

June 16, 2019
**First Sunday
after Pentecost**
11:00 am

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

*HYMN 85 **I Woke Up This Morning** WOKE UP THIS MORNING

*CALL TO WORSHIP Katherine A. Schofield, *Interim Associate Minister*

One: God is here, in sacred space: in pew and font, pulpit and hymnal.

All: God is here, in human hearts: in pulsing blood and beating muscle.

One: God is here, in memory and tradition: in the saints in heaven and the saints on earth.

All: God is here, in our Christian-borne defiance of all hatred:

** Indicates all who are able may stand*

One: In love of neighbor and stranger, kindred all.
All: God is here in the labors of the laity: in ministries in office and classroom, laboratory and boardroom, hospital and gymnasium, city street and playing field, kitchen and garden, studio and factory.
 One: God is here in the aching of our hearts for peace upon all the earth ...
All: For peace among the peoples of the earth ...
 One: For peace in our homes and in our hearts ...
All: For the peace of Christ that passes all human understanding.
 One: Indeed, that very peace—the peace of Christ our Prince of Peace—
 be with you.
All: And also with you.

*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	Hold to God’s Unchanging Hand Jordan Pettis, <i>soloist</i>	F.L. Eiland, <i>adapt.</i>
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*Hold to his hand, God’s unchanging hand.
 Hold to his hand, God’s unchanging hand.
 Build your hopes on things eternal,
 Hold to God’s unchanging hand.*

Time is filled with swift transition,
 Naught of earth unmoved can stand.
 Build your hopes on things eternal,
 Hold to God’s unchanging hand. *[refrain]*

Trust in God who will not leave you,
 Whatsoever years may bring.
 If by earthly friends forsaken
 Still more closely to Him cling. *[refrain]*

ATTEND

SCRIPTURE

Acts 2:1

Children may leave for care.

SERMON

Long

Nancy S. Taylor, *Senior Minister*

CELEBRATION OF LONG TERM MEMBERS

*We pause to name and give thanks for those who have been members of
Old South Church in Boston for twenty-five years or more.
Those who join the ranks of the 25ers this year are*

David M. Clark Jennifer Gasser-Leid
Judith Fisher John T. Hodgkins
Lisa G. Loveland

LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

- One: Almighty God, we give thanks on this special day for those whom we have named before You, who are so dear to us and to this community.
- Many: **We thank You that they are led to walk in Your light, that in eager strength or quiet gentleness, in ways known and unknown, they continue to bear their witness before You.**
- One: We thank You for their long memories, for all they have seen and experienced of change, tumult and progress.
- Many: **Help us all who walk down the lengthening years, so to acknowledge You in all our paths, that we may learn anew to rejoice in the peace and joy which You have promised to all who love You.**
- One: In the name of our Savior and Brother, Jesus Christ. Amen.

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

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PRESENTATION

LITANY OF INTENT

One: Friends in Christ, these people have been led by the Holy Spirit to affirm their baptism and to enter a covenantal relationship with Christ and with you. We are all here to endeavor to love God with all our heart, soul, and mind.

Many: Friends: we give thanks for every community that has been your spiritual home and we celebrate your presence in this household of faith.

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

Those joining: I promise, with the help of God.

Many: Do you promise to walk with us in faithfulness and love, and to participate in the life of this church, by worshipping God with us, and offering your time, talent, and treasure for the ministry of the church?

Those joining: I promise, with the help of God.

One: We then welcome you as partners in the common life of this church and we expand this circle of community, all rising in body or spirit to share our covenant of mission with you.

