



Old South Church

Copley Square, Boston

*A Congregation of the
United Church of Christ*

Gathered 1669

April 24th, 2022

Care of Creation Sunday

*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

Christ ist erstanden, BWV 627

J. S. Bach

*HYMN 558

O How Glorious, Full of Wonder

IN BABILONE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Katherine A. Schofield

One: O Divine Voice, You sing and the universe comes into being;

Many: You breathe and all things spring to life;

One: You call and creation is sustained;

Many: You are the pulse of all that is.

One: In amazement and awe,

in wonder and celebration we marvel at this mystery:

Many: In you all things live and move and have their being.

One: And so we join with creation in the eternal song of worship and wonder.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

WORDS OF WELCOME

* *Indicates all who are able may stand*

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Elliot Leonardo Pérez-Memelli

Child of César Pérez Rodríguez and Gledis Memelli
Rezarta Memelli and Iboşvany Escobar, Godparents

César Pérez Rodríguez

Father of Elliot Leonardo Pérez-Memelli and spouse of Gledis Memelli

PRESENTATION AND INTRODUCTION

Nancy S. Taylor

LITANY OF BAPTISM

One: We are gathered to present Elliot Leonardo and his father César to the Church and to dedicate them to God. What can we affirm about them?

Many: Elliot is a child of God, made in God's image. César has been led by the Spirit to claim in our presence his relationship with Christ and the members of the Christian church.

One: César is here, as we are here, to endeavor to love God with all his heart, and with all his soul, and with all his mind. We rejoice in your pilgrimage of faith which has brought you to this time and place.

Many: He is here, as we are here, to endeavor to love our neighbors as we love ourselves.

One: César: Do you promise, by the grace of God, to continue in your pilgrimage of faith, to be Christ's disciple, to resist oppression and evil, to show love and justice, and to witness to the work and word of Jesus Christ as best you are able?

César: *I promise, with the help of God*

One: Do you promise to walk with us in faithfulness and in Christian love?

César: *I do, with the help of God.*

One: As Elliot grows and matures, how will he know he is a child of God and how will he learn of the Christian story?

Many: We will tell him about Abraham and Sarah, the parents of our faith; about Moses and Miriam who led our ancestors out of bondage; about Mary and Joseph's openness to mystery; about the Savior, Jesus.

One: In turn, what will we expect of Elliot and César?

Many: We look forward to sitting with them at the Lord's Table, sharing with them the costs and joys of discipleship, learning and growing with them in the Christian pilgrimage, and declaring with one voice our faith in God and God's son, Jesus.

One: Do you, Gledis and César, parents, assume your primary responsibility for fulfilling these expectations by growing with Elliot in the Christian faith, helping him to become a faithful member of the church of Jesus Christ, and by offering him the nurture and support of the Christian church? And do you, Rezarta and Ihosvany, godparents, agree to guide Elliot into becoming an engaged and complete human being, teaching him about personal sacrifice for a greater good, about grace and reconciliation at times of human weakness, and the power of unconditional love for all people?

Parents and Godparents: We happily and genuinely accept this serious duty.

One: Old South Church, do you pledge to maintain a nurturing and challenging Christian environment for Elliot and César?

Many: We do, for they belong to us as well.

One: Then, may God be with us.

Many: God help us. Amen.

BLESSING THE WATER

BAPTISM

CONGREGATIONAL WELCOME (*unison*) George Delianides, *Baptism Deacon*
We rejoice in God's empowering love, freely given to each and all. We welcome you, newly baptized, into the circle of love in Christ's church. We promise to pray for you, to seek the depths of faith with you, to support you, and to love you. We covenant with you to love God with all our hearts, minds, souls, and strength, and our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.

ANTHEM

All Creatures of Our God and King

Jay Althouse, *arr.*

During the anthem, children who wish to may meet childcare staff in the back of the sanctuary and proceed to the 3rd floor.

