

June 24, 2018
**Fifth 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 *This Little Light of Mine* Mark Hayes
- *HYMN 436 **God of Grace and God of Glory** CWM RHONDDA
- *CALL TO WORSHIP *from the Iona Community* Nancy S. Taylor
- One: O God, who called all life into being,
All: The Earth, Sea, and Sky are yours.
- One: Your presence is all around us.
All: Every atom is full of your energy.
- One: Your Spirit enlivens all who walk the earth,
All: with her we yearn for justice to be done,
- One: for creation to be freed from bondage,
All: for the hungry to be fed,

* Indicates all who are able may stand

One: for captives to be released,
All: for your kingdom of peace to come on earth.
One: Therefore, God's own peace, a deep and abiding peace, be with all in
this house.
All: and also with you.
One: Please share God precious peace, one with another, and let it grow.

*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

We Can Move Mountains
Jordan Pettis, *soloist*

Mary Beth Derry
& Randy Kerber

Now is the time like never before,
to reach out your hand, to open the door.
And I hope we're strong enough to understand and see it through.
And if you believe in me, I'll believe in you.

Here in the heart is where it begins,
the power to change the world that we live in.
And the choices that we make will be there for all to see.
I will put my trust in you, if you put your trust in me.

Chorus:

Open your heart, and keep the dream alive.
We can move mountains a day at a time.
If we open our hearts, and if we open our minds,
We can move mountains together if we try.

Don't be afraid to say it out loud.
We have a vision, we can be proud.
And the love inside will bring to light one simple human truth:
The love you give away all comes back to you. *chorus*

LISTEN

SCRIPTURE

Deb Washington
Church Moderator

*HYMN 394

In Christ There is No East or West

MCKEE

Children may leave for childcare

SERMON

Traci Blackmon

Our preacher today, the Rev. Traci Blackmon, serves as the Executive Minister, Justice and Local Church Ministries, United Church of Christ, and Senior Pastor, Christ the King United Church of Christ, Florissant, MO. Named among the nation's best preachers, she is a speaker and activist, a leader in the Black Lives Matter movement and in today's Poor Peoples' Campaign. She understands church to be "a sacred launching pad of community engagement and change". On Twitter, she identifies herself as "born to break chains".

*HYMN 616

I Want to Be Ready

I WANT TO BE READY

*The refrain and first verse for choir and soloists alone;
Congregation: please join in, beginning with the second refrain.*

RESPOND

*CALL TO PRAYER

Anthony T. Livolsi

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 *My Life Is in Your Hands* Kirk Franklin
Jordan Pettis and Sayida Rivers Farmer, *soloists*

You don't have to worry, and don't you be afraid.
Joy comes in the morning; Troubles they don't last always.
For there's a friend in Jesus who will wipe your tears away.
And if your heart is broken, just lift your hands and say:

Oh, I know that I can make it. I know that I can stand.
No matter what may come my way, my life is in your hands.
With Jesus I can take it. With Him I know I can stand.
No matter what my come my way, my life is in your hands.

So when your tests and trials, they seem to get you down,
And all your friends and loved ones are nowhere to be found,
Remember there's a friend in Jesus who will wipe your tears away,
and if your heart is broken, just lift your hands and say:

Oh, I know that I can make it. I know that I can stand.
No matter what may come my way, my life is in your hands.
With Jesus I can take it. With Him I know I can stand.
No matter what my come my way, my life is in your hands.

CALL TO THE OFFERING Rev. June R. Cooper, *Theologian in the City*

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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Every Time I Feel the Spirit* Spiritual
arr. Rollo Dilworth

Chorus:

Ev'ry time I feel the Spirit movin' in-a my heart, I will pray.
Ev'ry time I feel the Spirit movin' in-a my heart, I will pray.

Upon the mountain, where my Lord spoke,
Out of his mouth came fire and smoke.
And all around me, it looked so fine,
I asked the Lord if all was mine. *chorus*

The Jordan River is chilly and cold;
It chills the body, not the soul.
There ain't but one train that runs this track,
Runs up to heaven and right back. *chorus*

Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION		John M. Edgerton
*HYMN 20	God of Abraham and Sarah	CONSTANTINE
*BIDDING TO MISSION AND BENEDICTION		Traci Blackmon
POSTLUDE	<i>O Happy Day!</i> Sayida Rivers Farmer, <i>soloist</i>	Edwin R. Hawkins arr. Roger Emerson

O Happy Day!
When Jesus washed my sins away.
He taught me how to watch, fight, and pray,
And live rejoicing every day.
O Happy Day!



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

Notes on Today's Music

from MITCHELL CRAWFORD

Today, we welcome the **Old South Gospel Choir** and conductor **Tim Harbold** to Festival Worship. It has been a banner year for the group: a year that saw them featured at the **2018 Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Breakfast**, performing for Senators Markey and Warren, Governor Baker, Mayor Walsh, and an audience of 1000 civic leaders. In addition to their monthly offerings at Old South's Thursday night Jazz Worship services, the choir enlivens our annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Sunday service in January, and enjoys visiting First and Festival Worship on occasion. Now in their 5th year together, the Gospel Choir continues to grow under Tim's extraordinary leadership. Gospel Choir, we are grateful to you!

