



# Festival Worship

August 13, 2017  
OLD SOUTH CHURCH IN BOSTON

PRELUDE

Prayer (from *Suite for Organ*)

Paul Creston

\*HYMN 8 (vv. 1-3)

Praise to the Living God

*Diademata*

1. Praise to the liv - ing God, the God of love and light, Whose  
 2. Praise to the liv - ing God, from whom all things de - rive, Whose  
 3. Praise to the liv - ing God, who knows our joy and pain, Who

word brought forth the myr - iad suns and set the worlds in flight; Whose  
 Spir - it formed up - on this sphere the first faint seeds of life; Who  
 shares with us our com - mon life, the sa - cred and pro - fane. God

in - fi - nite de - sign, which we but dim - ly see, Per -  
 caused them to e - volve, un - wit - ting, toward God's goal, Till  
 toils wher - e'er we toil, in home and mart and mill; And

vades all na - ture, mak - ing all a cos - mic u - ni - ty.  
 hu - man-kind stood on the earth, as liv - ing, think - ing souls.  
 deep with - in the hu - man heart God leads us for - ward still.

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

John M. Edgerton

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.**  
 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 ...  
**Many: but delighting in it;**  
 One: Not condemning the world ...  
**Many: but redeeming it through Jesus Christ:  
 God was and is and will be.**

\*HYMN 8 (v. 4)

Praise to the Living God

*Diademata*



4. Praise to the liv-ing God, a - round, with-in, a - bove, Be - yond the grasp of  
hu - man mind, but whom we know as love. In these tu - mul-tuous days, so  
full of hope and strife, May we bear wit-ness to the Way, O Source and Goal of life.

One: In the name and presence of the God who was and is and will be ...

**Many: let us greet one another.**

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

**Many: And also with you and with all who are here.**

\*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

## THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

**Lauren Hilaire Syverin**

Child of Eliette Hilaire and Joe Syverin

Godparents are Kerry Chneil Elam, Emmie Necia Leila Désiré,  
and Bernadette Syverin

INTRODUCTIONS AND ADDRESS

Nancy S. Taylor

LITANY OF BAPTISM (responsively)

One: We are gathered to present Lauren Hilaire Syverin to the Church and  
to dedicate her to God. What can we affirm about her?

**Many: Lauren is a child of God, made in God’s own image.**

One: As Lauren grows in our congregation, how will she know this?  
**Many: We will give her our love and include her in the life and ministry of this Church.**

One: How will she learn of the Christian faith?  
**Many: We will teach her the stories of Abraham and Sarah; of Moses and Miriam who led our ancestors out of bondage; of Mary and Joseph's openness to mystery; of the Savior, Jesus; and of the history of the church as the people of God.**

One: What, in turn, will we expect of Lauren?  
**Many: We look forward to sitting with her at Christ's Table, sharing with her the costs and joys of discipleship, learning and growing with her in the Christian pilgrimage, and declaring with one voice our faith in God and God's son, Jesus.**

One: Do you, Eliette and Joe, parents, and Kerry and Emmie, Godparents, assume your primary responsibility for fulfilling these expectations by growing with Lauren in the Christian faith and by offering her the nurture and support of the Christian church?  
*Parents & Godparents: With the help of God, we happily and genuinely accept this serious duty.*

One: And do you, the Old South Church, pledge to maintain a nurturing and challenging Christian environment for Lauren?  
**Many: We do, for she belongs to us as well.**

One: Then, may God be with us.  
**Many: God help us. Amen.**

#### BLESSING THE WATER AND ACT OF BAPTISM

CONGREGATIONAL WELCOME (unison)

Alice Verhoeven, Deacon

**We rejoice in God's empowering love, freely given to each and all. We welcome you, newly baptized, into the circle of love in Christ's church. We promise to pray for you, to seek the depths of faith with you, to support you, and to love you. We covenant with you to love God with all our hearts, minds, souls, and strength, and our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.**


BAPTISM HYMN (seated) You Are the Promise of Tomorrow *Old South Garden*




You are the prom-ise of\_\_ to - mor - row, Bright- eyed child be - fore us\_\_



named; Reach with won - der toward the\_\_ fu - ture, Fa - vored one whom



God has claimed! 1.Be - fore you is a con - gre - ga - tion, Be - liev-ers  
2.Your heart's rich soil is not yet\_\_ sown. If you al -



young, old, big,\_\_ and\_\_ small; Do you\_\_ sense the lov - ing\_\_ wel - come  
low, God there will\_\_ grow A beau-teous gar - den, glimpse of\_\_ grace, For



Flow - ing\_\_ toward you from us all? You are the prom - ise of\_\_ to -  
those you\_\_ meet to love and know.



mor - row, Bright- eyed\_\_ child be - fore us\_\_ named; Reach with bold - ness



toward God's fu - ture, There be - fore you,\_\_ still\_\_ un claimed!

