



*Picture from 2016 Pentecost Service*

## **All Church Worship — Old South Church *in Boston***

May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020 ❖ 10:00 a.m.

### **Pentecost 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

I Will Sing of My Redeemer

Diane Bish, *arr.*

WELCOME

<http://tinyurl.com/osconnect>

Amo Ngoepe

*Welcome to worship! Introduce yourself and connect with us by signing our Virtual Fellowship Pad.*



1. O - pen wide the eyes of won - der: bound-less gal - ax - ies in space,  
 2. Stretch out wide the arms of kind-ness: nur - ture sheep from man - y folds.  
 3. Fling out wide the gates of free-dom, to the suf - fering bring re - lief:  
 4. God of mer - cy, love, and beau - ty, blaz - ing trails to mark our way,



fin - est flecks of whirl-ing mat - ter span the mag - ni - tude of grace.  
 Wel - come cres - cent, star, and rain - bow, all whose seek - ing God up - holds.  
 hearts im - pa - tient for de - liv - erance\* call for res - cue from their grief.  
 still trans - plant - ing, still sus - tain - ing, † you have brought us to this day.



Vaults that up - lift our sights to heav - en; mu - sic that leaves us hushed and awed;  
 Peo - ples and crea-tures, poor and need - ing, hun - ger for mer-cies spread a - broad.  
 Till hurt-ful walls of bi - as crum - ble, till hate-ful cag - es stand un-barred,  
 In ev - ery e - ra, you have sought us, draw-ing your prom-ise in - to view.



arts that en - large our lives with beau - ty o - pen a door-way in-to God.❖  
 Acts of com - pass - ion toward our neigh-bors o - pen a door-way in-to God.  
 all those who dare to plead for jus - tice † o - pen a door-way in-to God.  
 Strength - en our will to meet your fu - ture, o - pening new door-ways in-to you.

❖ “Behold, I have set before thee an open door,” — Revelation 3:8, carved into the Old South Church portico.

\* “In every human Breast, God has implanted a Principle, which we call Love of Freedom; it is *impatient* of Oppression, and pants for *Deliverance*.” — Phillis Wheatley [*emphasis added*]

† An allusion to Whittier’s famous phrase, “So long as Boston shall Boston be, and her bay-tides rise and fall, Shall freedom stand in the Old South Church and plead for the rights of all!”

‡ A reference to the Latin motto *Qui transtulit sustinet* (carved into Old South’s portico), meaning “The God who transplanted us sustains us still.”

Text: Mary Louise Bringle (2019)  
 Tune: CONSTANTINE, James Gertmenian (1986)

INVOCATION

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Shawn M. Fiedler

# ATTEND

SCRIPTURE

Acts 2. 1-12

**Amo Ngoepe** (Sepedi):

*A reading from the Book of Acts. When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.*

**William Wei** (Chinese):

*Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.*

**Mercedes Ridao** (Spanish):

*Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each.*

**David Duong** (Vietnamese):

*Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?"*

**Rebecca Bowler Pasipanodya** (Swiss German):

*Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power."*

**All: All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?"**

REFLECTION

Space

Nancy S. Taylor

HYMN

**Every Time I Feel the Spirit**

Refrain:

***Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray.  
Yes, every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray.***

**Upon the mountain my God spoke, out of God's mouth came fire and smoke.  
Looked all around me; it looked so fine, I asked my God if all were mine. (refrain)**

**Oh, Jordan river, chilly and cold, it chills the body, but not the soul.  
There's only one train on this track; it runs to heaven, then right back. (refrain)**

# WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

*New member bios begin on page 6*

Shayna Gleason	Ellen Simmons
Harry Hanson	Matt Simmons
Annie Hollingsworth	Katherine Spurlock
(Ahn) Duy Nguyen	Dante Spurlock
Carl Sciortino	Beth Young
Esther Seguin	

WELCOME

Katherine A. Schofield

LITANY OF INTENT

One: Friends in Christ, we are all received into the church through the sacrament of baptism. These people have found nurture and support in the midst of the family of Christ. They have been led by the Spirit to affirm their baptism and to claim in our presence their covenantal relationship with Christ and the members of the Christian church.

