

February 4, 2018
**Fifth Sunday
after Epiphany**
11:00 am

GATHERING

PRELUDE	City Called Heaven	Calvin Taylor
*HYMN 314	Community of Christ	<i>Leoni</i>
*CALL TO WORSHIP		Anthony T. Livolsi
	<i>From the Iona Community, Scotland, Iona Abby Worship Book</i>	

One: Jesus calls us here to meet him
as, through word and song and prayer,
we affirm God's promised presence,
where his people live and dare.

**Many: Praise the God who keeps her promise,
praise the Son who calls us friends,
praise the Spirit who among us,
to our hopes and fears attends.**

* *Indicates all who are able may stand*

One: Jesus calls us to each other:
found in him are no divides.
Race and class and sex and language,
such are barriers he derides.

**Many: Join the hands of friend and stranger,
join the hands of age and youth,
join the faithful and the doubter
in the common search for truth.**

***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

ANTHEM

O Holy One

Spiritual
arr. Nathaniel Dett

*O holy one, o holy one, o holy one.
Done with sin and sorrow.
Holy, holy, holy is our God.
Done with sin and sorrow.*

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE

I Corinthians 13:1-13

Deb Washington

Dr. Deb Washington, Director of Diversity for Nursing & Patient Care Services at
MGH, serves as the Moderator of Old South Church in Boston.

(Children may leave for choir and care.)

***HYMN 527**

We Offer Christ

Charterhouse

SERMON

Third Time’s the Charm?

Nancy S. Taylor

***HYMN 538**

Standing at the Future’s Threshold

Lux Eoi

PRAYING AND GIVING

***CALL TO PRAYER**

John M. Edgerton

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. (The people may 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 We Shall Walk through the Valley *Spiritual*
arr. Undine Smith Moore

*We shall walk through the valley in peace.
We shall walk through the valley in peace.
If Jesus himself shall be our leader,
We shall walk through the valley in peace.*

*There will be no trials there.
There will be no trials there.
If Jesus himself shall be our leader,
We shall walk through the valley in peace.*

CALL TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM We Shall Not Give Up the Fight *South African Song*

*We shall not give up the fight: We have only started.
Together we'll have victory, hand holding hand.
We shall not give up the fight: we have only started.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION Anthony T. Livolsi

SENDING

*HYMN 394 In Christ There Is No East or West *McKee*

*BIDDING TO MISSION AND BENEDICTION Nancy S. Taylor

POSTLUDE Fanfares and Riffs Charles Callahan

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.

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

The flowers today are given by Nancy Whitman in memory of loved ones.

SUNDAY FLOWERS The Sunday Flower Calendar for 2018 is up in the first floor elevator lobby. Donating Sunday flowers is a special way to remember loved ones and special events. The cost is \$50. Put your name by the date you want and send the message you wish to appear in the bulletin to helen@oldsouth.org.

If you need to stretch your legs during worship the Gordon Chapel has full audio of the Sanctuary service throughout.

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.

HEARING ASSISTED DEVICES

Old South has installed a **Hearing Loop** in the Sanctuary, the latest technology in hearing assisted devices.

1. If you have a hearing aid: the loop works directly for those whose hearing aids have a "T-Coil."
2. If you are hard of hearing but don't use an aid: ask for one of the devices that is paired with the loop.

Note: The sound will be best if you sit further inside the pews, away from the aisles. The loop does NOT work in the upper galleries.

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, February 4	9:00 am	FIRST Worship, <i>Nancy S. Taylor preaching</i>
	9:00 am	Children's Choir Rehearsal
	9:45 am	Old South Café in Gordon Chapel
	10:00 am	Community Hour — ' <i>Old South at the Oscars</i> '
	10:00 am	Church School and Childcare
	10:00 am	Youth Group
	10:00 am	Festival Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am	Lectionary Bible Study
	11:00 am	FESTIVAL Worship, <i>Nancy S. Taylor preaching</i>
	11:15 am	Children's Music
	12:15 pm	Fellowship Hour in Gordon Chapel
	12:30 pm	Connections Lunch
	12:30 pm	Confirmation Class
	12:30 pm	350th Tell the Story Task Force
Monday, February 5	6:00 pm	Theological Book Group
	7:00 pm	Christian Service & Outreach Committee Meeting
	7:30 pm	Spiritual Classics Reading Group, ' <i>The Sparrow</i> '
Tuesday, February 6	5:30 pm	Handbells Rehearsal
	6:30 pm	Stewardship Meeting
	7:00 pm	Christian Formation Committee Meeting
Wednesday, February 7	12:00 pm	Men's Lunch Hour Small Group
	6:15 pm	Young Adult Book Group, ' <i>The Meaning of Jesus</i> '
	6:30 pm	Young Adult Group, ' <i>Strengthening Our Marriages</i> '
Thursday, February 8	12:00 pm	Women's Lunch Hour Small Group
	6:00 pm	JAZZ Worship
	6:30 pm	Festival Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 pm	Young Adult Book Group, ' <i>Mere Christianity</i> '
	7:00 pm	Young Women's Small Group, ' <i>Learning to Walk in the Dark</i> '
	7:00 pm	'Through the Bible' Study, ' <i>The Book of Joshua</i> '
	8:00 pm	Social Change and the Church Discussion Group
Friday, February 9	6:00 pm	Parents' Night Out
Saturday, February 10	7:00 pm	Young Adult Group Lock-In

