



October 1st, 2023 ❖ 11:00 a.m.

World Communion Sunday

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

Let Us Break Bread Together

Calvin Taylor, *arr.*

CHORAL PROCESSION

Praise the Lord

Cameroon trad.
Ralph Johnson, *arr.*

Praise, praise, praise the Lord!
Praise God's holy name. Alleluia!

** Indicates all who are able may stand*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Katherine A. Schofield

One: God, we have laid out provisions for all.

Many: Prepare our hearts, your true and holy Temple.

One: God, we have set the table that all might be fed.

Many: Prepare our hearts, your true and holy Temple.

One: God, we have opened the doors, rung the bell,
bidding all to come and eat.

Many: Prepare our hearts, your true and holy Temple.

One: God, we have done all that we can think of,
and we leave to you the greatest part.

Many: Prepare our hearts, your true and holy Temple.

*HYMN 470

Golden Breaks the Dawn

LE P'ING

WELCOME

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

*GATHERING SONG **Here, O God, Your Servants Gather**

TOKYO

*Following the introduction, the choir sings verse one alone.
The congregation responds by joining in the singing of verse two.*

LISTEN

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Kate M. Nintcheu

SCRIPTURE

*HYMN 48

Jesus the Christ Says

YISU NE KAHA

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

SERMON

Whose Shoes are Those?

John M. Edgerton

*HYMN 405

There Are Some Things I may Not Know

YES, GOD IS REAL

RESPOND

*CALL TO PRAYER

Katherine A. 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 Creator in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Ecumenical Version (1988)

PRAYER RESPONSE

For the Troubles Rodolfo Gaede Neto (Brazil)
and the Sufferings of the World

For the troubles and the sufferings of the world,
God, we call upon your mercy:
the whole creation's laboring in pain.

Lend an ear to the rising cry for help
from oppressed and hopeless people:
come, hasten your salvation, healing love.

We pray for peace, the blessed peace that comes from making justice,
to cover and embrace us. Have mercy, Lord!

We pray for power, the power that will sustain your people's witness:
until your Kingdom come, *Kyrie eleison.*

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scan the QR code with your smartphone camera.
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OFFERTORY

Hamba Nathi

South African trad.

*Hamba nathi mkululu wethu, hamba nathi mkululu wethu,
hamba nathi mkululu wethu, hamba nathi mkululu wethu.*

*Mkululu, mkululu, mkululu wethu, mkululu, mkululu, mkululu wethu,
mkululu, mkululu, mkululu wethu, mkululu, mkululu, mkululu wethu.*

Come eat with us, and share in our bread...

Come walk with us, the journey is long...

Hamba nathi mkululu wethu...

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

The Great Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

Many: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

Many: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise...

...therefore, we join our voices with those across the globe as we sing your praise:

Choir: *Sanna, sannanina*

Swabili text; South African trad.

...forever and ever, Amen.

Choir: *Amen siakudumisa*

Stephen Cuthbert Molefe (*South Africa*)

Amen siakudumisa! Amen, bawo.

Amen, bawo. Amen siakudumisa!

Amen, we praise your name! Amen, Father.

Amen, Father. Amen, we praise your name!

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

Our communion table is open to all.

Cups contain only non-alcoholic grape juice.

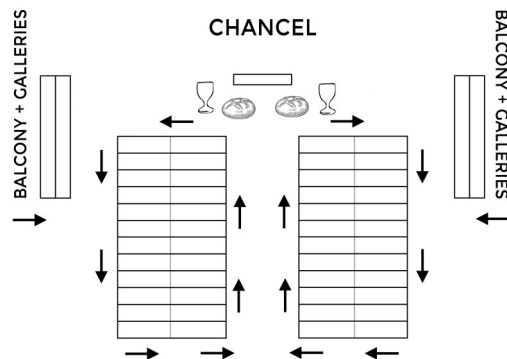
Gluten-free crackers are available at the station under the pulpit.