**All: They are here, as we are here, to endeavor to love God with all our heart, soul, and mind, and our neighbors as ourselves. God help us.**

One: Friends who are joining, we rejoice in your pilgrimage of faith which has brought you to this time and place. We give thanks for every community of faith which has been your spiritual home, and we celebrate your presence in this household of faith. 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?

*Those joining: We do.*

One: Do you promise to walk with us in faithfulness and in Christian love? And do you promise, that so far as able, you will participate in the life of this church, by worshipping God with us, and offering your time, talent and means for the ministry of this church and for the larger church of which this is a part?

*Those joining: We do.*

One: Friends, we then welcome you as partners in the common life of this church and join our voices to share our covenant of mission with you.

**All: We pledge to give ourselves to the one whom Jesus called "Abba, Father," as the God in whose love we are grounded, and to Jesus Christ, God incarnate, who rules our lives. We give ourselves to God the Holy Spirit, the One who sustains, recreates and guides us. We promise to walk in covenant with one another, with the wider church, and with the Old South Church, secure in God's grace, and prepared in gratitude to live by the promise and serve in the hope of the Gospel.**

THE RIGHT HAND OF CHRISTIAN FRIENDSHIP

Mercedes Ridaó

PASTORAL PRAYER

Katherine A. Schofield

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.**

# RESPOND

CALL TO THE OFFERING

<http://tinyurl.com/osc-online-giving>

Shawn M. Fiedler

OFFERTORY

Here from All Nations  
*Recorded September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018*

Roy Hopp, *arr.*

Here from all nations, all tongues, and all peoples,  
Countless the crowd but their voices are one.  
Vast is the sight and majestic their singing:  
"God has the victory! God reigns from the throne!"

These have come out of the hardest oppression;  
Now they may stand in the presence of God,  
Serving their Lord day and night in his temple,  
Ransomed and cleansed by the Lamb's precious blood.

Gone is their thirst and no more shall they hunger;  
God is their shelter, his power at their side.  
Sun shall not pain them, no burning will torture;  
Jesus the Lamb is their shepherd and guide.

He will go with them to clear living water  
Flowing from springs which his mercy supplies.  
Gone is their grief, and their trials are over.  
God wipes away every tear from their eyes.

Blessing and glory and wisdom and power  
Be to the Savior again and again.  
Might and thanksgiving and honor forever  
Be to our God: Alleluia! Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN

**How Firm a Foundation**

FOUNDATION

**How firm a foundation for you has been laid, by God in the Word, in the sacrifice paid!  
What more can God say than to you has been said, to you, who for refuge to Jesus have fled?**

**"Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dismayed, for I am your God, and will still give you aid;  
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand upheld by my gracious, omnipotent hand."**

**"The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose I will not, I will not desert to its foes;  
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no never, no never forsake!"**

BIDDING TO MISSION AND BENEDICTION

Nancy S. Taylor

POSTLUDE

Fanfares to the Tongues of Fire  
*See note about the postlude on page 7*

Larry King



## WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

### **Shayna Gleason**

Shayna is a New Jersey native, but comes more recently from Minnesota and Pittsburgh. She is a doctoral student in the Gerontology Program at UMass Boston and does research on transportation for older people and "age-friendly community" initiatives. Shayna was sold on OSC when she asked Nancy whether she could be part of the climate change task force, and Nancy replied—"Which one? We have four."

### **Harry Hanson and Annie Hollingsworth**

Annie and Harry moved to Boston in 2016 from Wayland, MA where they lived for nearly 30 years and raised their family. Annie is involved as a director of her family's industrial manufacturing company based in Walpole, MA and Harry is a lawyer in a boutique corporate law firm on Boylston Street in Boston. Annie and Harry are both involved with board work for environmental organizations. They have been happy and excited to both find a welcoming community and place of worship at Old South. Annie comes from a long Episcopal tradition. Harry was raised as a Presbyterian but has never been a member of a church before, and is looking forward to the adventure ahead.

### **Duy Nguyen**

Duy is currently attending Boston College Law School. Prior to coming to law school he worked as a legal assistant for a law firm in Atlanta before joining the Episcopal Service Corp in New York and working as Ministry Assistant for Children and Outreach at Grace Church in Manhattan. Although he was not born in Georgia, he moved there from Vietnam with his family at the age of 12, and considers it his home state because it is where he spent most of life and it's where most of his family still lives. When not at school or working, Duy likes to work out, explore the city, try out new food, reading, and Netflix.