**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 R. 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 ❖ Emma Brewer-Wallin, Ministry Intern
George Sargeant, Associate Organist and Choirmaster
Willie Sordillo, Jazz Worship Music Director
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
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Allison Albaugh, Wedding Coordinator
Elias Perez, Senior Sexton ❖ Ozo Nwodo and Oppong 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FAITH INTO ACTION

VOLUNTEER TRAINING: SANCTUARY COALITION

Sunday, February 11th from 2:30-4:30pm

The JP/West Roxbury Sanctuary Coalition is hosting a training for those who would like to serve as volunteers. All volunteers must agree to a background check (pay \$20 if able), and commit to at least three shifts per month. All training participants must pre-register. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Alliea Group at aegroupp@aol.com or Carrie Swayne-Gerrish at carrie@oldsouth.org.

ACTION ASSEMBLY FOR IMMIGRATION JUSTICE

Tuesday, February 27 from 6-8pm at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul—Sproat Hall

Join the Massachusetts Communities Action Network to call for immigration justice. There will be a brief overview and update of the immigration work being done across Eastern Massachusetts, followed by breakout group work. The objective is for everyone to get plugged into a specific project. RSVP at tinyurl.com/yazyufdx

UPCOMING GBIO EVENTS

Monday, February 12 at 7pm and Monday, February 26 at 7pm

The Greater Boston Interfaith Organization has its sights set on November, when many important statewide offices will be on the ballot. Participate in house meetings to learn how to build grassroots power to live out our values in the public square. On February 12 at 7pm, GBIO will ratify a plan for action. On February 26 at 7pm, we will get training in organization tools. To RSVP, email John@oldsouth.org.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

Friday, February 9th, 6-10pm

Tired of being cooped up inside with kids? Plan a date night during PNO! We're getting larger, so RSVPs are needed by Monday, February 5th to be guaranteed a spot. For more information and to register, visit oldsouth.org/parents-night-out.

BAPTISM CLASS

Sunday, February 11th, 10am

Our Director of Children and Family Ministries, Kate Nintcheu, will be holding a baptism class on Sunday, February 11th. If you are interested in attending, please talk to Kate ASAP in person or via email at children@oldsouth.org.

ADULT EDUCATION

SUNDAYS *at 10:00 am between First and Festival Worship*

LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY: Engage the preached scripture text for the week in depth and detail and enjoy lively discussion facilitated by our Boston University School of Theology Seminarian Rebecca Bowler.

COMMUNITY HOUR

Old South at The Oscars - *Sundays February 4th and 11th*

In the 10am Community Hours leading up to Lent, Old South members Phil Stern and Maren Batalden lead us in exploring one Oscar-nominated film each week through the lens of Christian faith. On 2/4 we will discuss 'The Post', and on 2/11 we will talk about 'The Shape of Water'. Come, having seen the movies, and channel your inner Siskel (or Ebert) ...Or just be prepared for spoilers!

WEEKDAYS

'FUN-AND-NOT-SCARY, AT-A-SNAIL'S-PACE READ THROUGH OF THE WHOLE BIBLE' STUDY: *Thursdays, 7:00 pm*. We are tackling the Book of Joshua this season. Reading the Bible chapter by chapter, book by book opens us up to new allusions, parallels, and rich insights. To join in, email Rev. Anthony Livolsi at anthony@oldsouth.org.

COMMUNITY LIFE

YOUNG ADULT OVERNIGHT LOCK-IN 2K18

Thursday, February 15, 6pm

Join Old South's 20- and 30-somethings for a wild (but not TOO wild... we are in church, you know!) overnight at Old South with food, games, and not-for-Sunday-morning fun. Begins at 7pm on Saturday, February 10th and ends before worship on February 11th. RSVP to Anthony@oldsouth.org.

LGBTQ BRUNCH

Sunday, February 11th, 10am

February's LGBTQ Brunch will double as a fourth, bonus installment of our 'Old South at the Oscars' series. We will gather offsite, following Festival Worship on Sunday, February 11th, to explore the film *Call Me By Your Name*. Space is limited, so RSVP to anthony@oldsouth.org by Monday! (Childcare is available.)

SPECIAL 'DINNER CHURCH' JAZZ WORSHIP

Thursday, February 15, 6pm

Learn about a cool NEW church in Cambridge that is reaching the community with Christ's inclusive love! Co-pastors Melissa Pace and (former OSC member!) Megan Snell have launched a ministry which invites those spooked by more traditional churches to come together for a simple meal, singing, and sacred conversation. Our Board of Ministers and Deacons wants to bless and support this exciting venture and so has invited Melissa, