



## Old South Church

*Copley Square, Boston*

*A Congregation of the  
United Church of Christ*

*Gathered 1669*

July 24th, 2022

## Seventh 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

Psalm-Prelude, Set I, No. 2

Herbert Howells

\*HYMN 49

**Ask Me What Great Thing I Know**

HENDON

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Katherine A. Schofield

One: We gather, O God, to recall what living with You  
has taught us about prayer.

**Many: "As the deer longs for flowing streams,  
our hearts long for You, O God."**

One: Jesus said, "Ask, and it will be given to you."

**Many: As we worship, teach us again what to want and how to hope.**

One: Jesus said, "Seek, and you shall find."

**Many: Guide us again in the search for our best selves,  
our truest community.**

*\* Indicates all who are able may stand*

One: Jesus said, "Knock, and the door will be opened."

**Many: Call on us again to pray with our bodies,  
our policies, our resources.**

One Give us courage and persistence to pray, to praise, to proclaim –

**Many: for the sake of the coming of Your realm and reign on earth,  
as it is in heaven.**

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*Please greet those around you, wishing them "peace" or "the peace of Christ."*

\*SUNG RESPONSE

**Congregation:** *refrain*

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. *refrain*

WELCOME

## ATTEND

SCRIPTURE

Luke 11:1-13

Pam Roberts

*Following the reading, children who wish to may meet childcare staff  
in the back of the sanctuary and proceed to the 3rd floor.*

SERMON

Unwearied Prayer

Richard E. Spalding

\*HYMN 506

**What a Friend We Have in Jesus**

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## RESPOND

\*CALL TO PRAYER

June R. Cooper

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. *(please be seated)*

PASTORAL PRAYER

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

This Day

Edwin Hawkins  
Stephen Key, *adapt.*

Give us this day our daily bread.  
You said you would supply all my needs according to your riches.  
I have but to ask and I shall receive.  
To go from here and share this love you gave to me,  
to show someone who's lost and help them find their way,  
the way to truth and faith so they can be free like me, free like me.  
Lord, we need your love.  
Lord, we need your peace.  
Lord, we need your joy.  
Thank you for this day. Lord, we thank you for this day.

CALL TO THE OFFERING

Shawn M. Fiedler

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 Father'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!  
With such I hasten to the place where God my Savior shows his face,  
and gladly take my station there, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! thy wings shall my petition bear  
to him whose truth and faithfulness engage the waiting soul to bless.  
And since he 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 519

**Standing in the Need of Prayer**

NEED OF PRAYER

\*BIDDING TO MISSION AND BENEDICTION

Richard E. Spalding

\*SUNG RESPONSE

*(Introduction)*

Go now in peace, ne - ver be a - fraid;  
God will go with you each hour of ev - 'ry day. Go now in faith,  
stead - fast, strong and true, know God will guide you in all you  
do. A - men, a - men, a - men.

Text: *Don Besig and Nancy Price, 1988*  
Tune: *Don Besig, 1988*  
*Adapt. Mitchell Crawford, 2022*

POSTLUDE

Festal March, Op. 67, No. 8

E. R. Kroeger



Join us for Refreshments & Fellowship  
outside under the Portico (weather permitting)  
or in the Gordon Chapel following the Postlude.

The Flowers today are given  
in belated celebration of the birthday of David Story  
by John Giffin.

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

## NOTES ON TODAY'S MUSIC

Preeminent among 20<sup>th</sup> century British composer Herbert Howell's compositional output for organ solo were his two sets of three Psalm Preludes, the first dating from the World War I years and the second from the late 1930s as World War II approached. Each is a musical meditation on a verse from the Psalms, and with the exception of the last, follow a pattern of a quiet beginning, a gradual buildup to a sustained climax, and finally a fading away to near-nothingness. The first set are less stylistically mature than the second; Howell's distinct harmonic language, though hinted at, had yet to fully flower. Set I, No. 2 takes as its inspiration Psalm 37, verse 11: "But the meek shall inherit the land, and delight themselves in abundant prosperity."

—George Sargeant, *Associate Organist and Choirmaster*

## 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](mailto: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](http://www.oldsouth.org/your-first-visit) or see the front desk.

## LEARN MORE

Check out the church website at [www.oldsouth.org/calendar](http://www.oldsouth.org/calendar) for a calendar of events, and the general website [www.oldsouth.org](http://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

Richard E. Spalding, *Interim Senior Minister*  
James W. Crawford, *Senior Minister Emeritus* ❖ Nancy S. Taylor, *Senior Minister Emeritus*  
Katherine A. Schofield, *Interim Associate Minister* ❖ Shawn M. Fiedler, *Acting Associate Minister*  
Donald A. Wells, *Theologian in Residence* ❖ June R. Cooper, *Theologian in the City*  
Howard Cha-Young Kim, *Pastoral Resident*  
David Story, *Wedding Minister* ❖ Ken Orth, *Healing Worship Minister*

Mitchell Crawford, *Minister of Music*  
George Sargeant, *Associate Organist & Choirmaster*  
Tim Harbold, *Director, Gospel Choir* ❖ Willie Sordillo, *Director, Jazz Worship Music*  
Peter Coulombe, *Director, Old South Ringers*

