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All Church Worship — Old South Church *in Boston*

September 26th, 2021 ❖ 10:00 a.m.

Eighteenth 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

I Love to Tell the Story

Emma Lou Diemer, *arr.*

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3 Your life is life - giv - ing— to both great and small;
4 So per - fect your glo - ry, so bril - liant your light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
not want - ing, not wast - ing, but rul - ing in might;
in all life you're liv - ing, the true life of all;
your an - gels a - dore you, all veil - ing their sight;

Most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
Your jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove,
We blos - som and flour - ish as leaves and as flowers,
All praise we now ren - der as your an - gels do:

al - 'might - y, vic - to - rious, your great name we praise.
your clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
then with - er and per - ish— but naught dims your powers.
in awe at the splen - dor of light hid - ing you.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Reamogetje S. Ngoepe

One: There is danger in commitment.

Many: **As the Body of Christ,
we are called to see the whole of life,
both the shadows and the light.**

One: There is danger in commitment.

Many: **As the Body of Christ,
we are called to respond joyfully
to the sorrows of the world.**

One: There is danger in commitment.

Many: **As the Body of Christ,
we are called to proclaim
the grace and love of God.**

-adapted from Elizabeth O'Connor

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

RESPONSE

Gathered in God's Name

Solo: *Gathered in God's name 'round the living Word.
Gathered as one family in the name of love.*

Congregation:

Gath-ered from near and far, gath-ered in this ho - ly place,

gath-ered as stran-gers and friends, gath-ered and gift - ed by grace.

Gath - ered in God's name, 'round the liv - ing Word.

Gath - ered as one fam-ly in the name of love,

in the name of love, *slowing* in the name of love.

WELCOME

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Welcome to worship!

Go to the above site to introduce yourself
and connect with us by signing our Virtual Fellowship Pad.

CHILDRENS' SERMON

Shawn M. Fiedler

ATTEND

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 4:18-22

SERMON

Follow me!

June R. Cooper

*HYMN 503

O Savior, Let Me Walk with You

MARYTON

1 O Sav - ior, let me walk with you in earth - ly
 2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear
 3 Teach me your pa - tience; let me be in clos - er,
 4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the

paths of ser - vice true; Tell me your se - cret,
 win - ning word of love. Teach me the way - ward
 dear - er com - pa - ny, In work that keeps faith
 fu - ture's broad - ening way, In peace that on - ly

help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
 feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.
 sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong.
 you can give, with you, O Sav - ior, let me live.

*CALL TO PRAYER

Nancy S. Taylor

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Eternal Spirit Earth-Maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver, source of all that is and that shall be, Father and Mother of us all. Loving God, in whom is heaven: the hallowing of your name echoes through the universe! The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the earth! Your heavenly will be done by all created beings! Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth. With the bread we need for today, feed us. In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us. In times of temptation and test, spare us. From the grip of all that is evil, free us. For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. Amen

—*The New Zealand Prayer Book*

PRAYER RESPONSE

Thixo Onothando

Michael Barrett, *arr.*

Thixo onothando, ndimi phambi kwakho
Thixo onothando, ndiph' uthando ndifakaze ngawe.

Hosanna phezulu, hosann' enyangweni
Thixo ndila namhla, hosanna.

*[God of love, I stand before you.
God of love, give me love so I may testify about you.]*

*Hosanna above, Hosanna in the highest.
God, I am here today; Hosanna.]*

RESPOND

CALL TO THE OFFERING

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Jessica Young Chang

*Go to the above site to donate online
and find all things Sunday!
You can also Text 44-321 and enter OSC to make a gift.*

Righteousness, peace, joy in the Holy Ghost—
that's the Kingdom of God.

Don't you want to be a part of the Kingdom?
Come on everybody!

Oh, yes, there's joy in the Kingdom!
Oh, yes, there's peace in the Kingdom!
Oh, yes, there's love in the Kingdom!

"The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof." *
We are part of the earth, and it is part of us.

The perfumed flowers are our sisters,
the deer, the horse, the great eagle—
these are our brothers.

All things are connected.
Rivers, our brothers; earth, our mother.
The earth is the Lord's.

**Psalm 24:1*

*DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDRETH

**Praise God, whose many names abound.
Our Judge, our Rock, our Holy Ground.
Our Home, our All, earth's Majesty.
Love, Spirit, Light and Mystery.** —*Nancy S. Taylor*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

Descant

2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er liv - ing, the

Unison

1 Sent forth by God's bless-ing, our true faith con - fess - ing, the
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er liv - ing, the

tasks of our ev - ery - day life we will face. Our faith ev - er

peo - ple of God from this dwell-in_g take leave. The ser - vice is
tasks of our ev - ery - day life we will face. Our faith ev - er

shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing, em - brac - ing God's chil - dren of

end - ed, O now be ex - tend - ed the fruits of our wor - ship in
shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing, em - brac - ing God's chil - dren of

*BIDDING TO MISSION AND BENEDICTION

June R. Cooper

POSTLUDE

Tocatta on "Lift Every Voice and Sing"

Mark Miller



The flowers today are donated and a gift has been made to the
Allston Brighton Food Pantry by Katherine Schofield and Adilia James
in celebration of their 10th wedding anniversary.