Drawn from a variety of styles and traditions, today's anthems convey something of the breadth of the Gospel repertory. *We Can Move Mountains*, recorded by Grammy award-winning singer-songwriter **Stephanie Mills** for her 1991 album, *Christmas*, is an uplifting ballad with music by **Randy Kerber**, a cinema composer and keyboardist who has collaborated on some 800(!) motion picture soundtracks. **Kirk Franklin's** *My Life Is In Your Hands* dates from a 1997 co-venture with recording group *God's Property*, but has more recently been popularized by the **Brooklyn Tabernacle Choir**, who recorded it for their 2002 album *Be Glad*. Franklin, a native of Fort Worth, is well known today as a leader of contemporary urban gospel choirs; however, he got his start as music director of the Mt. Rose Baptist Church adult choir when he was just 12 years old. *Oh Happy Day* — a hymn which dates to the 18th century — found new life in a revolutionary gospel arrangement in the later 1960's by **Edwin Hawkins**, whose group *The Edwin Hawkins Singers* recorded it to critical acclaim. It would go on to top charts in a number of countries: by 1969 it was 4th on the United States singles chart, and reached the #1 spot in France and Germany. Finally, *Every Time I Feel the Spirit* is a contemporary setting of the well-known spiritual. The arranger, **Rollo Dilworth**, Professor of Choral Music Education and Chair of the Music Education and Music Therapy programs at Temple University, has contributed a substantial number of entries to the choral repertoire, and currently serves as National Board Chair for *Chorus America*.

REVEREND TRACI BLACKMON



Reverend Traci Blackmon currently serves as the Executive Minister of Justice & Local Church Ministries for the United Church of Christ, and Senior Pastor of Christ The King United Church of Christ in Florissant, MO. As a pastor, she leads her congregation in an expanded understanding of church as a sacred launching pad of community engagement and change.

Blackmon is a prominent speaker and activist in the Black Lives Matter Movement. Following the public slaying of Michael Brown by police in Ferguson, Missouri in 2014, the Black Lives Matter movement took a number of important steps forward. Of the local churches involved in that movement, none was more important the Christ the King in neighboring Florissant, MO. During that time, their pastor, Rev. Blackmon, became a visible and important leader for racial justice in America.

In addition to these achievements, Blackmon is a leader in the Poor Peoples' Campaign, a national movement for moral revival, as well as one of the most effective women preachers today.

Following Festival Worship, please join us for an informal Q&A session with Rev. Blackmon.

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.

Today's flowers are given in loving memory of my mom Shirley by Judy Fisher.

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, June 24	9:00 am	FIRST Worship, <i>Traci Blackmon preaching</i>	
	9:45 am	Old South Café in Gordon Chapel	
	10:00 am	Community Hour with Traci Blackmon in the Gordon Chapel	
	10:00 am	Lectionary Bible Study	
	10:00 am	Summer Choir Rehearsal	
	10:00 am	Summer Church School	
	10:00 am	OSC Outdoors at Mount Monadnock, NH	
	11:00 am	FESTIVAL Worship, <i>Traci Blackmon preaching</i>	
	12:15 pm	Fellowship Hour in Gordon Chapel Celebration of June Birthdays	
	12:30 pm	Informal Q&A with Traci Blackmon in the Gordon Chapel	
	Tuesday, June 26	6:00 pm	Board of Ministers and Deacons (offsite)
	Wednesday, June 27	6:15 pm	Young Adult Book Group
6:30 pm		Young Adult Group	
Thursday, June 28	5:00 pm	Operations Committee	
	6:00 pm	Jazz Worship, <i>Nancy S. Taylor preaching</i>	
	8:00 pm	The Church and Social Change Discussion Group	
Sunday, July 1	9:00 am	FIRST Worship, <i>Nancy S. Taylor preaching</i>	
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	12:15 pm	Dedication of the Elder Columbarium	
	12:15 pm	Fellowship Hour in Gordon Chapel	
Wednesday, July 4	All Day	Church closed for Independence Day holiday	
Thursday, July 5	6:00 pm	Jazz Worship, <i>Stephen Ray preaching</i>	
	8:00 pm	The Church and Social Change Discussion Group	
Saturday, July 7	8:00 am	Christian Formation Committee (offsite)	

**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
Mitchell Crawford, Minister of Music
Kate Nintcheu, Director, Children & 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
Martha Schick, Youth & Young Adult Ministries Leader ❖ Rebecca Bowler, Seminarian Intern
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
Deb Washington, Moderator ❖ Rob Gabler, Clerk ❖ Bill Bulkeley, Treasurer
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Emily Ross, Archivist
Elias Perez, Senior Sexton ❖ Ozo Nwodo, Oppong Serebour, & David Brode Sextons
Corey Spence, Rubia Reyes & Carrie Swayne-Gerrish, 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.