All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing:

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!*

Let all things their creator bless,
and worship God in humbleness;
O praise God! *Alleluia!*
The flowers and fruits that in you grow,
Let them your glory also show.
O praise God! *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!
O praise God! *Alleluia!*

ATTEND

SCRIPTURE

James 2:1-8;14-18

SERMON

Rev. Mariama White-Hammond
A Real Talk Reflection on Climate Justice

*HYMN 3

Many and Great, O God, Are Your Works

LACQUIPARLE

RESPOND

SPECIAL RECOGNITION: GREEN CONGREGATION CHALLENGE

LEVEL FOUR

Emma Brewer-Wallin,

Minister for Environmental and Economic Justice, SNEUCC

ANTHEM

Celebration on AZMON
THE OLD SOUTH RINGERS
Peter Coulombe, *director*

Brian Childers, *arr.*

CALL TO PRAYER

Nancy S. Taylor

One: God be with you.

Many: And also with you.

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

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

One: Let us pray.

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

PRAYER RESPONSE *Ein kleiner, hübscher Vogel*, Op. 52, No. 6 Johannes Brahms

*[A pretty little bird flew off into a garden full of fruit.
Were I a pretty little bird, I'd not hesitate — I'd do the same.]*

*But treacherous lime-twigs lay in wait; the poor bird could not fly away.
Were I a pretty little bird, I'd hesitate — not do the same.*

*The bird alighted upon a lovely hand, the lucky thing wanted nothing more.
Were I a pretty little bird, I'd not hesitate — I'd do the same.]*

CALL TO THE OFFERING

Howard Cha-Young Kim



*To give via ApplePay, GooglePay, or with a Credit Card,
scan the QR code with your smartphone camera.
You can also Text 44-321 and enter OSC to make a gift.*

OFFERTORY

The Majesty and Glory of Your Name

Tom Fettke

When I gaze into the night skies and see the work of your fingers;
the moon and stars suspended in space.

Oh, who are we that you are mindful of us?
You have given to each a crown of glory and honor,
and have made us a little lower than the angels.

You have put us in charge of all creation:
the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, the fish of the sea.
Oh, who are we that you are mindful of us?

O Lord, our God, the majesty and glory of your name
transcends the earth and fills the heavens.
O Lord, our God, little children praise you perfectly,
and so would we, and so would we.

Alleluia! The majesty and glory of your name. Alleluia!

BLESSING DEPARTING MEMBER

Mercedes Ridao

Nancy S. Taylor

*HYMN 563

We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky

ENDLESS SONG

*BIDDING TO MISSION AND BENEDICTION

TAYLOR TRAILERS:
CELEBRATING NANCY'S MINISTRY

John Edgerton,
Anthony Livolsi-Weisman

POSTLUDE

All Hail the Power [DIADEM]

Dan Forrest, *arr.*



Join us for Refreshments & Fellowship
in the Gordon Chapel following the Postlude.

The flowers today are given
in loving memory of Scott Palmer
by Diane Palmer.

Close-Up, a twenty minute tour of the Sanctuary,
begins following Worship at the front of the Sanctuary.
Led by docent Chuck Gerlinger.



NOTES ON TODAY'S MUSIC

Tom Fettke is revered in evangelical circles as something of a legend. Celebrated for his work as composer, conductor, and clinician, he likewise created *The Hymnal for Worship and Celebration*, a non-denomination song book used by thousands of congregations around the country. Yet without question, Fettke is most known for the anthem we present at the Offertory today, *The Majesty and Glory of Your Name*. The text is a Psalm paraphrase by Linda Lee Johnson, who sang in Fettke's church choir at the time. Fettke credits her with inspiring the musical setting:

Linda had written a children's Sunday School program which revealed some of her creative abilities. When I asked her to try writing a text based on my favorite Psalm, Psalm 8, her response was less than confident, but she was willing to give it a try. A few days later she presented to me a lyric that I felt was nearly perfect and ready for my attempt at a musical setting.

Fettke's comments on the inspiration for the piece will strike many as particularly evangelical in its flavor. I include it here because I think it encapsulates succinctly the culture of which it is an outgrowth. He says:

This song is not mine, it's God's. It is one of those things in life that you know, beyond a shadow of a doubt, you had nothing to do with; you were only a tool in the hands of God to display his handiwork.

Jay Althouse's arrangement of *All Creatures of Our God and King* is a majestic treatment of the familiar tune, notable for its use of mixed meter. Althouse received Bachelor's and Master's degree from Indiana University of Pennsylvania before settling in North Carolina, where he served on the board of the North Carolina Master Chorale. He has more than 700 works in print — rather prolific — and is a regular recipient of the ASCAP Special Award for his compositions in the area of standard music.

