

July 14, 2019
5th Sunday
After Pentecost

*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 Be Now My Vision Healey Willan

*HYMN 451 **Be Now My Vision** SLANE

*CALL TO WORSHIP John M. Edgerton

One: The Spirit is here among us,

All: Within us, around us, between us.

One: The Spirit is here to strengthen us, bringing courage, bringing conviction.

All: The Spirit is here to move us, stirring us to sing and praise.

One: May we feel the Spirit as we gather.

All: May we be fed and emboldened by her fiery strength. Amen.

*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

** Indicates all who are able may stand*

ATTEND

ANTHEM

Prayer of St. Francis

Sebastian Temple

Make me a channel of your peace,
Where there is hatred let me bring your love,
Where there is injury your pardon Lord,
And where there's doubt true faith in you.

O Master grant that I may never seek,
So much to be consoled as to console,
To be understood as to understand,
To be loved as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace,
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope,
Where there is darkness, only light,
And where there's sadness, ever joy.

Make me a channel of your peace,
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
In giving of ourselves that we receive.
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

SCRIPTURE

Amos 7:7-16a

Rubén Bonilla Santiago

*HYMN 469

O Grant Us Light

HESPERUS

During the hymn the children are invited to leave for care.

SERMON

The Plumb Line

Katherine A. Schofield

*HYMN 607

We Would Be Building

FINLANDIA

RESPOND

*CALL TO PRAYER

David F. Story

One: The God of Jesus Christ be with you.

All: And also with you!

One: Let us give thanks to God, the Creator of all things visible and invisible,
powerful beyond measure, good beyond all understanding.

One: God's steadfast love endures forever.

All: Let us pray. *You may be seated.*

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 Let Justice Flow Like Streams Aaron Williams

Let justice flow like streams
of sparkling water, pure,
enabling growth, refreshing life,
abundant, cleansing, sure.

an ever-flowing stream of faith
translated into deed.

Let righteousness roll on
as others' cares we heed,

So may God's plumb-line, straight,
define our measure true,
and justice, right, and peace pervade
this world our whole life through.

CALL TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY If I Can Stop One Heart from Breaking Jean Berger

If I can stop one heart from breaking,
I shall not live in vain;
If I can ease one life the aching,
Or cool one pain,
Or help one lonely person
Into happiness again,
I shall not live in vain.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN 400 **Christ is Made the Sure Foundation** REGENT SQUARE

*BENEDICTION Katherine A. Schofield

POSTLUDE Trumpet Tune in D David N. Johnson



Today's Worship Leaders:

George Sargeant, *Associate Organist and Choirmaster*

John M. Edgerton, *Associate Minister*

David F. Story, *Executive Assistant to the Senior Minister*

Katherine A. Schofield, *Interim Associate Minister*

Senior Minister Nancy S. Taylor is preaching this morning
at Watch Hill Chapel, Watch Hill, Rhode Island.

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

Today's flowers are given by Elizabeth and Betty Pitcher.

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.