



Middle Passage Sunday

August 27th, 2023 ❖ 10:00 a.m.

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

There Is a Balm in Gilead

Carleton Inniss

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Katherine A. Schofield

One: Beautiful are the works of God.

Many: Beautiful also are the skins of God's people.

One: Beautiful is the mind of God.

Many: Beautiful also are the hopes of God's people.

One: Beautiful is the heart of God.

Many: Beautiful also are the souls of God's people.

One: God made the heavens and the earth.

Many: To God be the glory for the things God has done.

*HYMN 521

In Solitude

LAND OF REST

WELCOME

** Indicates all who are able may stand*

ATTEND

SCRIPTURE Jeremiah 31:15-17 Laura Walker Dunn

ANTHEM It Is Well With My Soul John Ness Beck

When peace like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll,
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well, with my soul.

Refrain
It is well, with my soul
It is well, it is well with my soul.

My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought,
My sin, not in part but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, o my soul. *Refrain*

O Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend,
Even so, it is well with my soul. *Refrain*

- Philip Bliss

SERMON Remembering Our Ancestors June R. Cooper

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF GRACE Ashley J. Popperson
Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.
PCUSA Book of Common Worship

*HYMN 554 **Out of the Depths, O God, We Call** FENNVILLE
Children enter during the hymn

CEREMONY OF REMEMBRANCE

READING THE NAMES

MEMORIAL PRAYER

June R. Cooper

PRAYING THE WORDS OF JESUS

Our Creator in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

ELLC Ecumenical Version (1988)

SUNG RESPONSE

Lord Listen to your Children Praying



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray - ing. Lord, send your Spir-it in this place.



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray - ing. Send us love; send us power; send us grace.

RESPOND

OFFERING

Ashley J. Popperson



To give via ApplePay, GooglePay, or with a Credit Card, scan the QR code with your smartphone camera.

You can also Text 44-321 and enter OSC to make a gift.

OFFERTORY

Amazing Grace

Ed Lojeski

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come:
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN 519

Standing in the Need of Prayer

NEED OF PRAYER

*BIDDING TO MISSION AND BENEDICTION

June Cooper

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Please greet those around you, offering "peace" or "the peace of Christ."

POSTLUDE

Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel

Carelton Inniss



Join us for Refreshments, Conversation, and Community
in the Portico following the Postlude.

Close-Up, a twenty minute tour of the Sanctuary
led by docent Liz Morgan,
begins immediately following worship at the front of the Sanctuary.



WELCOME TO OLD SOUTH CHURCH

For LARGE print bulletins or children's bulletins, please ask an Usher.
Restrooms are available. Just ask!
An accessible, single-use restroom is available near Reception.

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 church in the heart of Boston. If you are interested in deepening your participation, or if you just love Old South, it's time to think about **membership**. Contact Interim Associate Minister Katherine Schofield at katherine@oldsouth.org

HEARING ASSISTANCE

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 www.oldsouth.org/your-first-visit or see the front desk.

LEARN MORE

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 and other information about this storied ship of faith!

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OLD SOUTH CHURCH in BOSTON — MINISTERS, OFFICERS, & STAFF

Ashley J. Popperson, *Associate Minister* ❖ Katherine A. Schofield, *Interim Associate Minister*

Donald A. Wells, *Theologian in Residence* ❖ June R. Cooper, *Theologian in the City*

David Story, *Wedding Minister* ❖ Ken Orth, *Healing Worship Minister*

Rachel Barton, *Nancy S. Taylor Fellow and Youth & Young Adult Leader*

James W. Crawford, *Senior Minister Emeritus* ❖ Nancy S. Taylor, *Senior Minister Emeritus*

Mitchell Crawford, *Minister of Music*

George Sargeant, *Associate Organist & Choirmaster*

Tim Harbold, *Director, Gospel Choir* ❖ Peter Coulombe, *Director, Old South Ringers*

Willie Sordillo, *Director, Jazz Worship Music*

Kate Nintcheu, *Director, Children & Family Ministries*

Summer Marsh, *Director, Old South Preschool*

Aislin Kate Anderson, *Children's Choir Director*

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Corey Spence, *Weekday Receptionist*

Shirley Bivins, Shelia Randolph, and George Sargeant, *Evening & Weekend Receptionists*

