

September 29, 2019
**Sixteenth Sunday
after Pentecost**

GATHER

*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?*

PRELUDE

LAND OF REST

George Shearing

*HYMN 451

Be Now My Vision

SLANE

*CALL TO WORSHIP *from the Iona Community*

Katherine A. Schofield

One: In the beginning
before time
before people
before the world began

Many: God was.

One: Here and now
among us, beside us
enlisting the people of earth for the purposes of heaven

Many: God is.

* *Indicates all who are able may stand*

One: In the future
when we have turned to dust
and all we know has found its fulfillment

Many: God will be.

One: Not denying the world, but delighting in it,
not condemning the world, but redeeming it

Many: God was. God is. God will be.

One: In the name of the One through Whom God redeemed the world,
let us offer to one another Christ's peace.

Many: Peace be with you and with all in this house.

*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

Exuberant Joy
THE OLD SOUTH RINGERS
Kelsey Whiteside, *guest conductor*

Arnold Sherman

ATTEND

SCRIPTURE

Amo Ngoepe

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and
with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.
The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'
There is no commandment greater than these. *Mark 12:30-31*

Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in God.
They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream.
It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green.
It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit. *Jeremiah 17:7-8*

*HYMN 313

Like a Tree beside the Waters

SILVER CREEK

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

SERMON

the “I” pronoun

Nancy S. Taylor

*HYMN 354

God, When I Came into this Life

LAND OF REST

RITUAL OF ANOINTING

*You are invited to move to the nearest anointing station;
there are four across the front and four across the back.*

*If you are seated in the back half of the Sanctuary, your nearest station is behind you.
Those seated in the balcony are invited to come down the stairs and move to a station in the front.*

As the Ritual of Anointing occurs, let us sing:

Live in Charity

Ubi Caritas



Ub - i ca - ri - tas et a - mor, ub - i ca - ri - tas De - us i - bi est.
[Live in char - i - ty and stead-fast love. Live in char - i - ty: God will ev - er be near.]

CALL TO PRAYER

Shawn M. Fiedler

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.

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

Bind Us Together

Bob Gillman

Refrain: (*choir and congregation*)



Bind us to-geth-er, Lord, bind us to-geth-er with cords that can-not be bro - ken.



Bind us to-geth - er, Lord, bind us to-geth - er, Lord, bind us to-geth - er with love.

Choir:

You are the family of God, you are the promise divine.
You are God's chosen desire, you are the glorious new wine. (*to refrain*)

RESPOND

CALL TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

In His Care-O

William Dawson, *arr.*

One day as I was a-walkin' down the lonesome road,
Well the spirit spoke unto me, and it filled my heart with joy!
I thank my Lord, I'm in his care-o.

Now, let me tell you now,
once I'm in his care — *Hallelujah, Lord!* — a-in a-my Savior's care,
Now, let me tell you now,
once I'm in his care — *Sing it over, Lord!* — a-in a-my Savior's care,
Oh, Jesus got his arms all-a around me, no evil thoughts can-a a-harm me,
For I — *I thank my Lord!* — am in his care-o.

I would not live a sinner, Lord, I'll tell the reason why,
Well, I'm 'fraid my Lord might call me, and I wouldn't be ready to die.
I thank my Lord, I'm in his care-o.

Oh, well, Daniel, he was a good man, Lord, he prayed three times a day,
Well the Angels hist their windows just to hear what Daniel had to say.
I thank my Lord, I'm in his care-o.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION		Katherine A. Schofield
*HYMN 18	Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer	CWM RHONDDA
*BIDDING TO MISSION AND BENEDICTION		Nancy S. Taylor
POSTLUDE	Bell Paean THE OLD SOUTH RINGERS	Derek Hakes



Join us for **Refreshments & Fellowship**
in the Gordon Chapel following the Postlude.

New here? Join a few Old Southers at **The Welcome Hub**
by the piano immediately following the Postlude.

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

The flowers today are given by **Richard Ling** in memory of his parents ☞
by **Elinor Yeo** in honor of **Dick Yeo** on his birthday—
with love to our father, grandfather, and husband.



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, support staff, and other information about this storied ship of faith!

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HYMN FESTIVAL: WORKSHOP & WORSHIP

Workshop on Saturday, October 5th at 10 a.m.

Festival Worship on Sunday, October 6th at 11 a.m.



On October 6th — World Communion Sunday — Old South welcomes Brian Hehn, Director of The Center for Congregational Song, to lead Ancient-Modern: a Hymn Festival. This worship service will celebrate our musical inheritance alongside new songs that reflect the breadth and depth of the global church, including the premiere of our 350th Anniversary Hymn. On Saturday, October 5th, Brian will lead a workshop introducing much of the music for the following day.

**OLD SOUTH CHURCH IN BOSTON
MINISTERS, OFFICERS, & PROGRAM STAFF**

Nancy S. Taylor, *Senior Minister*
Katherine A. Schofield, *Interim Associate Minister* ❖ Shawn M. Fiedler, *Acting 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*
Amo Ngoepe, *Assistant Minister for Urban Life*
David Story, *Executive Assistant to the Senior Minister* ❖ Ken Orth, *Healing Worship Minister*
Martha Schick, *Youth & Young Adult Ministries Leader*
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*
Randy Billings, *Chair, Board of Trustees* ❖ Evan Shu, *Historian*
Stephanie LaShoto & Ralph Watson, *Senior Deacons* ❖ Vicki Newman, *Pledge Secretary*

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.