

June 23, 2019
**Second 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

Praise the Lord

Tatev Amiryan

Ann Fogler, *mezzo-soprano*; Delvyn Case, *piano*

Praise ye the Lord. Praise ye the Lord from the heavens: praise him in the heights.

Praise ye him, all his angels: praise ye him, all his hosts.

Praise ye him, sun and moon: praise him, all ye stars of light.

Praise him, ye heavens of heavens, and ye waters that be above the heavens.

Let them praise the name of the Lord: for he commanded, and they were created.

He hath also stablished them for ever and ever: he hath made a decree which shall not pass.

Praise the Lord from the earth, ye dragons, and all deeps:

Fire, and hail; snow, and vapors; stormy wind fulfilling his word:

Mountains, and all hills; fruitful trees, and all cedars:

Beasts, and all cattle; creeping things, and flying fowl:

Kings of the earth, and all people; princes, and all judges of the earth:

Both young men, and maidens; old men, and children: Let them praise the name of the Lord:

for his name alone is excellent; his glory is above the earth and heaven.

He exalteth the horn of his people, the praise of all his saints;

even of the children of Israel, a people near unto him. Praise ye the Lord.

— Psalm 148, *King James Version*

*HYMN 18

Guide Me O Thou Great Redeemer

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*CALL TO WORSHIP

Nancy S. Taylor

One: Come, all you who thirst for the living God.

All: We come in search of help and hope.

One: Come, you who are struggling, grieving, hurting.

All: We come bearing our doubts, our wounds, and our fears.

One: Come, you who are in need of good news.

All: We come in search of joy, truth, and light.

One: Come and find refuge in God our rock.

All: Let us again praise the One who is our help and our hope.

*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

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

INTRODUCTION AND ADDRESS

LITANY OF BAPTISM

One: We are gathered to present Stella to the Church and to dedicate her to God. What can we affirm about her?

All: She is a child of God, made in God's image.

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

All: We will tell her 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.

* Indicates all who are able may stand

One: In turn, what will we expect of her?

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

One: Do you, Elizabeth and Brendan, parents, assume your primary responsibility for fulfilling these expectations by growing with your child in the Christian faith, helping her to become a faithful member of the church of Jesus Christ, and by offering her the nurture and support of the Christian church? And do you, Beata Gosselin, Godparent, agree to guide your godchild into becoming an engaged and complete human being, teaching her 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/Godparents: We happily and genuinely accept this serious duty.

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

All: We do, for she belongs to us as well.

One: Then, may God be with us.

All: God help us. Amen.

THE PRAYER AND ACT OF BAPTISM

CONGREGATIONAL WELCOME

Susan Navia

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

Children of the Heavenly Mother

Swedish folk song

Stephen Paulus, *arr.*

Children of the heav'nly Mother
Safely in her bosom gather;
Nestling bird nor star in Heaven
Such a refuge e'er was given.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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

The 23rd Psalm

Bobby McFerrin

The Lord is my Shepherd, I have all I need.
She makes me lie down in green meadows.
Beside the still waters She will lead.

She restores my soul, She rights my wrongs,
She leads me in a path of good things
And fills my heart with songs.

Even though I walk through a dark and dreary land,
There is nothing that can shake me.
She has said She won't forsake me.
I'm in her hand.

She sets a table before me, in the presence of my foes.
She anoints my head with oil,
And my cup overflows.

Surely, surely goodness and kindness will follow me
All the days of my life,
And I will live in Her house
Forever, forever and ever.

Glory be to our Mother, and Daughter
And to the Holy of Holies.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be
World, without end.

—*paraphrased by* Bobby McFerrin

CALL TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY SOLO Psalm 148: Praise Ye the Lord Richard J. Clark
Ann Fogler, *mezzo-soprano*
Delvyn Case, *piano*

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Praise ye him, sun and moon: praise him, all ye stars of light.
Praise him, ye heavens of heavens, and ye waters that be above the heavens.
Let them praise the name of the Lord: for he commanded, and they were created.
Praise ye him, sun and moon: praise him, ye stars of light.
Praise ye him, stars of light.
Praise the Lord from the earth, ye dragons, and all deeps:
Fire and hail snow; vapours; stormy wind fulfilling his word:
Kings of the earth, and all people; princes, and all judges of the earth:
Both young men, and maidens; old men, and children:
Let them praise the name of the Lord: for his name alone is excellent;
his glory is above the earth and heaven.
Praise ye, praise ye the Lord. Praise ye the Lord from the heavens;
praise him in the heights.
He exalted the horn of his people, the praise of all his saints; even of the children of Israel,
a people near unto him. Praise ye the Lord.