### **Carl Sciortino**

Carl lives in the South End with husband Pem, and their two cats. He currently works at Fenway Health, and is a former State Representative. Carl is also on the board of the Old South Meeting House's stewarding organization, Revolutionary Spaces, which preserves OSC's historic home. He enjoys yoga gardening and cycling. Carl was raised Roman Catholic, and is grateful to have found such a welcoming new church home at Old South Church.

### **Esther Seguin**

Esther grew up in Connecticut and moved to Boston after graduating from college in Chicago. She lives in the Back Bay with her husband and two college kids -- whenever they choose to be at home. Esther works in the information technology field and focuses on marketing cybersecurity products to multinational corporations. Esther enjoys hiking, cooking, reading, and singing and is excited about being an active participant in the Old South community after a very long search for a place to call her spiritual home.

### **Matt and Ellen Simmons**

Ellen and Matt Simmons moved to Boston after graduating from LeMoyne Collge (Syracuse, NY) in 2008. They live in Charlestown with their 5 month old daughter Isabella and their 8 year old rescue pup, Chloe. Together they enjoy family hikes, going to the beach and running. Though they both grew up in the church, they have never joined a church as a family. They are looking forward to raising their daughter in Old South Church and connecting with the church community!

**Dante and Katie Spurlock**

Katie is from Sacramento, CA. Dante is originally from Honolulu, HI. She and Dante met in 6th grade, and moved to Boston in 2017 shortly after getting married. Katie works for SharkNinja—the people who make Shark vacuums and Ninja blenders—and leads the Food Science team there. Dante is finishing his JD at Boston University in May 2020 (very exciting!). They enjoy trying local breweries and watching new movies with their two cats.

**Beth Young**

Beth is a long time resident of Natick Massachusetts but was born and raised in the south. A long time Presbyterian, the faith and hope that the Congregational Church has provided for her at Edwards Church in Framingham and now at Old South Church continues to inspire her belief that we are on this earth to love and care for each other in God's name. She hopes to work with the people at Old South to improve lives and create equal opportunities for all. Beth works long hours as a lawyer and loves to garden, raising both flowers and vegetables. The Handel and Haydn Symphony Orchestra, good restaurants all over the world, yoga, good movies, and good books fill her spare time.



A Note on Today's Prelude from  
*George Sargeant, Associate Organist and Choirmaster:*

This week we again hear the music of Larry King, former Director of Music and Organist at Trinity Church, Wall Street, New York. *Fanfares to the Tongues of Fire* was commissioned for the dedication of the Festival Trumpet stop of the organ at Riverside Church, also in New York. The work as a whole has the character of an improvisation. The Gregorian chant *Veni, Creator Spiritus (Come, Holy Spirit)* serves as the subject material for both the fanfares meant to evoke the descent of the Holy Spirit from Heaven "like a rush of mighty wind" and the softer, meditative sections interspersed between them.

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

Nancy S. Taylor, *Senior Minister* ❖ James W. Crawford, *Senior Minister Emeritus*  
Katherine A. Schofield, *Interim Associate Minister* ❖ Shawn M. Fiedler, *Acting Associate Minister*  
Mitchell Crawford, *Minister of Music*  
Kate Nintcheu, *Director, Children & Family Ministries*  
Donald A. Wells, *Theologian in Residence* ❖ June R. Cooper, *Theologian in the City*  
Amo Ngoepe, *Pastoral Resident*  
David Story, *Executive Assistant to the Senior Minister* ❖ Ken Orth, *Healing Worship Minister*  
Martha Schick, *Youth & Young Adult Ministries Leader*

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*

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Allison Albaugh, *Wedding Coordinator* ❖ Emily Ross, *Archivist*

Elias Perez, *Senior Sexton* ❖ Ozo Nwodo, Richard Serebour, & David Brode, *Sextons*  
Corey Spence, *Weekday Receptionist*  
Shirley Bivins, Rubia Reyes, George Sargeant, & Vernon Walker, *Evening & Weekend 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.



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