

*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

ATTEND

ANTHEM Every Time Melva Wilson Costen, *adapt.*
I Feel the Spirit

*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, when my Lord spoke,
out of God's mouth came fire and smoke.
Looked all around me, it looked so fine,
till I asked my Lord if all was mine. [*refrain*]

Jordan River, chilly and cold,
it chills the body but not the soul.
There is but one train upon this track.
It runs to heaven and then right back. [*refrain*]

SCRIPTURE Luke 11:1-13

*HYMN 519 **Standing in the Need of Prayer** NEED OF PRAYER

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

SERMON Prayer and Persistence Kenneth H. Orth

*HYMN 179 **We Yearn, O Christ,
for Wholeness** PASSION CHORALE

RESPOND

*CALL TO PRAYER

David F. Story

One: God be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: May the peace of Christ dwell in your hearts.

All: Christ is our peace, our light and our hope.

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

The Lord's Prayer

West Indian folk melody;

Olive Pattison, *trans.*

Our Father, which art in heaven: *hallowed-a be thy name.*
Thy kingdom come; thy will be done: *hallowed-a be thy name.*

On earth as it is in heaven: *hallowed-a be thy name.*
Give us this day our daily bread: *hallowed-a be thy name.*

And forgive us all our debts: *hallowed-a be thy name.*
As we forgive our debtors: *hallowed-a be thy name.*

And lead us not into temptation: *hallowed-a be thy name.*
But deliver us from evil: *hallowed-a be thy name.*

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory: *hallowed-a be thy name.*
Forever and ever, amen: *hallowed-a be thy name.*

CALL TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Sweet Hour of Prayer

Gilbert Martin, *arr.*

Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer!
That calls me from a world of care,
and bids me at my Savior's throne
make all my wants and wishes known.

In seasons of distress and grief,
my soul has often found relief,
and oft escaped the tempter's snare,
by thy return, sweet hour of prayer!

Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer!
The joys I feel, the bliss I share,
of those whose anxious spirits burn
with strong desires for thy return!

Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer!
Thy wings shall my petition bear
to God whose truth and faithfulness
engage the waiting soul to bless.

And since Christ bids me seek His face,
believe His Word and trust His grace,
I'll cast on Him my every care,
and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN 393

Blessed Be the Tie That Binds

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*BENEDICTION

Kenneth H. Orth

POSTLUDE



Today's Worship Leaders:

Mitchell Crawford, *Minister of Music*
Kenneth H. Orth, *Healing Worship Minister*
George Sargeant, *Associate Organist and Choirmaster*
Katherine A. Schofield, *Interim Associate Minister*
David F. Story, *Executive Assistant to the Senior Minister*

Senior Minister **Nancy S. Taylor** is preaching this morning
at The Temple, Ocean Park, Maine.

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

Today's flowers are given in memory of **Eleanor Jensen** –
beloved and missed by many of us.

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 a 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.