-Erik K. Gustafson; words by Bettina Blake

## THE GIFT OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 25:1, 4

Joe R. Syverin

O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.

OLD SOUTH CHURCH COVENANT OF THE MEMBERS

**I do now in the presence of God and before this assembly  
give myself to the One whom Jesus called “Abba, Father”  
as the God in whose love I am grounded  
and whose realm I serve;  
to Jesus Christ, God incarnate,  
to whom I surrender and who rules my life;  
to God the Holy Spirit as the One who  
sustains, recreates, and guides me.  
I will share God’s everlasting covenant  
by loving and living responsibly  
in communion with this one God.  
And I do furthermore engage to  
walk with my brothers and sisters  
in the wider Church  
and the Old South Church  
secure in God’s grace,  
prepared in gratitude to live by the promise  
and serve in the hope of the Gospel.**

SERMON

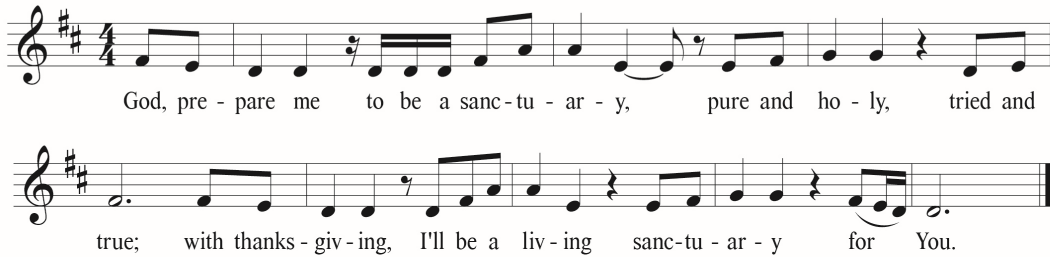
Sanctuary. Refuge. Shelter. Shade.

Nancy S. Taylor

\*SONG

Sanctuary  
1. Soloist 2. Choir 3 - 4. Congregation  
Erika Mitchell, soloist

Randy Scruggs and  
John Thompson



God, pre - pare me to be a sanc-tu - ar - y, pure and ho - ly, tried and  
true; with thanks - giv - ing, I'll be a liv - ing sanc-tu - ar - y for You.

## OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

\*CALL TO PRAYER

Anthony T. Livolsi

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. (You may be seated.)

PASTORAL PRAYER AND SILENT PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

**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

Choral Amen

Erik K. Gustafson

CALL TO THE OFFERING

In thanksgiving to God and giving witness to generous hearts,  
our financial gifts support ministries of mercy, justice, and beauty.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM For Everyone Born, A Place at the Table  
Erik K. Gustafson

Erik K. Gustafson, pianist

*For everyone born, a place at the table,  
for everyone born, clean water and bread,  
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,  
for everyone born, a star overhead.*

*Refrain: And God will delight when we are creators  
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:  
yes, God will delight when we are creators  
of justice, justice and joy!*

*For young and for old, a place at the table,  
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,  
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,  
for young and for old, the right to belong. (Refrain)*

*For everyone born, a place at the table,  
to live without fear, and simply to be,  
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,  
for everyone born, the right to be free. (Refrains)*

**Following the third verse and refrain,  
please join in singing a repeat of the refrain:**

And God will de - light when we are cre - a - tors of  
jus - tice and joy, com - pas - sion and peace; yes, God will de -  
light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice, jus - tice and joy!

–Shirley Erena Murray

Inspired by the UN Declaration of Human Rights and by the poet's  
involvement with Amnesty International



PRAYER OF DEDICATION

John M. Edgerton

\*HYMN 25

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

*St. Anne*

\*BIDDING TO MISSION AND BENEDICTION

Nancy S. Taylor

POSTLUDE

Voluntary in A

John Stanley



Close-Up, a 20-minute tour of the Sanctuary, begins following worship at the front of the Sanctuary. Led by docent Liz Morgan.

### **Take a Piece of OSC Nostalgia Home!**

We have welcomed new Gordon Chapel chairs, and we are looking to rehome the old chairs. If you would like to take one or two home, contact Helen McCrady, [helen@oldsouth.org](mailto:helen@oldsouth.org). We would like to rehome them all by the end of summer.

## **WELCOME TO OLD SOUTH CHURCH**

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 urban church in the heart of Boston. Join us immediately following worship for fellowship and refreshments in the Gordon Chapel.

Today's scripture reader, Joe Syverin, is the proud father of Lauren Syverin, who is receiving the waters of baptism today. He and his wife, Eliette, have been attending Old South Church for many years, and became members in 2016.