—Mitchell Crawford, *Minister of Music*

J.S. Bach's *Christ ist erstanden* (*Christ is Risen*) comes from *Das Orgelbüchlein* (*A Little Organ Book*), a set of 45 brief chorale preludes meant as instruction pieces for beginner organists and likely composed while he was in prison. In 1717, he wished to leave the service of his royal employer, the Duke of Weimar, in order to accept a similar position in the court of the Prince of Anhalt-Cöthen. The Duke was none too pleased about this, and when Bach pressed the issue, the Duke had Bach imprisoned for a month before agreeing to let him go. *Christ ist erstanden* is unique among the chorales of *Das Orgelbüchlein* in that it is the only one to treat all the verses of the chorale rather than a single verse. Like so many Lutheran chorales, the melody has Roman Catholic roots. It is derived from the plainsong Easter sequence *Victimae paschali laudes* (*Christians, to the Paschal Victim*).

—George Sargeant, *Associate Organist and Choirmaster*

WELCOME TO OLD SOUTH CHURCH

For LARGE print bulletins or children’s bulletins, please ask an Usher.
The Chapel has full audio of the service if you need to stretch your legs.

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.

Name tags facilitate community and help newcomers feel welcomed. If you don’t see a tag with your name on it, let us know—there will be one waiting for your next Sunday!

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

Nancy S. Taylor, *Senior Minister* ❖ James W. Crawford, *Senior Minister Emeritus*
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Donald A. Wells, *Theologian in Residence* ❖ June R. Cooper, *Theologian in the City*
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David Story, *Wedding Minister* ❖ Ken Orth, *Healing Worship Minister*

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Kristi Geary, *Chair, Board of Trustees* ❖ Kate Silfen, *Historian*
Paul Brouillette & Susan Navia, *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.

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EARTH WEEK APRIL 18th - 24th 2022

PRAY

Go to tinyurl.com/2022Earthweekdevotions to pray a Devotional For Earth Week by Richard Rohr.

ACT - Great Tide Rising: Earth Day Action

Saturday, April 23rd, 10 a.m-1 p.m.

Held at Weymouth Compressor Station, 50 Bridge St., Weymouth. Join local activists, elected leaders, musicians and others as we take a stand against environmental racism and this dangerous facility. Van leaves OSC at 9:15a. To reserve a seat contact katherine@oldsouth.org.

WORSHIP - Care of Creation Sunday

Sunday, April 24th, 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Featuring Rev. Mariama White-Hammond, Chief of Environment, Energy, and Open Space for the City of Boston and Pastor of New Roots AME, preaching at First Worship and Festival Worship.

LEARN - Community Hour Forum with Rev. Mariama White-Hammond

Sunday, April 24th, 10 a.m.

Come learn more about how Rev. White-Hammond is leading the Mayor's Cabinet in achieving its mission of enhancing environmental justice and quality of life in Boston by protecting air, water, climate, and land resources.



EASTER FLOWERS

You can go to tiny.oldsouth.org/EasterFlowers2022 to see the list of those who donated Easter flowers in honor or in memory of loved ones.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Celebrate at the Festival Worship Coffee Hour on Sunday, April 24th
Join us in singing Happy Birthday and sharing cake to celebrate all those born in April!

UPCOMING COMMUNITY HOUR FORUMS

A LABOR OF LOVE: Adulting when it comes to Wills, Healthcare Proxies (for you and your loved ones), and What to Do When Someone Is Sick

Sunday, May 1st, 10 a.m., 2nd Floor or Zoom

Your Planned Giving Committee cares about you (you of all ages) and is eager to help you think about some important and very personal matters. We will have OSC experts to present briefly on each topic with time for Q & A. Some 70% of Americans die without a will. Don't be one of those. You're smarter than that! And, while you're at it, if you want to name Old South Church in your planned giving, that would make us happy, too, but our greatest happiness will be in knowing you are planning ahead with your head and your heart.

