

One: Let us worship God, Painter of bluest sky,
brilliant sunset, and blazing star-scape.

All: Let us worship God, whose glory the heavens declare!

One: Let us worship God, Dance-master of gale and grassland,
wind and willow, breeze and branch.

All: Let us worship God, for whom the trees of the field clap their hands!

One: Let us worship God, Composer of birdsong and whale call,
of harmonies chirped, whinnied, and howled.

All: Let us worship God, whose praise all creation sings!

*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

He's Got the Whole World
Ann Fogler, *soloist*

Alice Parker, *arr.*

He's got the whole world in his hands,
He's got the whole wide world in his hands,
He's got the whole world in his hands,
He's got the whole world in his hands.

He's got the stars in the sky in his hands,
He's got the sun and moon and planets in his hands,
He's got the clouds and winds and weather in his hands,
He's got the whole world in his hands.

He's got the rocks and the mountains in his hands,
He's got the deserts and the plains in his hands,
He's got the flowers and the fruits in his hands,
He's got the whole world in his hands.

He's got all life on earth in his hands,
He's got the fishes in the sea in his hands,
He's got the insects and the birds in his hands,
He's got the whole world in his hands.

He's got every kind of animal in his hands,
He's got every human being in his hands,
He's got you and me together in his hands,
He's got the whole world in his hands.

ATTEND

SCRIPTURE Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 Tomas Green
Tomas is originally from Seattle, Washington, but finds himself in Boston for a graduate degree at MIT. He became a member of Old South Church last year and serves on our Climate Change Task Force.

*HYMN 202 **Oh God, How We Have Wandered** PASSION CHORALE

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

SERMON Welcome Home June R. Cooper

RITUAL OF RETURNING

LITANY OF THE WATER
by Patricia Pearce, adopted

Our readers are Emily Click and Martha Schick.

*HYMN 569 **Touch the Earth Lightly** TENDERNESS

RESPOND

*CALL TO PRAYER Katherine Schofield

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.

PRAYER RESPONSE Creator, Open Our Hearts Andrew Birling

Creator, open our hearts to peace and healing between all people.
Creator, open our hearts to provide and protect for all children of the earth.
Creator, open our hearts to respect for the earth, and all the gifts of the earth.
Creator, open our hearts to end exclusion, violence, and fear among all.
Thank you for the gifts of this day and every day.

CALL TO THE OFFERING John M. Edgerton

OFFERTORY All Creatures of Our God Most High Jay Althouse, *arr.*

All creatures of our God most High,
Lift up your voice and with us cry:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
O burning sun with golden beam
And silver moon with softer gleam,
Sing your praises! *Alleluia!*

O rushing wind and breezes soft,
O clouds that ride the winds aloft,
Sing your praises! *Alleluia!*
O rising morn, in praise rejoice,
O lights of evening, find a voice.
Sing your praises! *Alleluia!*

Dear mother earth, who day by day
Unfold rich blessings on our way;
Sing your praises! *Alleluia!*
The flow'rs and fruits that in you grow,
Let them God's glory also show.
Sing your praises! *Alleluia!*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God Creator, God the Son,
Praise God the Spirit, Three in One!
Sing your praises! *Alleluia!*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN 565 **God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending** AUSTRIAN HYMN

*BIDDING TO MISSION AND BENEDICTION

June R. Cooper

POSTLUDE

I. "Very Fast"

Frackenpohl

from QUARTET FOR BRASS INSTRUMENTS

III. "Bewegt" from MORGENMUSIK

Hindimith

BOSTON CONSERVATORY BRASS QUARTET
Jonathan Persaud and James Millen, *trumpets*
Sean McLendon, *horn* • Sean McCarty, *trombone*



*Close-Up, a 20-minute tour of the Sanctuary, begins following
worship at the front of the Sanctuary. Led by docent Robin Donovan Bocchiaro.*

.The flowers today are given in honor
of **Elizabeth's** 37 years and **Betty's** 35 years of a good life,
One Day at A Time
by **Betty Pitcher** and **Elizabeth Pitcher**.

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

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	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
	12:15 PM	March Birthday Celebration
	12:30 PM	Connections Lunch
	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>
Monday, April 1	6:00 PM	Theological Book Group
	7:00 PM	Christian Service and Outreach
	7:30 PM	Spiritual Classics
Tuesday, April 2	5:00 PM	Operations Committee
	6:00 PM	Old South Ringers Rehearsal
	6:15 PM	Young Adult Book Group
	7:00 PM	Christian Formation Committee
Wednesday, April 3	12:00 PM	Men's Lunch Hour
	6:15 PM	Young Adult Book Group
	6:30 PM	Young Adult Small Group

Thursday, April 4	12:00 PM	Women’s Lunch Hour Small Group
	6:00 PM	JAZZ Worship, <i>Nancy S. Taylor preaching</i>
	6:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 PM	“Through the Bible” Study
	7:00 PM	Young Adult Book Group
	8:00 PM	Women’s Christianity and Civic Life Small Group
Friday, April 5	12:30 PM	Planned Giving Committee
Saturday, April 6	5:30 PM	North of Boston Potluck <i>in North Reading</i>
Sunday, March 31	9:00 AM	FIRST Worship, <i>Nancy S. Taylor preaching</i>
	9:00 AM	Children’s Choir
	9:45 AM	Old South Café in Gordon Chapel
	10:00 AM	HEALING Worship
	10:00 AM	350th Celebrate!
	10:00 AM	Community Hour, <i>Lenten Study</i>
	10:00 AM	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 AM	Lectionary Bible Study
	10:00 AM	Youth Group
	10:00 AM	Church School
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	12:30 PM	Sacred Music and the Bible
	1:00 PM	O.W.L. Program

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.