

Old South Church

Copley Square, Boston

A Congregation of the
United Church of Christ

Gathered 1669

August 7th, 2022

Ninth 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 Prière à Notre Dame from "Suite Gothique" Leon Boëllmann

*HYMN 408 All My Hope on God is Founded MICHAEL

*CALL TO WORSHIP Katherine Schofield

One: Cloud by day, fire by night, you have always been with us.

Many: How great is your faithfulness, O God!

One: Calmer of storms, shaker of hearts,

you have the power to change this world.

Many: How marvelous are the works of your hands, O God!

One: Our hope is built on you, our memories affirming who you are.

Many: We wait in expectation, knowing you are here!

^{*} Indicates all who are able may stand

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

SUNG RESPONSE

Congregation: refrain



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

*HYMN 473

ATTEND

SCRIPTURE Luke 12:35-38 Mary Cresse
SERMON Howard Cha-Young Kim

Blessed Assurance

ASSURANCE

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*CALL TO PRAYER

Katherine Schofield

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 Have No Fear, Little Flock Heinz Werner Zimmerman

Have no fear, little flock; have no fear, little flock, For our Father has chosen to give you the Kingdom; Have no fear, little flock!

Have good cheer, little flock; have good cheer, little flock, For our Mother will keep you in Her love forever, Have good cheer, little flock!

Praise the Lord high above; praise the Lord high above, For He stoops down to heal you, uplift and restore you, Praise the Lord high above!

Thankful hearts raise to God; thankful hearts raise to God, For She stays close beside you, in all things works with you; Thankful hearts raise to God!

- Adapted from Luke 12: 32-34

RESPOND

CALL TO THE OFFERING

Howard Cha-Young Kim

OFFERTORY

Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning

André Thomas

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, keep your lamps trimmed and burning, keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the time is drawing nigh.

> Children, don't grow weary, children, don't grow weary, children, don't grow weary, the time is drawing nigh.

Christian, journey soon be over, Christian, journey soon be over, Christian, journey soon be over, the time is drawing nigh.

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, keep your lamps trimmed and burning, keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the time is drawing nigh.

- African-American Spiritual

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

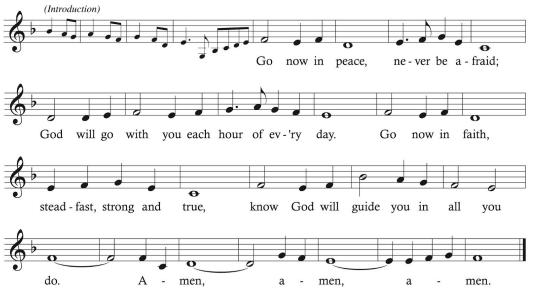
*HYMN 403 **My Hope is Built on Nothing Less**

SOLID ROCK

*BIDDING TO MISSION AND BENEDICTION

Howard Cha-Young Kim

SUNG RESPONSE



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

POSTLUDE

Menuet Gothique from "Suite Gothique"

Leon Boëllmann



Join us for Refreshments & Fellowship in Mary Norton Hall on the second floor following the Postlude.

The Flowers today are given by Beth Luckenbach & Kathleen Carey.

Close-Up, a twenty minute tour of the Sanctuary, begins following Worship at the front of the Sanctuary.

Led by docent Kate Silfen.

NOTES ON TODAY'S MUSIC

Today's Prelude and Postlude are excerpts from a larger organ work by the French Romantic composer Léon Boëllmann (1862 - 1897), A native of the Alsace region, he received his musical training in Paris he served as organist at the church of St. Vincent-de-Paul there from 1881 until his early death in 1897. His compositional style was shaped by his contemporaries César Franck and Camille Saint-Saëns.

The Prière, a reflective movement dedicated to the Virgin Mary, opens and closes with a haunting melody played on a solo flute stop accompanying by shimmering strings. The middle section develops the opening material into a chorale played on foundation stops. The Menuet is a dance in triple meter, a form often used as the third movement of an orchestral symphony. Its opening theme is played boldly on foundation stops and chorus reeds. The middle section is somewhat muted and features the full Swell division of the organ. A brief interlude and a crescendo to full organ herald the return of the first theme.

Our Prayer Response and Offertory draw directly upon the Gospel reading and the passage that immediately precedes it. Heinz Werner Zimmerman was a German composer who taught at the Spandauer Kirchenmusikschule (Church Music School) and was known for sacred compositions influenced by jazz. He wrote *Have No Fear, Little Flock* in 1971. André J. Thomas is Visiting Professor of Conducting at Yale University and Interim Conductor of the Yale Camerata. He previously served on the faculty of Florida State University, where he is Emeritus Professor of Music. Like most spirituals, *Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning* contains worlds of meaning that go far deeper than the surface of the text, in this case, the drudgery of forced labor and the need for enslaved persons to be ever watchful for opportunities to flee.

—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 <u>katherine@oldsouth.org</u>

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

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Katherine A. Schofield, Interim Associate Minister Shawn M. Fiedler, Acting Associate Minister

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Howard Cha-Young Kim, Pastoral Resident

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Mitchell Crawford, Minister of Music
George Sargeant, Associate Organist & Choirmaster
Tim Harbold, Director, Gospel Choir & Willie Sordillo, Director, Jazz Worship Music
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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 * Week of August 7th, 2022

A SPACE FOR REMEMBRANCE, CONTEMPLATION, & EDUCATION

In the Portico for the month of August

Go to tinyurl.com/OSCMiddlePassageRemebrance to learn more

Join us for Middle Passage Sunday on August 28th

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. The United Nations has designated August 23rd the International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition. "The slave trade is not merely a thing of the past -- it has shaped the world we live in, it has molded the face of modern societies, creating indissoluble ties between peoples, irreversibly transforming economies, cultures and customs across the world," said UNESCO Director-General Irina Bokova. "The slave trade concerns not only people of African descent but the whole of humanity."

ALL-CHURCH PICNIC

Saturday, August 13th, Noon - 3 p.m., Auburndale Cove Park, Newton, MA RSVP at tinyurl.com/OSCpicnic2022

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 or Rev. Katherine Schofield katherine@oldsouth.org

AN EVENING OF FOOD AND EXCELLENCE

Thursday August 18th, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., at the Brighton Allston Congregational Church Go to <u>tinyurl.com/ABFPFundraiser</u> to get your tickets

Join us for an evening of outdoor dining, live music, and a silent auction, with all proceeds supporting the Allston Brighton Food Pantry in Brighton Center. Created in 1974 by members of Brighton Allston Congregational Church, the Allston Brighton Food Pantry's mission is to promote greater access to healthy, nutritious food and reduce hunger and food insecurity in the Allston-Brighton community.

ALL-CHURCH RETREAT

Fri Sept 30 th- Sun Oct 2nd, Craigville Retreat Center, Cape Cod

Register online at 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.

JAZZ WORSHIP

Thursdays, 6:00 p.m. in the Gordon Chapel or at oldsouth.org/jazz

Join us on in Gordon Chapel on Thursday evening for Jazz Worship! You don't have to be a jazz aficionado to feel at home - just someone who wants to immerse yourself in soulful music, inspiring words, and creative liturgy. It's intimate and it's welcoming. We start preludes shortly before 6:00 pm. Go to <u>tinyurl.com/OSCJazzMaterials</u> if you'd like a hard copy of the song titles, credits, and hymns to print in advance.

THROUGH THE BIBLE

Thursdays, 7:00 p.m., 4th Floor Phillis Wheatley Room

and on Zoom at tinyurl.com/OSCThroughBible

Join us as we journey at a reflective and thorough pace through the Hebrew Bible. We're currently reading through Psalms. For more information email Howard Cha-Young Kim at howard@oldsouth.org.

WORSHIP ON YOUTUBE LIVE

Not a fan of Vimeo? Simply visit our YouTube page once we go live - <u>youtube.com/oldsouthchurch</u> - and the service will be the first video on your screen. You can also subscribe to us to receive notifications of when we're live.

MASKED SECTIONS OF THE SANCTUARY AND CHAPEL

Did you know that we have masked sections in the Sanctuary and Chapel? We do! It's in the left transept (under the balcony) of the Sanctuary. In the Gordon Chapel, the Columbarium is the designated section. In both sections, masks are required. If you still aren't sure how to get to either section, ask an usher!

PASTORAL TRANSITION NEWS

UPDATE FROM THE SEARCH COMMITTEE

The Senior Minister Search Committee has begun their important work and will report to the Congregation regularly. Go to tinyurl.com/OSCSearchUpdate to read the most recent news.

GODSPEED REV. SHAWN!



Acting Associate Minister Shawn Fiedler has accepted a new position at the Fourth Presbyterian Church in Chicago, Illinois. Click here to read Shawn's letter to the congregation, along with a letter from Rick Spalding and the lay leadership of the congregation. We will have the opportunity to fete, thank and celebrate Shawn for his three years of ministry with us on his final Thursday, August 25th and final Sunday, August 28th. You can show

your appreciation of Shawn by participating in a (tax deductible) purse. Make your gift by:

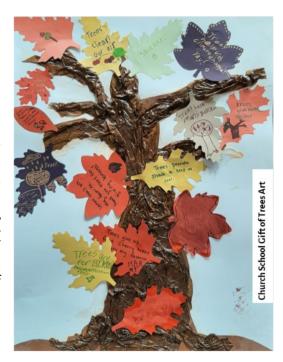
- Dropping checks at the Front Desk or mail them, attn.: Helen McCrady, Old South Church, 645 Boylston Street, Boston MA 02116 with Shawn on the memo line.
- Making an online gift to tiny.oldsouth.org/shawn
- Giving through our giving portal at www.oldsouth.org/donate

SEARCH FOR A NEW ASSOCIATE MINISTER

As Old South prepares to celebrate Shawn Fiedler's prodigious ministry among us, we've also begun the journey to name his successor. In July the Church Council appointed a small working group, selected by the Leadership Committee, to join Interim Senior Minister Rick Spalding in finding a candidate to bring our staff back up to full strength after Shawn steps away. Thanks to Randy Billings, Sarah Cowles and Eliette Hilaire for answering this call! Working closely with Associate Conference Minister Alex Shea Will, they'll begin by drafting a fresh position description for an Associate Minister - probably to serve for a specific, limited term that would extend into the tenure of a new settled Senior Minister to give some continuity. Then they'll seek and interview candidates hoping to find a finalist who could be appointed by Council by mid- to late fall. Meanwhile, all members of the current staff will be working shoulder-to-shoulder to keep all the many dimensions of Old South's life and work at full strength. Watch this space for news as the process continues - and thanks for your prayers along the way!

GREEN TIP

This past Sunday our summer church school students engaged with Climate Crisis Task Force member Janet Chitty to think deeply about the wonderful gift that Trees are. We read and discussed Diane Muldrow's book We Planted a Tree, examined tree seeds, and checked a slideshow from the Arbor Day Society. Finally students decorated leaves with the items for which they are grateful to trees. If you missed it - you can check out Janet's lesson at tinyurl.com/OSCGiftofTrees which includes a ton of links for further learning for tree-lovers of all ages! Check out tinyurl.com/OSCGiftofTreesPics for pictures of the project in process



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.

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.