OSC CLIMATE CRISIS TASK FORCE: Building the Movement

Sunday, May 15th, 10 a.m., 2nd Floor or zoom

Our faith calls us to take direct action to fight the climate crisis. How do we make real change in our city, state and nation? Come celebrate the Climate Crisis' Task Force's accomplishments over the last three years and hear more about some exciting upcoming projects and partnerships

UKRANIAN REFUGEE SUPPORT

Donate at <http://tinyurl.com/OSC-online-giving> or reach out to Helen@oldsouth.org

Old South launched a matching campaign to support Ukranian refugees. We are partnering with Marborough UCC and the Diakonia of the Lutheran Church in Poland (www.diakonia.org.pl). They are helping both refugees that fled to Poland (mainly women and children) and the Diakonia of the German Lutheran Church in Ukraine, centered in Kharkiv that is being bombed as we speak. Help is given by Diakonia to all people. The Outreach Committee donated \$2000 and we are mobilizing your support as well.

BIBLE STUDY

Sundays at 9:00 a.m., 4th floor and on tinyurl.com/OSCBibleStudy

Delve into the day's scripture passage heard in worship. Led by our ministerial staff, this no-homework Bible study delights in taking a scholarly look at ancient texts. Don't leave your questions at the door; we need them. For more information contact jess@oldsouth.org.

THROUGH THE BIBLE

Thursdays, 7:30 p.m., on Zoom at tinyurl.com/OSCThroughBible

Join us as we journey at a reflective and thorough pace through the Hebrew Bible. We're currently reading through Psalms. For more information and the Zoom link, email howard@oldsouth.org.

PHILLIS WHEATLEY SUNDAY

Sunday, May 8th

Join us as we celebrate this extraordinary young woman (who was baptized into the church on August 18, 1771). The Museum of Science has commissioned an IMAX Film which tells the story of Boston, starting 5000 years ago and through to today. Old South members Phillis Wheatley and Paula Hammond will be featured, as will Old South Church. Don your Sunday best, come to church and join us as we go on promenade to the Boston Women's Memorial to fete Phillis Wheatley on the occasion of her birthday.

BE A GUEST OF MASTERWORKS CHORALE

Sunday, May 15th, 3 p.m.

Masterworks Chorale invites you to a concert of remembrance and reflection. Conductor Kevin Leong has chosen the angelic Faure Requiem and works of William Grant Still in an illuminating pairing. Come worship in the morning, and then come back to hear 50 splendid voices honor those lost to the pandemic and celebrate the living, in works of simple, heartfelt beauty. Visit masterworks.org and enter code OSC upon checkout. Limit two tickets per order.

GET INVOLVED

Christianity is no spectator sport. Won't you jump in and join us? The advantages of participation: meet amazing people, serve your church, and have fun at the same time.

- **Sign up to USHER** at one of our three weekly services. It's a great way to transform yourself from a visitor to a host, get to help out, meet sparkling people, and welcome the world to God's house and home. Email Helen@oldsouth.org
- **Join a SMALL GROUP.** Some small groups read books, others go out to movies, or out to a meal, or to the museum. Email Katherine@oldsouth.org
- **MAKE MUSIC!** We have two choral ensembles: Festival Choir (weekly rehearsals on Thursday evenings and weekly performances on Sundays at 11am). Contact mitchell@oldsouth.org. Our Gospel Choir rehearses and performs once a month. Contact tim@oldsouth.org. The Old South Ringers have room at the bell tables and rehearse once a month and perform in worship once a month. Contact Peter Coulombe at handbells@oldsouth.org.

COVID PRECAUTIONS

- Masking is OPTIONAL (except for Church School teachers and children in classrooms)
- Masks are available at the front desk for those who choose to wear one
- We strongly encourage everyone to be fully vaxxed and boosted, to attend to handwashing, and to refrain from entering the building if you have so much as a sniffle.



MAY 22nd - NANCY'S FINAL DAY

Join us for this bittersweet occasion as we celebrate and honor Rev. Nancy Taylor on her last Sunday as the Senior Minister of Old South Church in Boston.

Nancy's Final Thursday: May 19th

6 p.m. Jazz Worship, Nancy preaching

Nancy's Final Sunday: May 22nd

10 a.m. Worship, Nancy preaching

11 a.m. Light lunch

12 p.m. Celebration Ceremony

WEEKLY WORSHIP

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

JAZZ Worship, Thursdays at 6:00 p.m.

FIRST Worship Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

FESTIVAL Worship Sundays at 11:00 a.m.

HEALING Worship, the second Sunday at 12:30 p.m. via Zoom

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.