Communion is served by intinction.

Please come forward at the direction of the ushers to receive a piece of bread.

Dip the bread into the cup and partake.

If you are unable to come forward, signal an usher and the elements will be brought to you.



MUSIC DURING COMMUNION Una Espiga

UNA ESPIGA

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Katherine A. Schofield

*HYMN 526

Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'

SIYAHAMBA

*BIDDING TO MISSION AND BENEDICTION

John M. Edgerton

POSTLUDE

Siyahamba

John A. Behnke



Join us for Refreshments & Fellowship
in the Gordon Chapel following the Postlude.

The flowers today are given in loving memory of their parents-
Ralph and June Watson
and Richard and Eileen Olsen
by Ralph Watson and Peter Olsen.

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



NOTES ON TODAY'S MUSIC

Dr. Calvin Taylor is a well-known contemporary African-American organist, pianist, and composer who travels and concertizes widely in order to share his music with as many people as possible. He recently completed "Spiritual Meditations," his third volume of organ compositions based upon spirituals. It is dedicated to his long-time friend and colleague Michael Barone, producer of National Public Radio's syndicated program "Pipedreams." "Let Us Break Bread Together" is the sixth of nine pieces in the collection. It begins quietly in a meditative fashion with a free introduction introducing the melody, builds in volume as it approaches the refrain, then gradually fades as the opening material returns.

Dr. Taylor's organ works are a unique synthesis of the baroque-style chorale prelude with the harmonic languages of jazz and gospel music. Of them, Dr Taylor writes, "While the spirituals are well known as a vocal medium and were popularized as such around the world, their inherent melodic beauty transfers naturally to the King of Instruments."

John A. Behnke is a frequent organ recitalist, handbell clinician, and festival director with nearly 450 handbell, choral, and organ compositions in print. He served for 13 years as the director of the Milwaukee Handbell Ensemble and 29 years as Organist and Choir Director at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in downtown Milwaukee. He is currently Emeritus Professor of Music at Concordia University in Mequon, Wisconsin where he taught organ, graduate handbell courses, and directed The Alleluia Ringers, Concordia's touring handbell choir.

His organ setting of "Siyahamba" comes from a collection entitled "Three Global Songs" and is fashioned after both the Italian Baroque ritornello form and traditional South African styles. The fusion of styles from different lands and eras makes it an appropriate expression of the ideal of a truly global church.

—George Sargeant, *Associate Organist and Choirmaster*



Old South Church *in* Boston invites you
to its *Signature Services* during the coming year.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY — November 5th, 2023 | 11AM

In a solemn service of sacred music, we gather to name and remember our own beloved dead who now rest from their labors in the arms of God.

MEETING HOUSE SUNDAY — November 19th, 2023 | 11AM

We return to our ancestral home, the Old South Meeting House at Washington & Milk Streets, to give thanks for God's many blessings and the rich history of our faith.

CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS EVE — December 24th, 2023

FAMILY SERVICE WITH IMPROMPTU PAGEANT | 5PM

LESSONS AND CAROLS | 8PM

CAROLS AND COMMUNION | 11PM

HOLY WEEK 2024

Palm Sunday — March 24th | 9AM & 11AM

Maundy Thursday — March 28th | 7PM

Good Friday — March 29th | 12PM & 7PM

Easter Sunday — March 31st | 9AM & 11AM

MARATHON SUNDAY — April 14th, 2024 | 9AM & 11AM

Each year hundreds of marathoners join us for worship, where we pause to acknowledge the runners, their families, and volunteers in a special “Blessing of the Athletes.”

PHILLIS WHEATLEY SUNDAY — May 12th, 2024 | 9AM & 11AM

Old South honors and learns from one of the saints of this church who was stolen from Africa, suffered the Middle Passage, was sold into slavery, and triumphed through her awesome wit and the mighty power of her pen.

