ringers* ❖ Amy Budka, *Children's Music Leader*

Deb Washington, *Moderator* ❖ Rob Gabler, *Clerk* ❖ Bill Bulkeley, *Treasurer*
Randy Billings, *Chair, Board of Trustees* ❖ Evan Shu, *Historian*
Stephanie LaShoto & Ralph Watson, *Senior Deacons* ❖ Vicki Newman, *Pledge Secretary*

Helen McCrady, *Senior Church Administrator* ❖ Jamie Garuti, *Communications Administrator*
Linda Van Praet, *Accounting & Human Resources* ❖ David Albaugh, *Building Manager*
Allison Albaugh, *Wedding Coordinator* ❖ Emily Ross, *Archivist*
Rebecca Bowler, *Administrative Assistant*
Elias Perez, *Senior Sexton* ❖ Ozo Nwodo, Oppong Serebour, & David Brode, *Sextons*
Corey Spence, Rubia Reyes, *Receptionists*

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.