Notes on Today's Music

Thixo Onothando is a popular isiXhosa hymn performed throughout churches in South Africa. An uplifting song of praise, it is led by a group of soloists who personify the community's priestly leaders. The version of the song we hear today is an arrangement by Michael Barrett, who in 2015 was invited to hold workshops for community choirs in the Mpumalanga province, situated on the eastern border of South Africa. Barrett recalls: "a school choir sang this very simple religious hymn, and I remember being truly moved by their performance. I approached these learners and asked them to teach me this beautiful melody. I transcribed it, and a year later it was arranged for and performed by the Tuks Camerata at the South African University Choir Competition called Varsity Sing." The version by Barrett has become widespread in the United States and Europe following that initial exposure, opening new avenues to traditional South African sacred music to be honored and explored by the global church.

The Kingdom is one of many in the hit parade of songs by composer and conductor André J. Thomas, who for 35 years was Director of Choral Activities and Professor of Choral Music Education at Florida State University in Tallahassee. Never one to let the moss grow on the ever-rolling stone of his incredible life and career, Dr. Thomas has eschewed retirement in favor of a visiting professorship within Yale University's School of Music, where he currently leads the Yale Camerata in addition to his duties training the school's choral conducting students.

— Mitchell Crawford, *Minister of Music*

Organist and composer Mark Miller holds degrees from Yale University and the Juilliard School of Music. He currently serves as Lecturer in Sacred Music at Yale, Professor of Church Music and Composer-in-Residence at Drew Theological School, and Minister of Music at Christ Church in Summit, New Jersey. He has also held positions at Riverside Church and Marble Collegiate Church in New York.

Mark believes that music, social justice, and the beloved community are inextricably bound together and his rollicking setting of *Lift Every Voice and Sing* is an expression of that ideal. It is informed by musical styles from many lands and eras. The beginning consists of free, improvisatory passages suffused with jazz and gospel harmonies that give way to a French Romantic toccata. Here the influence of Louis Vierne, who served as organist of Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris from 1900 to 1937, is unmistakable. The toccata eventually dissolves into a somewhat dissonant climax before a recapitulation that harkens back to the beginning and leads to a frenzied conclusion.

— George Sargeant, *Associate Organist*



INFORMATION ABOUT OLD SOUTH

Check out the church website at
www.oldsouth.org/Sundays for everything Sundays,
www.oldsouth.org/calendar for a calendar of virtual 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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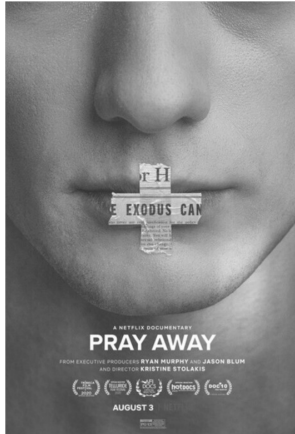
A NOTE ON THE INCLUSIVE DIMENSIONS OF GOD'S GRACE

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
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ANNOUNCEMENTS



COMMUNITY HOUR: Film Discussion: "Pray Away"

Sunday 11:00 a.m. in Mary Norton Hall

Maren Batalden will lead a discussion of the Netflix documentary, "Pray Away". This film follows survivors and former leaders of the ex-gay movement and details the harm that continues to come out of conversion therapy programs.

Can't make it in person? This event will be livestreamed and will be viewable later. Visit oldsouth.org/sundays for the link!

ONE DAY CHURCH RETREAT—REGISTER NOW! RESTORATION, RETURN, AND REBUILDING

Saturday, October 2nd,

at the Rolling Ridge Retreat Center, 660 Great Pond Road North Andover

After a tough year, let's come together for learning, fun, and fellowship for all ages. Our facilitator this year will be Rick Spalding who will lead us on a journey through the story of Nehemiah that will meet us where we are and help us build on the foundations of our faith. There will also be plenty of time for fun and games and reconnecting. Children's programming will be provided in a safe, outdoor setting. Adult programming will also be largely outdoors in this beautiful and restorative natural setting. Cost is \$40 adult / \$60 per 1-adult family / \$80 per couple / \$100 per 2-adult family (scholarships available). Sign up through our website www.oldsouth.org.



UPCOMING COMMUNITY HOUR FORUMS

Sundays, 11:00 a.m., in Mary Norton Hall and on Vimeo

- Boston Food Forest Coalition (BFFC) is a non-profit community land trust for neighborhood “forest gardens”, with member sites in Dorchester, JP, East Boston, West End, and Mattapan. With hundreds of volunteers, they are building a community of practice by sharing skills and gardening help. Executive Director Orion Kriegman will speak about the work of the organization and how you can get involved.
- **Fall Book Study: "Mindfulness and Christian Spirituality: Making Space for God" by Tim Stead.** Practicing mindfulness can help Christians better live out their faith. Stead explains what mindfulness is and what is beneficial about it. He also reflects on how it can impact what and how we believe, and seeks to find how mindfulness enables our Christian faith to work for us. Led by the Wednesday Young Adult Book Group
 - **October 17th - What is Mindfulness?, Chapters 1-3**
 - **October 24th - From Believing to Knowing, Chapters 4-5**

THE CAREGIVERS' SUPPORT GROUP

The Caregivers' Support Group is a gathering for sharing and support, open to members and friends of Old South serving as caregivers to others. This group is facilitated by Rev. Dr. Frankie Doolittle, Old South Member, Counselor and ordained UCC Minister. If you are interested in attending please contact Rev. Shawn Fiedler at shawn@oldsouth.org.