Phil Stern, *Moderator* ❖ Rob Gabler, *Clerk* ❖ Bill Bulkeley, *Treasurer*

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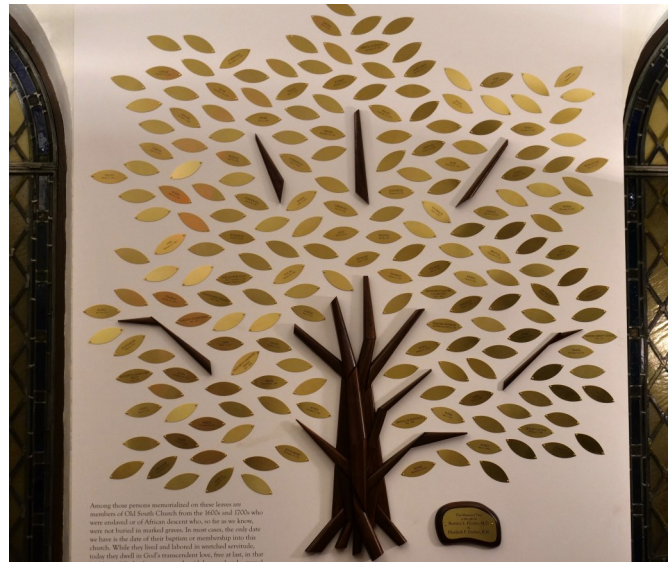
A NOTE ON THE INCLUSIVE DIMENSIONS OF GOD'S GRACE

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.



OLD
SOUTH
CHURCH
in BOSTON

**“As long as you speak my name,
I shall live forever.” — *African Proverb***



Memorial Tree, Old South Columbarium

The following people, all of African descent — most of them enslaved — were either baptized or admitted into membership (or both) at Old South Church between the years 1696 and 1783. They are listed in the chronological order of the date of their membership or baptism. Families are grouped together. Children’s names are in parenthesis.

Lydia
Juno, Essex (Essex Jr. and Toby)
Sarah
Margaret
Thomas
Ebenezer
Toby, Patience (Patience Jr,
Grace, Essex, and Ruth)
Jane, Onesimus (and William)

Mingo
Elizabeth (Pompey and Abigail)
Worcester
Deborah
Philisia
John Myat
Robert Due
Towerhill
Argalus

Cornwall
Brill
Maria
Lucy Manwill Basset
Richard and Maria
Titus
Scipio
James
Margaret
Rose
Ann
Phillis (Jane and Ann)
Simon
Julia
Maria, Richard (and George)
Scipio
Dinah
Flora
Katherine
Lucy
Pompey
Thomas
Cato
Lucy
Baker
James Bow
Phillis
Katherine
Boston
Flora (Scipio, Nancy, and Jane)
Patience (and Patience Jr)
Bristol (and James)
Judith
Venus (Dinah, and Peter)
Hagar
Juba
Lucas

Newton Prince
James
Fidelia, Peter (Scipio, Margaret, and Katherine)
Thomas
Phillis Wheatley
David
Scipio Gunney
Moses, (Moses Jr., Juda, and Paul)
Thomas
Quickly Oliver
Richard Stanley
Lucas and Phillis Taylor
John Domorett
Elizabeth Tillinghast
(Anne Elizabeth Tillinghast
and Sarah Anne Brown)
Charlotte Rowe
Haly Pippins Rogers
Hester Hedge
Patience Tyler
Sarah and John Wilson
(Sara Anne Elizabeth
and Charlotte Arington Wilson)
George Hart
Hannah Capen
Sophia Miler Francis
Sarah
James, Ann, and their three children
Simon and Pegg Hammond
Scipio
Deborah

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MIDDLE PASSAGE REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY

All-Church Worship at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, August 27th

Gathered in 1669, Old South Church in Boston continues to research, name and account for a history which includes radical abolitionists and the first anti-slavery tract on this soil (1700) AND many early ministers and members who were enslavers, who benefited from the forced enslavement and unpaid work of countless persons of African descent. We will honor the lives of our African members from the 1600s, 1700s, and early 1800s on Middle Passage Sunday. This week's offering will go to the Middle Passage Ceremonies & Port Markers Project, a non-profit organization whose mission is to honor the two million captive Africans who perished during the transatlantic crossing known as the Middle Passage and the ten million who survived to build the Americas. The collected offering will be matched by a grant from the Christian Service and Outreach Committee.

