



Old South Church

Copley Square, Boston

*A Congregation of the
United Church of Christ*

Gathered 1669

September 4th, 2022

Thirteenth 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

Meditation

Ian Kellam

*HYMN 273

Praise with Joy the World's Creator

LAUDA ANIMA

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Richard E. Spalding

One: Worker God,

**Many: Whose hands built the earth,
And sowed the stars across the sky,**

One: We gather in your presence this morning

Many: With praise and thanksgiving for your mighty deeds.

One: Meet us here, Worker God;

**Many: Strengthen our hearts and our hands to work with you
in the building of a world filled with justice and peace.**

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

* *Indicates all who are able may stand*

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

Matthew 12:1-14

Tracy Keene

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

SERMON

Katherine A. Schofield

*HYMN 532

Come, Labor On

ORA LABORA

*CALL TO PRAYER

Donald A. Wells

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

O Gracious and Loving God, 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

Be Still

Karen Marrolli

Be still and know that I am God; let peace embrace your heart.
Be still and know that I am God; let fear and anguish now depart.

Though the earthquakes rage, though the tempests roll,
though the storms conspire to destroy,
be still and know that I am God: the earth shall rise again in joy.

Be still and know that I am God; let tranquil hope fill your mind.
Be still and know that I am God; let grief and trouble be left behind.

Though the shadows fall, though the darkness cries,
though the night seems endless and dire,
be still and know that I am God: the morn shall rise in holy fire.

Though the earthquakes rage...

RESPOND

CALL TO THE OFFERING

Howard Cha-Young Kim

OFFERTORY

The Falconer

Alfred V. Fedak

Rise, my song, and stretch your wings, delight and need to trace.
Rise for those the gospel brings to seek a singing place.
This will be our singing day, word and tune will both be true.
Song, soar up, but not away — the falconer waits for you.

Rise, my song, and have no fear of soaring wide and high.
Christ the falconer is near, wherever you may fly.
See the human world below, showing scars and beauty too.
In a closing circle go, the falconer waits for you.

Soar, my song, with wings wide fanned, delight and need to trace.
Come to Christ's uplifted hand, and find a resting place.
One day soaring song shall see everything made whole and new.
Day of gladness, come to be! The falconer waits for you.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN 425

For the Fruit of All Creation

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*BIDDING TO MISSION AND BENEDICTION

Katherine A. Schofield

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

Marche, Op. 122, No. 4

L. J. A. Lefébure-Wély



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

The flowers today are given by Suzanne Bacon
in loving memory of her mother Geraldine Fillmore Bacon.

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

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

Richard E. Spalding, *Interim Senior Minister*
James W. Crawford, *Senior Minister Emeritus* ❖ Nancy S. Taylor, *Senior Minister Emeritus*
Katherine A. Schofield, *Interim 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.



OLD
SOUTH
CHURCH
in BOSTON

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HELP US CREATE OUR EXTRAVAGANT WELCOME!
Hospitality Volunteers needed for October, November, & December



SIGN UP BY SEPTEMBER 14TH
Go to tinyurl.com/OSCFallHospSignUp

Change is certainly in the air! We've welcomed Rick Spalding as Interim Senior Minister, even as we bid a tearful farewell to Acting Associate Minister Shawn Fiedler. Days are getting shorter, and (thankfully) noticeably cooler! BUT - one thing is constant - and that is our commitment to being outrageously welcoming to everyone coming through our doors or joining us online. If you've never served before - please consider giving one or two Thursdays or Sundays a try.

We've lost many regulars and need new volunteers to help fill the ranks. Planning ahead isn't easy - but it would be very helpful if you would fill out the form now. If changes need to be made later on that is fine.

WELCOME BACK SUNDAY

Sunday, September 11th

We're swinging the doors wide open as we mark the beginning of the school year and kick-off our Fall programming. Join us for worship at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. as we celebrate the Seasons of Life with reflections from members of our congregation. We'll also have a Blessing of the Backpacks for all those headed to school, so bring them with you to worship! In the 10 o'clock Community Hour, join us in Mary Norton Hall for a Welcome Back Brunch and program reviewing our Fall plans for Children and Family Ministries and the OSC Forum. You're invited to bring a brunch dish to share! Following Festival Worship we'll cap things off with an ice cream social!