***All: I do now in the presence of God and before this assembly give myself to the One whom Jesus called "Abba, Father" as the God in whose love I am grounded and whose realm I serve; to Jesus Christ, God incarnate, to whom I surrender and who rules my life; to God the Holy Spirit as the One who sustains, recreates, and guides me. I will share God's everlasting covenant by loving and living responsibly in communion with this one God. And I do furthermore engage to walk with my brothers and sisters in the wider Church and the Old South Church secure in God's grace, prepared in gratitude to live by the promise and serve in the hope of the Gospel.**

*THE RIGHT HAND OF CHRISTIAN LOVE Stephanie LaShoto-Westfield,
Deacon

*HYMN 310 **It's the Old Ship of Zion** OLD SHIP OF ZION

RESPOND

*CALL TO PRAYER John M. Edgerton

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. (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 Blessed Assurance Tim Harbold, *arr.*

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of the Spirit, washed in the blood.

*This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.
This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.*

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight.
Angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love. [*refrain*]

Perfect submission, all is at rest.
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with God's goodness, lost in God's love.
[*refrain*]

—Fanny Crosby

CALL TO THE OFFERING

*In thanksgiving to God and giving witness to generous hearts,
our financial gifts support ministries of mercy, justice, and beauty.*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Operator

William Spivery

Sayida Rivers Farmer, *soloist*

Operator, give me information.

Information, give me long distance.

Long distance, give me heaven.

Operator, information: Give me Jesus on the line.

Operator, information: Let me speak to a friend of mine.

Oh, prayer is my number. Faith is the exchange.

Heaven is the street, and Jesus was his name.

Operator, information: Please give me Jesus on the line.

Operator, information: Tell me why it can be taking you so long.

Operator, information: Don't try to tell me what number to call.

My mother used this number when I was very small,

And every time she dialed it she always got a call.

Operator, information: Please give me Jesus on the line.

Operator, information: Please help me if you can.

Operator, information: Please connect me with the man.

Don't worry about the money, I will pay the charge.

Just give me a private line, I'm callin' from my heart.

Operator, information: Please give me Jesus on the line.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Katherine A. Schofield

*HYMN

This Little Light

This lit - tle light of mine, I'm gon - na let it shine;
Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm gon - na let it shine;
Je - sus gave it to me; I'm gon - na let it shine;

This lit - tle light of mine, I'm gon - na let it shine;
Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm gon - na let it shine;
Je - sus gave it to me; I'm gon - na let it shine;

This lit - tle light of mine, I'm gon - na let it shine;
Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm gon - na let it shine;
Je - sus gave it to me; I'm gon - na let it shine;

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

BIDDING TO MISSION AND BENEDICTION

Nancy S. Taylor

PRESENTATION

Students from Doshisha Elementary School, Kyoto, Japan, describe their school's founder, the Reverend Joseph Hardy Neesima (Niijima Shimeta) and his relationship to Boston on this 60th anniversary of the Boston-Kyoto Sister City relationship.





*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 by Tony Rich.



