

April 8, 2018
**Second Sunday
of Easter**
11:00 am

GATHERING

PRELUDE Death and Resurrection Jean Langlais

*HYMN (v1, v2, v1) Many and Great, O God, Are Your Works *Lacquiarle*

*CALL TO WORSHIP John M. Edgerton

One: Blessed are You, O God, Creator of all this is, seen and unseen

Many: Blessed are You, O God, Author of the Universe.

One: Blessed are You, O God, who opens our eyes to the beauty in the
world,

**Many: Blessed are You, O God, who opens our eyes to what is truly
happening today,**

One: Who opens our eyes to envision the future;

**Many: Who reminds us that each step we take connects us with the
Earth,**

One: Whose divine image breathes through all life.

**Many: Blessed are You, O God, in whom we live and move and have
our being.**

* *Indicates all who are able may stand*

*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

RECEIVING

ANTHEM

Earth Song

Frank Ticheli

*Sing, Be, Live, See
This dark stormy hour,
the wind, it stirs.
The scorched Earth cries out in vain.*

Oh war and power, you blind and blur. The torn heart cries out in pain.

*But music and singing have been my refuge,
and music and singing shall be my light.*

*A light of song, shining strong.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah.*

*Through darkness and pain and strife,
I'll sing, I'll be, live, see.*

Peace.

SCRIPTURE

II Corinthians 3:1-6

Tracy Keene

An eleven-year member of Old South Church, Tracy serves as the chair of *(G)race Speaks* and as a member of our 350th Anniversary *Faith Into Action* Task Force. He serves on the board of directors of the Massachusetts Conference of the United Church of Christ, and as a delegate to the UCC's upcoming General Synod in 2019.

(children may leave for choir and care)

*HYMN 283 Spirit of the Living God *Iverson*

SERMON Defiant Hope: Jim Antal
Christian Witness in a time of Climate Crisis

Our preacher today, the Rev. Dr. Jim Antal, serves as the Minister and President of the Massachusetts Conference of the United Church of Christ. His new book, *Climate Church, Climate World: How People of Faith Must Work for Change*, is available for sale in the Fellowship Hour.

*HYMN 563 We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky *Endless Song*

RESPONDING

*CALL TO PRAYER Donald A. Wells

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. (The people may be seated)

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

CALL TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM For the Beauty of the Earth

John Rutter

*For the beauty of the earth,
For the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies:
God of all, to thee we raise
This, our joyful hymn of praise.*

*For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above,
For all gentle thoughts and mild:
God of all, to thee we raise
This, our joyful hymn of praise.*

*For the beauty of the hour
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale and tree and flower,
Sun and moon and stars of light:
God of all, to thee we raise
This, our joyful hymn of praise.*

*For each perfect gift of thine
To our race so freely given,
Graces human and divine,
Flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n:
God of all, to thee we raise
This, our joyful hymn of praise*

— F. S. Pierpoint

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

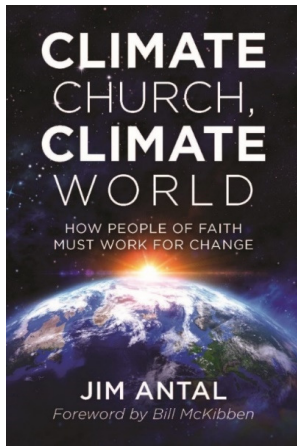
John M. Edgerton

SENDING

*HYMN 558	O How Glorious, Full of Wonder	<i>In Babilone</i>
*BIDDING TO MISSION AND BENEDECTION		Jim Antal
POSTLUDE	Christ Is Risen	J.S. Bach



Close-Up, a 20-minute tour of the Sanctuary,
begins following worship at the front of the Sanctuary.
Led by docent Dick Yeo.



Why should people of faith engage the moral challenge of climate change – and **how** should we do it? *Climate Church, Climate World* helps answer these questions and empowers the reader to join others in taking action. We can expand the Golden Rule to include future generations. We can shift our focus from personal salvation to collective salvation. Because climate change amplifies all forms of injustice – hunger, refugees, racism, poverty, inequality, deadly viruses, war – defense of creation is a campaign for justice. By reorienting what we prize through new approaches to worship, preaching, witnessing, and other spiritual practices, we can honor creation as we cultivate hope and discover new joy.

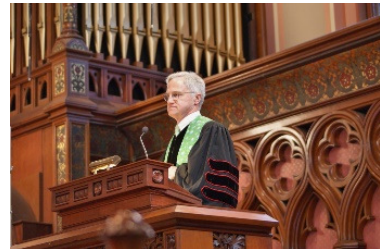
From the Foreword by Bill McKibben:

This book is written with unusual authority, because for as long as there has been a serious climate movement in the United States, Jim Antal has been at the forefront. I have stood with him at a hundred demonstrations, languished with him in jail, sweated next to him in paddy wagons. I have listened to him preach the powerful good news—and bad news—about the energy and climate crises from pulpit after pulpit. And I’ve watched as his cheerful, insistent, relentlessly loving approach has allowed so many Americans to join in this fight. He is on the short list of heroes who have given their all.