OPEN NEWBURY STREET RETURNS

Newbury Street closed to traffic through Sunday, September 25th

Open Newbury Street is returning for 2022 on six consecutive Sundays: . Newbury St. will be free of cars from Berkeley St. to Mass. Ave. The intersections of Exeter, Fairfield, Gloucester, and Hereford Streets with Newbury Street will also be car-free from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on each of those Sundays. To learn about parking garage options, go to oldsouth.org/your-first-visit, click on *Getting Here*, and then *Parking*.

JAZZ WORSHIP

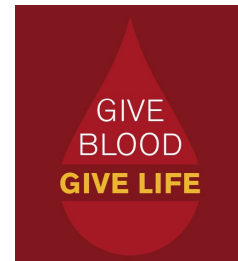
Thursdays, 6:00 p.m. in the Gordon Chapel or at oldsouth.org/jazz

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 tinyurl.com/OSCJazzMaterials if you'd like a hard copy of the song titles, credits, and hymns to print in advance.

COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

*Wednesday, September 14th,
from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., 2nd floor Mary Norton Hall*

The Red Cross continues to experience a severe blood shortage. Want to help out? Donate blood to help end the critical shortage status with the Red Cross. Visit tinyurl.com/BloodDriveOSC or call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) for an appointment.



KENTUCKY FLOOD RELIEF

Following the devastating floods that killed 39 people and decimated the community, the Christian Service and Outreach Committee just approved a \$1,000 matching grant to support disaster relief in Eastern Kentucky. The funds are being given through Team Eastern and the state fund to support short-term needs and long-term rebuilding. To be part of the match, please mark checks or cash with "Hurricane relief", give through the church giving portal at tinyurl.com/osc-online-giving, or text 44-321 and enter the code FLOO.



GEORGE GORDON AND THE ETERNAL PLEDGE BY CHURCH HISTORIAN KATE SILFEN

Go to www.oldsouth.org/george-gordon-eternal-pledge
to read the full article

It is easy for me to imagine that April 28, 1999 was a climactic day for the Reverend Dr. George Angier Gordon. “The Eternal Pledge of Progress” must have been the sermon he had always dreamed of preaching. For fifteen years, he had been sharing his vision of an immanent God whose love for humanity was unconditional and boundless...

TRAVELING SOUP KITCHEN

Saturday, September 10th, 10:00 a.m., Mary Norton Hall, 2nd Floor

Join us as we host our first Traveling Soup Kitchen of the fall. We will cook a wonderful meal, pack it up and travel around Copley Square to pass it out.

THROUGH THE BIBLE

Thursdays, 7:00 p.m., 4th 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 information and the Zoom link, email Howard Cha-Young Kim at howard@oldsouth.org.

GREEN TIP: ECO FRIENDLY SCHOOL SUPPLIES

You've taken inventory of what you have but there are still some school supplies that your child needs. For purchased items, opt for school supplies that use minimal packaging, are made from recycled materials, and are durable enough to last for years. Green That Life's eco friendly school supplies post covers everything from backpacks, paper and writing products, and even environmentally-friendly binders. To learn more about greening your supplies go to greenthatlifecom/eco-friendly-school-supplies/

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!

ALL-CHURCH RETREAT

Friday September 30th- Sunday October 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. We are excited to announce that our Facilitator will be Stephanie Paulsell, Professor of the Practice of Christian Studies at Harvard Divinity School. Rev. Dr. Paulsell's work focuses on religion and literature, Christian spirituality, and the spiritually formative dimensions of the practices of reading and writing. You won't want to miss this, so register today! 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.

UPDATE FROM THE SENIOR MINISTER SEARCH COMMITTEE

The Senior Minister Search Committee has begun their important work and will report to the Congregation regularly. Go to oldsouth.org/senior-minister-search to read the most recent update.

UPDATE ON THE SEARCH FOR A NEW ASSOCIATE MINISTER

Having said a fond, festive farewell to Acting Associate Minister Shawn Fiedler on August 28, we've moved into gear on some important steps toward finding his successor. With Council's approval in hand, the profile of the position will be posted next week - and we should start hearing from candidates soon! Go to oldsouth.org/news/associate-minister-search-updates to learn more.

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.