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

John M. Edgerton, *Senior Minister*
Ashley J. Popperson, *Associate Minister* ❖ Katherine A. Schofield, *Interim Associate Minister*
Donald A. Wells, *Theologian in Residence* ❖ June R. Cooper, *Theologian in the City*
David Story, *Wedding Minister* ❖ Ken Orth, *Healing Worship Minister*
Rachel Barton, *Nancy S. Taylor Fellow and Youth & Young Adult Leader*
Madison Chau, *Seminary Fellow*

James W. Crawford, *Senior Minister Emeritus* ❖ Nancy S. Taylor, *Senior Minister Emeritus*

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

Kate Nintcheu, *Director, Children & Family Ministries*
Summer Marsh, *Director, Old South Preschool*
Aislin Kate Anderson, *Children's Choir Director*

Amelia Gerrard, *Church Administrator* ❖ John Braught, *Director of Operations*
Kathleen Steen, *Staff Accountant*
Emily Ross, *Archivist* ❖ Karen Hand, *Wedding Coordinator*

Jamie Garuti, *Multimedia Director*
Rémy Hatfield-Gardner and William Wei, *Livestream Production Assistants* ❖ Ava Welling, *Sound Technician*

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*
Debby Kuenstner, *Chair, Board of Trustees* ❖ Kate Silfen, *Historian*
Christine Del Favero and Tony Rich, *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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PAUL SOPER IN CONCERT

Sunday, October 1st, 3 p.m.

Our very own Paul Soper, Festival Choir Choral Fellow, will appear alongside Bradley Pennington in recital at the Dante Alighieri Society (41 Hampshire St., Cambridge). Contact BBCO@comcast.net for more information.

SNEUCC JUSTICE SUMMIT:

Trans and Nonbinary Belonging in the Church

Saturday, October 7th, 10am-5pm, in person at Old South and online

Go to tinyurl.com/2023SNEUCCJustice to register for online attendance by October 4th

The Justice Summit on Trans and Nonbinary Belonging in the Church is a chance for worship, learning, and connection for people on all stages of their journey of trans-affirmation. These conversations will help us explore how we can deepen our Open & Affirming commitments as a church and bring those values into our wider communities. Youth & Adults welcome!



HOSPITALITY FOR JUSTICE SUMMIT

Go to tinyurl.com/SummitHospitality to sign up

We need you to help fling wide Old South's Open Door on October 7th, as UCC folks throughout our region gather to worship, learn, and connect about expanding our Open & Affirming commitments to intentionally include trans and nonbinary people. There are a variety of short (about an hour) volunteer shifts from 8:45am-5pm on October 7th, which means you're also able to join the rest of the program. If you haven't already, be sure to register at tinyurl.com/2023SNEUCCJustice, and check that you're an Old South volunteer so that your registration fee is covered.

TRANS JUSTICE AND BELONGING AT OLD SOUTH

OSC has been selected as one of a few churches within the Southern New England Conference of the United Church of Christ (SNEUCC)'s inaugural program: Trans Affirming Church Affinity Group! If you would like to join our leadership team to plan and support programming, education, and other events to support our mission throughout this program year (and beyond!), email Ashley Popperson at ashley@oldsouth.org.

YOUNG ADULT AFTER-JAZZ DINNER

Next Dinner October 5th,

email Sarah Cowles with any questions

Join us for a casual hangout with other 20s and 30s Old Southerners. We meet in the chapel after Jazz service at 6:45pm on the first Thursday of every month. We grab take out food in the area or bring food from home and gather in the Tower room to catch up, meet new folks, and enjoy a meal together.



THE COMMUNITY HOUR FORUM

Sundays, 10am in 2nd floor Mary Norton Hall, go to tinyurl.com/OSC23-24Forum to Zoom

This casual, no-commitment, come-when-you-can forum hosts series on a variety of topics. Clergy, congregation members, and special guests share in leading sessions.