MIDDLE PASSAGE REMEMBRANCE INSTALLATION

In the Portico, go to tinyurl.com/OSCMiddlePassageRemembrance to learn more

Go to tinyurl.com/OSCMiddlePassageVideo for an introduction to the Middle Passage

The Middle Passage Installation of Remembrance, in Old South's portico, presents a large banner (17' x 5') featuring the image of human persons packed as cargo into a ship. Juxtaposed to this cruel, dehumanizing practice, are bold images -- faces and families -- of those who might be the descendants of enslaved persons, or what these persons might have looked like before having been enslaved.

PEEK BEHIND THE CURTAIN: GODLY PLAY

Sunday August 27th, Tower Room, 11:15 a.m.

Sunday Sept 3rd, Guild Room, 11:15 a.m.

Have you ever wondered what Godly Play is? Ever wanted to experience how our young children learn Bible stories -- or wondered how Old South's church school differs from your experience growing up? Godly Play storyteller Kathleen Simone will host 2 sessions of Godly Play for adults (although children can come too) on Sunday August 27 and Sept 3 at 11:15 following All-Church Worship. We'll tell a different story each week, so you can come to one or come to all - all are welcome in the circle!

CHURCH-WIDE ART PROJECT: CARE OF CREATION BANNERS

Sunday, August 27th, 11 a.m., 2nd floor Mary Norton Hall

Select Sundays in August, following worship, church members and friends of all ages are invited to join in painting banners that celebrate Old South's calling to care for the earth. No artistic skills required. Simply join us in Mary Norton Hall and we'll show you what to do. This is a great way to really engage in our summer theme focused on the arts and our commitment to eco-justice.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Happy Birthday to our members born in the month of August! Join us for cake and singing at Coffee Hour following Festival Worship.

WELCOME BACK SUNDAY

Sunday September 10th, see more at oldsouth.org/welcome-back-sunday

Join us as we kick off the program year! We're excited to welcome back familiar faces and extend a warm greeting to our new Senior Minister, Rev. John Edgerton. At both the **9 a.m. First Worship** and **11 a.m. Festival Worship** services, we'll hear compelling tales of long-awaited returns, students finding their way post-COVID, those rediscovering faith, and triumphs over adversity. These stories resonate with the spirit of coming home. The service will also feature the **Blessing of the Backpacks**, a touching tradition that encompasses the hopes and aspirations of students and all who carry life's journey with them. If you are or have a student in your life, be sure to bring a backpack. Embrace a year of connection, growth, and shared experiences with us. Welcome home.

THE COMMUNITY HOUR FORUM RETURNS

Sundays, 10am in Mary Norton Hall on the 2nd floor

September 10th - Welcome Back Potluck Brunch and Program Overview.

Join us for an informal potluck breakfast, plenty of fellowship, and a short orientation to church school / adult programs for Fall 2023. (bring food to share - something breakfast-y)

September 17th - Meet Rachel: Our New Taylor Fellow and Youth and Young Adult Ministry Leader

September 24th - Meet Madison: Our New Graduate Student Intern!

YOUNG ADULT AFTER JAZZ DINNER

Join us for a casual hangout with other 20s and 30s Old Southerners. We meet in the chapel after Jazz service at 6:45 p.m. one Thursday every month. We grab take out food in the area or bring food from home and gather in the Tower room to catch up, meet new folks, and enjoy a meal together. Email Sarah Cowles with any questions. **Next dinner is September 14th!**

REV. DAVID KING MEMORIAL SERVICE

Saturday, September 9th, 11 a.m.

David started attending Old South in 1948 and became Assistant for Student Work from 1949-52.

To read his obituary go to tinyurl.com/DavidKingobit.

NANCY MARTTILA MEMORIAL SERVICE

Saturday, September 23rd, 12 p.m. in the Chapel

Nancy was a regular at First Worship and was known for her quick wit and friendliness. To read her obituary go to tinyurl.com/MarttilaObituary.