Kate Nintcheu, *Director, Children & Family Ministries*  
Summer Marsh, *Director, Old South Preschool*

Helen McCrady, *Senior Church Administrator* ❖ John Braught, *Director of Operations*  
Jamie Garuti, *Multimedia Director* ❖ Linda Van Praet, *Accounting & Human Resources*  
Alex Pickering, *Administrative Assistant* ❖ Emily Ross, *Archivist & Part-time Bookkeeper*  
Ralph Watson, *Snowden Partnership Coordinator* ❖ Karen Hand, *Wedding Coordinator*  
Rémy Hatfield-Gardner and William Wei, *Livestream Production Assistants*

Elias Perez, *Senior Sexton* ❖ Ozo Nwodo, Richard Serebour, and David Brode, *Sextons*  
Corey Spence, *Weekday Receptionist*  
Shirley Bivins, Shelia Randolph, and George Sargeant, *Evening & Weekend Receptionists*

Phil Stern, *Moderator* ❖ Rob Gabler, *Clerk* ❖ Bill Bulkeley, *Treasurer*  
Kristi Geary, *Chair, Board of Trustees* ❖ Kate Silfen, *Historian*  
Paul Brouillette & Susan Navia, *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.



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*in* BOSTON



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **ALL-CHURCH PICNIC**

*Saturday, August 13th, Noon - 3 p.m., Auburndale Cove Park, Newton, MA*

*RSVP with number of guests and grilled main preferences*

*at <https://tinyurl.com/OSPicnic2022>*

*Parking lot located across from 86 W Pine Street, Auburndale, Newton, MA, 02466*

Join Old South Church folks for a barbecue, games, and fellowship. All are welcome and encouraged. We will provide the burgers, dogs, and veggie burgers -- you provide the side dishes and desserts! Everyone should bring their own beverages. For more information contact Kate Nintcheu [children@oldsouth.org](mailto:children@oldsouth.org) or Rev. Katherine Schofield [katherine@oldsouth.org](mailto:katherine@oldsouth.org)

## **GODSPEED REV. SHAWN**

Acting Associate Minister Shawn Fiedler has accepted a new position at the Fourth Presbyterian Church in Chicago, Illinois. His final Sunday with Old South Church is Sunday, August 28. Mark your calendars! To read Shawn's letter to the church, along with a letter from Rick Spalding and lay leaders of Old South visit [oldsouth.org/news](http://oldsouth.org/news).

## **All-Church Retreat**

*Fri Sept 30<sup>th</sup>- Sun Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>, Craigville Retreat Center, Cape Cod*

*Register online at [tinyurl.com/OSCRetreat2022](http://tinyurl.com/OSCRetreat2022)*

The All-Church Retreat returns to our weekend-long format this year and we want you to be there! This intergenerational opportunity to connect, relax, play, and learn together is unique - and we hope you will plan to join in.

While we are still firming up our exact plan for the programming and theme - we want to invite you to begin registering online. Like everywhere else, Craigville's prices have risen just a bit, and we are able to subsidize most of this increase, but not all. 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.

## **HEARD IT AT COUNCIL**

Go to <https://oldsouth.org/news/heard-it-council-july-2022> to get an update on Council discussions that included pastoral transition and the importance of making sure all feel welcome at Old South's services and events, especially visitors.

## **GREEN TIP: PLASTIC FREE JULY: SAY NO TO PLASTIC STRAWS**

Plastic straws may seem harmless but we use and throw away a lot of them. 500 million a day, to be exact. Next time you're at a restaurant or the cafeteria, order your drink without a straw. If you really love straws consider investing in a reusable option like a metal or glass straw. Make this change as part of Plastic Free July, a global movement that empowers us to be part of the solution to plastic pollution. Take the pledge at [www.plasticfreejuly.org/](http://www.plasticfreejuly.org/)

## **THE CRAWFORD LIBRARY**

The Crawford Library, open to church members during business hours, contains books on social justice, religious history, Christian ethics, and biography that may interest you. You may borrow, read, and return them. All are welcome.

## **THROUGH THE BIBLE**

*Thursdays, 7:00 p.m., 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Phillis Wheatley Room and on Zoom.*

Join us as we journey at a reflective and thorough pace through the Hebrew Bible. We're currently reading through Psalms. For more info [howard@oldsouth.org](mailto:howard@oldsouth.org).

## **MASKED SECTION OF THE SANCTUARY**

Did you know that we have a masked section of the sanctuary? We do! It's in the left transept (under the balcony). In this section, masks are required. If you still aren't sure how to get to this section, ask an usher! At this time, we are not able to accommodate a masked section in the Gordon Chapel.

## **WEEKLY WORSHIP**

**Join us in person, on Vimeo, Facebook, and YouTube**

**JAZZ Worship**, Thursdays at 6:00 p.m.

**FIRST Worship** Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

**FESTIVAL Worship** Sundays at 11:00 a.m.

**HEALING Worship**, the second Sunday at 12:30 p.m. via Zoom



*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.*

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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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