LEADING TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

Nancy S. Taylor, *Senior Minister*

John M. Edgerton, *Associate Minister*

Katherine A. Schofield, *Interim Associate Minister*

Mitchell Crawford, *Minister of Music*

Tim Harbold, *Director, Old South Gospel Choir*

Long-Term Members

Elizabeth Pugh	April 14, 1949	Adelbert L. Spitzer	February 3, 1980
Mary I. Kendrick	April 15, 1954	Diane Young-Spitzer	February 3, 1980
Edra D. Mercer	December 5, 1954	Janice M. Day	June 7, 1981
Christie Allan-Piper	April 7, 1955	James E. Monsma	February 7, 1982
Thalia Metalides	October 2, 1955	Janice Monsma	February 7, 1982
Saideh A. Dartley	March 3, 1961	Coleburt Andrus	April 4, 1982
Janet M. Butler	March 26, 1964	Alice Andrus	April 4, 1982
Barbara Wellnitz	March 23, 1967	Carol A. Blair	October 3, 1982
Gloria Platt	December 7, 1969	Ronald E. Eisner	October 3, 1982
Paul M. Dutton	June 6, 1971	John Stainton	December 5, 1982
Anita Reiner	December 3, 1972	Sarah Monsma-Billings	June 5, 1983
James W. Crawford	June 2, 1974	Pamela L. Roberts	February 5, 1984
Linda Crawford	June 2, 1974	Adelaida Martinez-Paz	April 15, 1984
Lawrence R. Bowers	October 6, 1974	James L. McDonnel	April 15, 1984
Sarah Wulff	October 6, 1974	Wayne C. Davis	June 3, 1984
Lois Corman	June 1, 1975	Judith Pedersen	June 3, 1984
Robert Wulff	December 1, 1975	Bruce Fitzsimmons	October 1, 1984
Anne L. Brown	November 28, 1976	Peter C. Boyle	December 2, 1984
Duncan MacDonald	February 6, 1977	Katherine A. Davis	March 31, 1985
Janet L. Nolan	February 6, 1977	Mary G. Hunter	March 31, 1985
Karen Klockner	February 5, 1978	Barbara G. Jordan	March 31, 1985
Etta Johnson	June 4, 1978	Margaret Wallace	June 2, 1985
Catherine A. Stevens	June 4, 1978	Aaron D'Elia	October 1, 1985
Eric Butler	December 3, 1978	Scott D. McInturff	October 1, 1985
Kenneth D. Campbell	February 4, 1979	Edith Cook	February 2, 1986
Susan T. Campbell	February 4, 1979	Maryann MacDougall	March 23, 1986
Vicki A. Newman	October 7, 1979	Ann Merrifield	December 7, 1986
Denise V. Oates	October 7, 1979	George Delianides, Jr.	December 7, 1986
Doreen Siddall	October 7, 1979	Peter Read	February 1, 1987
David A. Vogan, Jr.	October 7, 1979	Suzanne Read	February 1, 1987

Martha Coleman	April 12, 1987	Maddie M. Burke	December 8, 1991
Margaret Bush	October 4, 1987	Arlen W. Brown	December 8, 1991
Jeanne Miller	October 4, 1987	Alice Andrews	April 12, 1992
Annamarie Ross Shu	October 4, 1987	Betty J. Smith	April 12, 1992
Kay Stamp	October 4, 1987	Sonya Ann Abbott	December 1, 1992
Kaia Miller Goldstein	January 8, 1988	Calvin R. Genzel	December 1, 1992
Pamela Amidon	February 7, 1988	Ruth Ricker	February 7, 1993
Evan H. Shu	March 27, 1988	Kay Herbst	April 4, 1993
Jean Degnon	February 5, 1989	James O'Donnell	April 4, 1993
Mary Z. Kohák	February 5, 1989	Francis Blair	May 23, 1993
Randolph W. Billings	March 19, 1989	*Judith Fisher	February 6, 1994
Kathy Watkins	October 1, 1989	*Lisa G. Loveland	February 6, 1994
Elizabeth E. Tustian	December 3, 1989	*John T. Hodgkins	June 5, 1994
Eleanor F. Hadley	December 2, 1990	*David M. Clark	October 2, 1994
Becky Hemperly	February 4, 1990	*Jennifer Gasser-Leid	October 2, 1994
Mercedes L. Ridao	June 3, 1990		
Ashton Goodfield	February 3, 1991		
John Weingartner	February 3, 1991		
Karen P. Chase	February 3, 1991		
Christopher L. Chase	February 3, 1991		
Laurie E. Stickels	February 3, 1991		
Dawn M. Patterson	March 1, 1991		
Kenneth H. Orth	March 24, 1991		
Donald A. Wells	March 24, 1991		
Karen B. Singleton	March 24, 1991		
Pamela Guye Holland	March 24, 1991		
Virginia S. Crane	October 6, 1991		
Janet B. Eldred	October 6, 1991		
Anna F. Yoder	October 6, 1991		
Roger A. Burke	December 8, 1991		

** entering 25 years of membership this year!*

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.

HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES

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 <https://www.oldsouth.org/your-first-visit> or see the front desk.

OTHER INFORMATION ABOUT OLD SOUTH

Check out the church website at www.oldsouth.org for the calendar of events, history, staff, and other information about this storied ship of faith!

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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.