October 1st - no Forum

October 8th - Meet John Edgerton, Our New Senior Minister

October 15th - Service and Social Justice Activity Fair



HOSPITALITY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Scan the QR code with your phone camera to sign up

Help us swing our open doors even wider. We need you to welcome worshipers, usher, provide food or host at coffee hour, or become a docent and give tours of the Sanctuary. Join the teams that make worship services and the life of Old South

VESPERS HEALING WORSHIP

Sunday, October 8th, 5 p.m. on Zoom, go to tinyurl.com/OSCHealing to join

Please join us to take a moment for rest and renewal in the presence of God and other spiritual companions gathering by Zoom. All are welcome to share this quiet space and lift up our concerns, our losses, our hurts, and our celebrations in the Healing Presence of God and one another.

SAVE THE DATE: MARY NORTON SOCIETY LUNCHEON

Sunday, October 29th at 12:15pm, Mary Norton Hall (2nd Floor)

Everyone is invited to lunch and a not-to-be-missed program about the history of Old South Church. Capacity is limited. Please visit tinyurl.com/MNSluncheon to RSVP.

HEARING LOOP ISSUES

Our hearing loop is down and the company that can repair it has a backlog of work. We apologize for this will have it back up as soon as we can.

MUSIC AT OLD SOUTH

Visit oldsouth.org/music to learn more.

Old South is home to a vibrant array of vocal, choral, and instrumental ensembles, and no matter your age or ability, there is a place for you in our music ministry.

First Singers — Meet on Sundays at 8:30 a.m. to learn an anthem for First Worship.

Festival Choir — rehearse Thursdays at 7 p.m. and Sundays at 10 a.m.

Children's Choir — rehearse Sundays at 9 a.m.

Old South Ringers — rehearse Tuesdays at 6 p.m.

Gospel Choir — rehearse once monthly; visit oldsouth.org/music to see the full schedule.

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

Sundays, 10 a.m., 4th Floor Phillis Wheatley Room,

go to tinyurl.com/OSC23-24BibleStudy to join via Zoom, password: BibleStudy

Delve into the day's scripture passage heard in worship. This no-homework Bible study delights in taking a scholarly look at ancient texts. Don't leave your questions at the door; we need them. For more information contact Katherine Schofield.

THROUGH THE BIBLE

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

go to tinyurl.com/23-24ThroughBible for Zoom link, password: Psalter

Join us as we journey at a reflective and thorough pace through the Hebrew Bible. We are about to begin studying the Book of Isaiah. For more information contact Katherine Schofield.

GREEN TIP: Stay warm without using the thermostat

As the temperatures outside start to drop, we tend to directly reach the thermostat. Before you do that, make sure you layer with sweaters, thick socks and extra blankets. You'll be saving energy and heating costs!

REV. KATHERINE SCHOFIELD CALLED TO NEW CHURCH

To read the rest of her letter and a letter to Old South from the Moderator and Senior Minister go to tinyurl.com/Katherinecalled



Rev. Katherine has been called as the Pastor of First Parish Church of Manchester-by-the-Sea. In her letter to the Old South Congregation she writes, "I am so grateful to you all for an amazing five years together. Through the ups and downs and many transitions you all stayed the course, lifted one another (and me) up, and continued to tackle challenges of all kinds. It has been such a gift to learn from you and with you, to build genuine friendships and connections, to dive deep in our spiritual lives together, and always to come together in prayer, and praise, and in the breaking of bread. I will miss you all very much, but I'll continue to hold you in prayer and may still step through the "Open Door" on occasion. I am also able to rest in the assurance that I leave you in excellent hands - that of your clergy and staff - and God's too!

WEEKLY WORSHIP

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

First Worship Sundays at 9 a.m. with communion

Festival Worship Sundays at 11 a.m.

Jazz Worship Thursdays at 6 p.m. with communion

Vespers Healing Worship 2nd Sundays at 5 p.m.



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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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