The flowers today are given in loving memory of Geraldine Fillmore Bacon from her daughter Suzanne.

Name tags facilitate community and help newcomers feel welcomed. If you don't see a tag with your name on it, let us know. For LARGE print bulletins or hearing assistance devices 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):

1. Park at the **Garage@100 Clarendon** (behind Back Bay Station), have your ticket validated at our Front Desk, and **you** pay the discounted rate of \$7 for up to 3 hours. Old South bears no cost.
2. Park at the **Prudential Garage** for up to 5 hours on Saturday or Sunday, have your ticket validated at our Front Desk, and the Prudential Garage will bill **Old South** (costing us \$15k - \$20k per year).

## CALENDAR

### Sunday, August 13

8:30 am First Worship Choir  
9:00 am FIRST Worship, Nancy S. Taylor preaching  
9:45 am Old South Café in the Gordon Chapel  
10:00 am HEALING Worship  
10:00 am Sanctuary in the City: Living It Out Loud  
10:00 am Summer Choir  
10:00 am Summer Church School  
10:00 am Summer of Spiritual Reading  
11:00 am FESTIVAL Worship, Nancy S. Taylor preaching  
12:30 pm Sanctuary in the City: Living It Out Loud  
2:00 pm OSC Young Adult Kickball Team  
*Cypress Street Playground, Brookline*

### Monday, August 14

6:00 pm Minister of Music Search Committee  
7:30 pm Chorus Pro Musica Summer Sing

### Thursday, August 17

8:00 am Boston Warm (until 3:00 pm)  
6:00 pm JAZZ Worship, Cal Genzel preaching  
7:00 pm Young Adult Women's Discussion Group

### Sunday, August 20

8:30 am First Worship Choir  
9:00 am FIRST Worship, Cal Genzel preaching  
9:45 am Old South Café in the Gordon Chapel  
10:00 am Summer Choir  
10:00 am Summer Church School  
11:00 am FESTIVAL Worship, Cal Genzel preaching  
2:00 pm OSC Young Adult Kickball Team  
*Cypress Street Playground, Brookline (last game!)*

## **OLD SOUTH CHURCH IN BOSTON MINISTERS, OFFICERS AND STAFF**

Nancy S. Taylor, Senior Minister  
John M. Edgerton, Associate Minister ❖ Anthony T. Livolsi, Associate Minister  
James W. Crawford, Senior Minister Emeritus  
Kate Nintcheu, Director, Children and Family Ministries  
Donald A. Wells, Theologian in Residence ❖ June Cooper, Theologian in the City  
Calvin Genzel, Wedding Outreach Minister ❖ Ken Orth, Healing Worship Minister  
Carrie Swayne-Gerrish, Youth Leader ❖ Rebecca Bowler, Seminarian Intern  
Carolyn Davis, Director, Old South Preschool  
George Sargeant, Associate Organist and Choirmaster  
Laurel Leslie, Choir Director, First Worship ❖ Willie Sordillo, Music Coordinator, Jazz Worship  
Peter Coulombe, Director, Old South Ringers ❖ Amy Budka, Children's Music Leader  
Tim Harbold, Director, Gospel & Festival Choirs  
Deb Washington, Moderator ❖ Rob Gabler, Clerk ❖ Lauren Berk, Treasurer  
Randy Billings, Chair, Board of Trustees ❖ Emily Click, Historian  
Stephanie LaShoto & Ralph Watson, Senior Deacons ❖ Vicki Newman, Pledge Secretary  
Helen McCrady, Senior Church Administrator ❖ Amy Perry, Communications  
Linda Van Praet, Accounting & Human Resources ❖ David Albaugh, Building Manager  
Janet Butler, Wedding Coordinator  
Elias Perez, Senior Sexton ❖ Ozo Nwodo and Opong Serebour, Sextons  
Corey Spence, Rubia Reyes, and Lena Rojas Receptionists  
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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.

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## COMMUNITY LIFE

### SANCTUARY IN THE CITY

#### **Living It Out Loud**

Immigration is a fundamentally American story, but in today's political environment immigrants are often vilified as criminals. Across the country undocumented immigrants are beginning to claim "sanctuary" in churches, in hopes that their stories will lead to immigration reform. TODAY, at 10 am and 12:30 pm on the second floor, come learn how Old South Church might be involved in this movement and what you can do to support those seeking sanctuary in Boston.