SUNDAY AT OLD SOUTH

GUEST PREACHER REV. TRACI BLACKMON

We are honored to welcome Reverend Traci Blackmon as our guest preacher this week. The schedule for Sunday is as follows:

- 9 a.m.** First Worship – Traci Blackmon preaching
- 10 a.m.** Community Hour with Traci Blackmon
- 11 a.m.** Festival Worship – Traci Blackmon preaching
- 12:30 p.m.** Informal Q & A with Traci Blackmon

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OLD SOUTH OUTDOORS: MOUNT MONADNOCK

This summer Old South has planned a series of group hikes and excursions, and this Sunday we're heading to Mount Monadnock. We'll deepen our experiences of community and discover God in the beauty and majesty of the natural world. Immediately following First Worship, at 10 a.m., we will depart, carpooling from the church. Send questions and RSVPs to organizer Anne Dickinson Meltz at annedickinsonmeltz@gmail.com.

Summer Schedule:

Mount Monadnock - June 24

Blue Hills Reservation - July 15

Hammond Park Reservation - August 5

Church of the Woods - August 26 (for their afternoon service!)

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

PARENT MEETUP: WIGGLER'S EDITION

June 24th, July 29, and August 26 at 10 a.m.

Who: Parents and Babies

What: Breakfast and Fellowship

Where: Red Room on Third Floor (Behind Nursery)

New parents know how difficult it can be to connect with others who are also experiencing the joys and challenges of new parenthood. It can be even harder to form friendships with fellow church-goers when you are working your time at church around nap times and feedings. To help solve this problem, Old South is hosting its Family Meet-up: Wiggler's Edition! You're invited to join other families with "wrigglers" (infants and toddlers) for food and fellowship. Drop in anytime between worship services, and feel free to bring strollers and diaper bags.

YOUNG ADULTS

YOUNG ADULTS PICNIC LUNCH ON THE ESPLANADE

Sunday, July 1st at 12:30 p.m.

Bring a bagged lunch (or grab something on the way over) and come hang out on the Esplanade docks on Sunday, July 1. We'll meet after Festival Worship and walk over together for some fellowship, food, and fun. This is a purely social event, meant to keep us all connected over the summer and welcome anyone new-ish to the group. All young adults are welcome! Email martha@oldsouth.org with accessibility concerns, questions, comments, or if you're running a little late and need to find us.

YOUNG ADULT FACEBOOK GROUP

Are you a 20- or 30-something who wants to stay engaged with the Old South Young Adult community? Join the Old South Church Young Adults group on Facebook! The Facebook group will be a hub for upcoming events, announcements, prayer requests, social gatherings, and more! To join, search for "Old South Church Young Adults" on Facebook, or email martha@oldsouth.org for an invite.

COMMUNITY LIFE

JUNE BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Sunday, June 24, 12:15 p.m.

Calling all June birthdays and lovers of birthday cake! We are bringing back our monthly birthday celebrations, starting this Sunday! Join us for birthday cake in the Gordon Chapel on Sunday, June 24th during Fellowship Hour.

OLD SOUTH ENCYCLOPEDIA RESEARCH PARTY

Sunday, July 8th at 12:30 p.m.

To celebrate our upcoming 350th anniversary, we're writing our own encyclopedia, titled "Concise Encyclopedia: Theological, Historical & Whimsical of Old South Church in Boston". We need volunteers to do research and write entries! Gather over sandwiches with the Tell the Story Task Force of the 350th Anniversary Committee to discuss topics of research, sources, methods, and answer all your questions. To get started on your entry before the research party, visit www.oldsouth.org/encyclopedia.

JOIN FESTIVAL WORSHIP EVEN ON VACATION

Excited for your summer vacation but not so much about missing church? Join Festival Worship remotely! **We live stream our Festival Worship service every Sunday at 11am -- visit livestream.com/OldSouth** and bring Old South wherever your travels take you. Click the "Follow" button on our Livestream page to be notified when we're live!

REV. STEPHEN RAY JR. AT JAZZ WORSHIP

Thursday, July 5th at 6 p.m.

Join us for a special Jazz Worship service featuring guest preacher Rev. Dr. Stephen Ray Jr., President of Chicago Theological Seminary. A renowned theologian and scholar, Ray earned his MDiv and PhD from Yale. He has served on many faculties, including Garrett-Evangelical Theological and Lutheran Theological Seminary. A celebrated writer, Ray published the book, *Do No Harm: Social Sin and Christian Responsibility*, and co-authored another, *Black Church Studies: An Introduction*.

MONTHLY CAREGIVING SUPPORT GROUP

Meets the second Tuesday of every month, 11 a.m., at Old South

Are you providing care for others and find the emotional burden 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.

COLUMBARIUM DEDICATION

Sunday, July 1 at 12:30 p.m.

The Robert & Coley Elder Memorial Columbarium will be dedicated after Festival Worship on July 1st.

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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