— *King James Version, adapted*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN 1 **Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise** ST DENIO

*BIDDING TO MISSION AND BENEDICTION Katherine A. Schofield

POSTLUDE Albumleaf Carson Cooman



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

The flowers today are given in by **Bob & Candace Kosturko**
in celebration of their 35th wedding anniversary.
"Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things."

LEADING TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

Nancy S. Taylor, *Senior Minister*

Katherine A. Schofield, *Interim Associate Minister*

Tim Harbold, *Director, Old South Gospel Choir*

Susan Navia, *Deacon*

Bob Kosturko, *Festival Choir Member*

David J. Becker, *Deacon*



Today Associate Minister John Edgerton is at First United Church of Oak Park, Illinois, candidating for the position of Lead Pastor. He is preaching, leading worship and generally being introduced to the members. Following worship the church will hold a Congregational Meeting to hear from the Search Committee and vote on calling John to serve as their Lead Pastor. His last Sunday with us is August 11th.

Notes on Today's Music

from TIM HARBOLD

In today's scripture, Elijah in fear and despair is led to the mountaintop to meet God. There, he encounters a mighty wind, but God is not in the wind. Elijah witnesses earthquakes and fire, but God does not speak through these fearsome displays. Instead, it is a gentle whisper that brings Elijah into the presence of God. Accordingly, today's music for worship sets an introspective and intimate mood, even when depicting themes of grandeur.

The Psalm 148 settings for the Prelude and Offertory are world premieres, and previews of "In the Shadow of Your Wings," a special musical event to be held at Old South on Friday, June 28. According to organizer and Old South member Delvyn Case, "the event is a unique type of 'musical Bible study' that combines live musical performance with ecumenical discussion about Scripture. It will feature live performances of nine brand-new pieces, each written by a composer from a different Christian tradition, followed by informal conversation led by Rev. June Cooper, Rev. Michael Balboni (Park St Church) and Fr. Pablo Gomis (Cathedral of the Holy Cross.)" The two songs excerpted for today's worship were composed by Tatev Amiryan (b. 1983), who studied at the Komitas Conservatory in Armenia and worships at an Armenian Apostolic Church in Oakland, CA, and Richard J. Clark (b. 1969), Music Director at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross in Boston.

The Prayer Response also features a Psalm setting. In his quiet, hypnotic version of The 23rd Psalm, Bobby McFerrin paraphrases the Psalmist's poetry with feminine images of God, and dedicates the piece to his own mother. In the original rendition, the Grammy-winning vocalist sings all of the voice parts in a multi-track recording that is striking in its sparing simplicity. We have also reset our Baptism anthem with feminine images of God. Published as Children of the Heavenly Father, this anthem is a tender setting of a Swedish folk song, as arranged by Stephen Paulus, a prolific American composer whose output includes operas, symphonies, and numerous choral works.

Bringing this rather quiet musical service full circle, Carson Cooman's brief character piece, Albumleaf, sets a contemplative mood for the Postlude.



Dear Old Southerners, I want to commend to you two concerts featuring talented mezzo-soprano and OSC Choral Fellow Ann Fogler: the first, today at 2pm in the chapel, and the second, highlighted above, this Friday, June 28. These events will serve as coda to Ann's time at Old South: she departs for Europe at the end of the month to embark on the next phase of her career, having already been accepted into a prestigious summer opera program (AIMS) in Graz, Austria. We send her with our blessings, in gratitude for the ways she has enriched our musical offerings these past years. Thank you, Ann — we are proud of your accomplishments and wish you the very best!

—Mitchell Crawford, *Minister of Music*

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/calendar for the calendar of events, and the general website www.oldsouth.org for more on the history, staff, and other great 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.