ALL-CHURCH RETREAT

Friday, Sept 29th - Sunday, Oct 1st, Craigville Retreat Center, Cape Cod

Go to tinyurl.com/OSC2023Retreat to register

Get excited! It's time for the All-Church Retreat -- our yearly weekend on the Cape. This intergenerational opportunity to connect, relax, play, and learn together is unique - and we hope you will join in! This year we are ecstatic that our special guest will be Rev. Dr. Mary Luti, world-renowned author, professor and theologian - and long time member of Old South Church. The workshops she presents will be on the theme of Communion: What makes communion meaningful for us? How are we shapers of, and shaped by, this special meal? How does communion prepare and empower us to pursue justice in the world? We will also utilize resources from her newly edited book, "Do This: Communion for Just and Courageous Living". Online registration is now open. Adult price for the weekend is \$190 - which includes 2 nights lodging, 5 meals, and the program. Teens and children are free. Day visitors may join in for \$35. Scholarships are available - please reach out to Kate Nintcheu at children@oldsouth.org.

WILLIE SORDILLO'S LAST SERVICE AND PURSE

Save the Date: September 7th at 6 p.m.

Celebrate the ministry of Willie Sordillo at his final Jazz Worship. After gracing us with eighteen years of soulful saxophone and worship leadership, Willie is retiring. Following the service, we'll celebrate in grand fashion with food and fellowship! In keeping with Old South tradition, we'll honor Willie's service with a **purse** so he can kick off his retirement in style — and at his discretion! To donate online, visit oldsouth.org/donate to add your contribution. Checks (made out to Old South, with "Willie's retirement" in the memo) may be mailed to the church or dropped by the reception desk. Gifts may be made anytime between now and September 7th — and will be processed to ensure tax deductibility for contributors.

WHAT'S NEXT FOR JAZZ WORSHIP

Following Willie's retirement, Zoë Krohne will lead the newly formed Copley Corner Quartet at Jazz Worship through the Fall. We are blessed and grateful for her velvet voice and faithful leadership. We believe the need for a dynamic, non-traditional service is still very much alive, though what that looks like in this new era at Old South may be different than it has for the past eighteen years. Beginning in mid-September, we'll gather a team of dreamers to listen to God, our congregation, and the wider city of Boston about where God is calling us next. Together with our new Senior Minister, the Rev. John Edgerton, we look to engage in a collaborative process throughout the Fall — including listening sessions with the congregation — and hope to launch a new service in the new year. Questions? Email ashley@oldsouth.org.

Go to oldsouth.org/jazz-worship-news for more info

SNEUCC JUSTICE SUMMIT: Trans and Nonbinary Belonging in the Church

Saturday, October 7th, 10am-5pm, in person at Old South and online

Go to tinyurl.com/2023SNEUCCJustice to register by September 16th, Youth & Adults welcome!

The Justice Summit on Trans & Nonbinary Belonging in the Church is a chance for worship, learning, and connection for people on all stages of their journey of trans-affirmation. If you're relatively new to conversations about and with trans and nonbinary people (maybe aren't even sure what these terms mean), there's a 101 session just for you! And for us all, these conversations will help us explore how we can deepen our Open & Affirming commitments as a church and bring those values into our wider communities.

SEEKING ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

See full posting at [Linked In](#) tinyurl.com/OSCAAdminAssist

Old South Church in Boston is seeking a full-time Administrative Assistant to coordinate and support the administrative life of this active congregation. Our next Administrative Assistant will be a people-person who enjoys being a "face of Old South" for members and the public. We seek a multi-tasking self-starter who looks forward to being a part of a team of talented, committed and supportive colleagues.

BACK TO SCHOOL GREEN TIP: Buy Reused or Recycled

When you do buy items, buy reused or recycled. Save trees and reduce pollution. There are tons of products easily available that are made from recycled materials, like recycled paper, notebooks and folders. Also, think about products that you can reuse and recycle, such as refillable pens and biodegradable pencils.

WEEKLY WORSHIP

Join us in person, on Vimeo,

Facebook, and YouTube

All-Church Worship Sundays at 10 a.m.

Summertime Jazz Thursdays at 6 p.m. with communion

Vespers Healing Worship 2nd Sundays at 5 p.m.



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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 the Sanctuary, for any length of time.

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