About Today’s Preacher

Jim Antal is a denominational leader, award-winning activist, and public theologian. He serves as the national spokesperson on climate change for the UCC and leads the UCC in Massachusetts. You may contact him at antalj@macucc.org or ClimateChurch@gmail.com

Books Available for Sale Today,
or buy online at www.climatechurch.org



WELCOME TO OLD SOUTH CHURCH

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 urban church in the heart of Boston. Join us immediately following worship for fellowship and refreshments in the Gordon Chapel.

The flowers today are given by Elizabeth and Betty Pitcher to celebrate Elizabeth's 36 years and Betty's 34 years of a good life one day at a time

If you need to stretch your legs during worship the Gordon Chapel has full audio of the Sanctuary service throughout.

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 paired with the loop.

Note: The sound will be 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, April 8	9:00 am	FIRST Worship, <i>Jim Antal preaching</i>
	9:00 am	Children's Choir Rehearsal
	9:45 am	Old South Café in Gordon Chapel
	10:00 am	Healing Worship
	10:00 am	350th Celebrate! Task Force
	10:00 am	Community Hour
	10:00 am	Church School and Childcare
	10:00 am	Youth Group
	10:00 am	Festival Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am	Lectionary Bible Study
	11:00 am	FESTIVAL Worship, <i>Jim Antal preaching</i>
	11:15 am	Children's Music
	12:15 pm	Fellowship Hour in Gordon Chapel
	Monday, April 9	9:00 am
6:00 pm		Theological Book Group
Tuesday, April 10	5:30 pm	Membership Committee Meeting
	5:30 pm	Handbells Rehearsal
	7:00 pm	Church Council
Wednesday, April 11	12:00 pm	Men's Lunch Hour Small Group
	6:15 pm	Young Adult Book Group, <i>'The Meaning of Jesus'</i>
	6:30 pm	Young Adult Group, <i>'Strengthening Our Marriages'</i>
Thursday, April 12	12:00 pm	Women's Lunch Hour Small Group
	6:00 pm	JAZZ Worship, <i>Nancy Taylor preaching</i>
	6:30 pm	Festival Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 pm	Young Adult Book Group, <i>'Mere Christianity'</i>
	7:00 pm	Young Women's Small Group, <i>'Learning to Walk in the Dark'</i>
	7:00 pm	'Through the Bible' Study, <i>The Book of Judges</i>
Sunday, April 15	Marathon Sunday services at 9:00 am and 11:00 am	

**OLD SOUTH CHURCH IN BOSTON
MINISTERS, OFFICERS AND STAFF**

Nancy S. Taylor, Senior Minister
John M. Edgerton, Associate Minister ❖ Anthony T. Livolsi, Associate Minister
James W. Crawford, Senior Minister Emeritus
Kate Nintcheu, Director, Children and Family Ministries
Donald A. Wells, Theologian in Residence ❖ June R. Cooper, Theologian in the City
Calvin Genzel, Wedding Outreach Minister ❖ Ken Orth, Healing Worship Minister
Carrie Swayne-Gerrish, Youth Leader ❖ Rebecca Bowler, Seminarian Intern
Carolyn Davis, Director, Old South Preschool ❖ Emma Brewer-Wallin, Ministry Intern
George Sargeant, Associate Organist and Choirmaster
Willie Sordillo, Jazz Worship Music Director
Peter Coulombe, Director, Old South Ringers ❖ Amy Budka, Children's Music Leader
Tim Harbold, Director, Gospel & Festival Choirs
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Allison Albaugh, Wedding Coordinator
Elias Perez, Senior Sexton ❖ Ozo Nwodo and Oppong Serebour, Sextons
Corey Spence, Rubia Reyes, and Lena Rojas Receptionists
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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.

BLESSING OF THE ATHLETES

Sunday, April 15, Services at 9am and 11am

Join us for our annual Marathon Sunday worship services, featuring a moment of silence on the occasion of the 5th anniversary of the Marathon bombings, the Blessing of the Marathon Athletes and "Highland Cathedral" for bagpipes, drum and organ. We are honored to welcome Carlos Arredondo to invoke the blessing. Five years ago, Carlos ran toward the first explosion at the finish line to help pull down the barriers blocking first responders from the wounded.

MARATHON SUNDAY FUN RUN

Sunday, April 15, 10am

We will revive our very short but sweet OSC Fun Run between worship services on Marathon Sunday. We run, walk, or roll the half-mile course down to Dartmouth to Comm Ave, and then back to Boylston along Exeter. There will be ministers running in robes, race numbers, and snacks!

CHILDREN'S SABBATH

Sunday, April 22, 9am

This is the day that we are led in worship by our children - and if you were present last year you will remember that it isn't a "kiddie" worship service at all - but in fact a truly special service where we worship God, and happen to be led by very young liturgists. Email children@oldsouth.org for more information.