### SOUVENIRS AND CURIOSITIES

#### **An Afternoon Concert**

Before his untimely passing, Prince Harry Huff shared a number of contemporary American Art songs with OSC choir member Heather Gallagher, including works by his personal friends Chris DeBlasio and Donald Ashwander. Ms. Gallagher is proud to present some of these selections in a short afternoon concert on Sunday, August 27 at 2:00 pm in the Gordon Chapel with soprano Molly Crookedacre and pianist Yukiko Oba. 'Souvenirs and Curiosities' is a celebration of friendship, memory, and all that is weird and wonderful. Admission is by donation (\$15 suggested). All proceeds will be donated to the Old South Church Music Fund in Harry's name. For more information, visit [www.HeatherAGallagher.com](http://www.HeatherAGallagher.com).

### SUMMER SINGING

**First Worship Choir** rehearses Sundays at 8:30 am to learn a song for 9:00 am worship. Walk-ins welcome. (Contact: [rebecca@oldsouth.org](mailto:rebecca@oldsouth.org)) **Summer Choir** rehearses Sundays at 10:00 am to prepare music for 11:00 am worship. All are welcome. Please wear 'business casual' attire. **Gospel Choir** will return to rehearsals in September. (Contact for Summer Choir and Gospel Choir: [tharbold@wheatoncollege.edu](mailto:tharbold@wheatoncollege.edu))

## ADULT EDUCATION

LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY: *Sundays, 10:00 am.* Engage the preached scripture text for the week in depth and detail with lively discussion.

*Watch for details on upcoming small groups and Community Hour series!*

## CHILDREN + FAMILIES

CHILDCARE: Infants through grade 2 are welcome in our childcare ministries beginning at 8:40 am. Care is available uninterrupted all morning through Festival Worship.

SUMMER CHURCH SCHOOL: Kids are combining into one big group to explore Bible stories through costumes, props, and play-acting; plus Sunday FunDays and movie days!

TODAY: Sunday FunDay

Next week: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego & the Fiery Furnace  
(dramatic play)

## WELCOME BACK SUNDAY

### **September 10**

**All Church Potluck Breakfast:** Help celebrate the start of a new program year from 10-11 am on the second floor. Bring a dish to share. Everyone is invited!

**Blessing of the Backpacks:** During 9 am First Worship and 11 am Festival Worship children will receive a token on their backpack and a blessing for the new school year.

**Ice Cream Sunday:** Stick around after Festival Worship for our annual tradition of sweet treats from Friendly's!

# SANCTUARY *companion piece for today's sermon*

*Noun.* 1. a place of refuge or safety ; 2. a holy place.

*Synonyms:* refuge, haven, harbor, port in a storm, oasis, shelter, hideout, hideaway

Derived from the Latin *sanctuarium*, which is like most words ending in *-arium*, a container for keeping something in—in this case holy things or perhaps holy people, *sancta* or *sancti*. The meaning was extended to places of holiness or safety.

Since ancient times, holy places (Jewish, Christian, Buddhist, pagan) have reserved the right – and the state has respected it – to harbor within sacred walls persons who are in danger: women battered by husbands, the poor or ill in desperate need, persons accused of criminal conduct who did not trust the fairness of a judicial process, refugees and others.



ABOVE: Frith stool at Hexham Abbey, Northumberland UK. It is hewn from a solid block of sandstone.

The word ‘frith’ is of Anglo-Saxon origin, and means “peace, security, and freedom from molestation”. In medieval England, it was possible for those fleeing conflict and persecution, and even justice, to claim sanctuary in a church. The frith stool, traditionally located near the high altar, was considered to be the safest and most protected place in the church for such refugees.

BELOW: A Sanctuary Ring on a door of Notre-Dame de Paris (France).

During the Middle Ages, grasping the Sanctuary Ring on any church door gave the right of asylum.



# ALL CHURCH RETREAT

**REGISTER:** <http://www.oldsouth.org/church-retreat-2017>

Join us for three days of learning, worship (on the beach!), and play at the annual All Church Retreat, October 6 - 8, at Craigville Retreat Center on Cape Cod.

This year, feminist theologian and preacher extraordinaire Dr. Anna Carter Florence will share her gift and passion for engaging the Bible in fun, offbeat ways: she will invite us to approach the scriptures as 'holy ground' – as a site of personal encounter with God – where we might see and experience something that would change us (and maybe the world!).

Questions? Email Rev. Anthony Livolsi at [anthony@oldsouth.org](mailto:anthony@oldsouth.org), or Kate Nintcheu at [children@oldsouth.org](mailto:children@oldsouth.org).

# CHURCH PHOTOGRAPHY

This fall all OSC members and families are invited to take part in our next Photo Directory. We will be scheduling photo appointments on the following days:

**September 28 - October 1 AND October 19 - 22**

*Sign up online soon!*

Thursdays: 2 - 9 pm

Fridays: 2 - 9 pm

Saturdays: 10 am - 6 pm

Sundays: 11 am - 6 pm

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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 in the Sanctuary, for any length of time.

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