GREEN TIP: CLOTHING!

Buy fewer pieces that will wear longer or buy gently used clothes. Buy and sell through FB marketplace and Craigslist to reduce buying new household items and to avoid throwing out items someone else might want.

SMALL GROUP SIGN UPS

Do you seek to deepen your experience of community at Old South Church, cultivate spiritual friendships, and grow in your faith? We are currently forming groups for the fall season (Sept through Dec). Some groups are meeting online while others meet in person (or a mix of both). Fill out a form at <https://www.oldsouth.org/seasonal-small-groups>. For more information, email Rev. Shawn at shawn@oldsouth.org

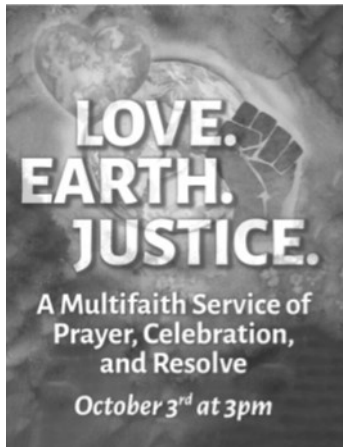
PLANNED GIVING

Have you named Old South Church in your planned giving? If so, you are a member of the Mary Norton Society and are invited to our annual Mary Norton Society event! Please contact Helen at Helen@oldsouth.org

Fall Small Group Mixer

Sunday, October 17, following All Church Worship—Boston Women's Memorial

Small Group participants are invited to a special outdoor event at the Boston's Women's Memorial (it's own small group of mighty women!). Every small group is unique at Old South Church in Boston so come mix with other 'small groupers' and expand our church family. Cider and donuts will be served!



Love. Earth. Justice.

October 3, 2021, 3-4:30 pm

We invite you to join us at **3 pm on Sunday, October 3, 2021**, for **Love. Earth. Justice.: A Multifaith Service of Prayer, Celebration, and Resolve**. We will gather at Old South to celebrate creation and community, mourn all we have lost, and call each other to faithful action. Planned for approximately 90 minutes, the service will include prayer, readings, and uplifting music, with an inspiring sermon from Rev. Traci Blackmon, national justice minister for the United Church of Christ. If you prefer, you can join by livestream. Complete

Connections

September 26th—Guild Room, 4th Floor- To be a member of Old South Church is to enter the company of Revolutionary Era heroes, abolitionists, suffragettes, anti-poverty crusaders, and poets. Our saints include Benjamin Franklin, Samuel Adams, Phillis Wheatley ... and maybe you! Want to learn more about the life of this community of faith? Join us following All Church Worship this Sunday for Connections.

WEEKLY WORSHIP

During this Covid-Delta season, we are pared down to two weekly worship offerings, both are in person and on Vimeo:

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

ALL-CHURCH Worship, Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

Our monthly **HEALING Worship** is held the second Sunday at 12:30p.m. via Zoom

MUSIC AT OLD SOUTH

We encourage you to join us if and when you feel comfortable. Safety mitigations like those we are taking — shorter sessions in large rooms, masks, vaccines, and distancing — have proven highly effective at reducing COVID transmission risks in a variety of settings. Participants in Old South's music ensembles must be vaccinated, mask inside the building, and socially distance.

FESTIVAL CHOIR

Rehearses Thursdays, 6:30 p.m.; Sundays, 9:00 a.m.

For those able to attend regular rehearsals, Festival Choir offers opportunities to explore and perform a dazzling array of choral literature at a high level. A dedicated group of volunteer singers supported by Old South's professional Choral Fellows, we present music each week during Sunday Worship from September through June. For more information contact Mitchell Crawford at mitchell@oldsouth.org

THE OLD SOUTH CHURCH GOSPEL CHOIR

(resumes Sept 23rd) Rehearses once monthly — see below

Gospel Choir provides a joyful ministry, singing once per month at Old South's Thursday night Jazz Worship, along with occasional appearances during Sunday Worship. Please join us! All are welcome! For our complete rehearsal schedule, contact Gospel Choir director Tim Harbold at tim@oldsouth.org

OLD SOUTH RINGERS

Rehearses Tuesdays, 6:00 p.m.

Under the direction of Peter Coulombe and utilizing Old South's substantial collection of handbells and chimes, they perform once a month from Sept through June, as well as for special events. All skill levels welcome! For more information contact Peter Coulombe at handbells@oldsouth.org

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.