#METOO FORUM

Building a Supportive Faith Community in the Time of the #MeToo Movement

Sunday, April 22 at 12:30pm

Please join us for an opportunity to learn and share together about sexual violence and how to build a supportive faith community and take action to prevent sexual violence and support those who experience it. Trained educators and Old Southerners Lauren Montanaro, Ross Steinborn, and Kaitie Chakoian-Livgren will facilitate. If you are unable to attend but would like to participate in future programming on this, please contact Lucy Costa at lucygarnetcosta@gmail.com.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

Friday, April 13, 6-10pm

Ready for a night on the town? Register your child for Parents' Night Out! Children (age 6 months to grade 5) are cared for by vetted Children's Ministries staff and volunteers, while parents nurture their adult relationships around the Back Bay. To register, email children@oldsouth.org by Monday, April 9th.

SUNDAYS

CHILDCARE: Infants through grade 2 are welcome in our childcare ministries beginning at 8:40 am. Care is available uninterrupted all morning through Festival Worship.

CHURCH SCHOOL: Our Montessori-style Godly Play program invites children age 3 - 4th grade to see themselves as active participants in the story of faith. Students in 5th -6th grades dive into Bible study as we *meet the ancestors* of the Old Testament.

YOUTH GROUP: Students in grades 7-12 explore issues of life and faith on Sundays.

SERVICE + FAITH INTO ACTION

PRAYER VIGIL AT THE ICE DETENTION CENTER

Sunday, April 29, 2pm at 20 Bradston Street, Boston

Join Massachusetts Communities Action Network (MCAN) as we come together as a visible symbol to our siblings in detention to show them that they are not forgotten. For more information, email marie.f.hurd@gmail.com.

HUMOR FOR HUMANITY WITH JIMMY TINGLE

Sunday, April 29, 3pm, Old South Church

Join us for an afternoon of laughter as comedian Jimmy Tingle performs his Humor for Humanity to benefit the Ignation Spirituality Project, which provides spiritual retreats to people who are homeless and in recovery. You can purchase tickets at tinyurl.com/JimmyTingle

ADULT EDUCATION

UPCOMING COMMUNITY HOUR SERIES

Jazz and Spirituality: An Improvisational Conversation - April 22, 29 and May 6 at 10am

What do Christian faith and jazz improvisation have in common? What makes a piece of music “spiritual?” Does approaching worship with a jazz sensibility change more than the mood? We will explore these and other questions as we listen to and talk about great jazz recordings by master musicians. Led by Jazz Worship Music Director Willie Sordillo.

SIGN UP TO JOIN A SMALL GROUP

Please sign up by Sunday, April 8th to ensure your spot.

Do you seek to deepen your experience of community at Old South Church, cultivate spiritual friendships, and grow in your faith? Consider joining a Small Group! We are currently forming groups for the spring (April to June) season. Participants gather weekly at church or off-site to discuss a topic of their choosing: a book of the Bible, podcasts, politics, spiritual practices, faith and film, etc. To sign up, fill out the interest form at <http://www.OldSouth.org/small-groups>. The information you provide will be used to ‘match’ you with a group. We form groups with care, intention, and seriousness, and thus cannot accommodate latecomers. For more information, contact anthony@oldsouth.org.

THEOLOGICAL BOOK GROUP

The Theological Book Group will begin a new book on Monday, April 9th: *The Hungering Dark* by Frederick Buechner. In short essays on select biblical texts he invites readers to examine their own spiritual journeys; a seeing of key faith issues through new lenses. Challenging!! Sign up at the Front Desk (Books \$12.00) or contact Don Wells (granwell@comcast.net). **There are only 2 spots left**, so sign up soon! Readings assignments will be sent to those on the list.

‘FUN-AND-NOT-SCARY, AT-A-SNAIL’S-PACE READ THROUGH OF THE WHOLE BIBLE’ STUDY: *Thursdays at 7pm.* Journey through the Book of Judges with us. Reading the Bible chapter by chapter, book by book opens us up to new allusions, parallels, and rich insights. To join in, email Rev. Anthony Livolsi at anthony@oldsouth.org.

COMMUNITY LIFE

CHURCH WORK DAY

Saturday, April 28th, 10am-2pm

We're looking for a crew to join in a "fix-up, spruce-up" work day around our beloved building. No particular skills necessary, just a willing spirit. Email helen@oldsouth.org or david@oldsouth.org if you can attend. Light refreshments will be served.

MONTHLY CAREGIVING SUPPORT GROUP

Meets the second Tuesday of every month, 11am, at Old South

Are you providing care for others -- for parents, partners, children, neighbors, friends? Do you find the emotional burden of supporting others to be sometimes overwhelming? Old South's monthly Caregiver Support Group, led by social worker and Old South member Rich Hassinger, is a structured space in which you can reflect, process, and be encouraged in your ministry of compassion. For more information, contact anthony@oldsouth.org.

NORTH OF BOSTON POTLUCK

Please join us for our "It's Finally Spring!" potluck on April 21st at 5:00 pm at the home of Susan and Manuel Navia in Lexington. Please bring a potluck dish (serving 6) to share, along with something you would like to drink. If you would like to come, please RSVP (needed only if yes) to northofboston@oldsouth.org and we will send out directions the week before. All friends and family of Old South Church are welcome.

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 in the Sanctuary, for any length of time.

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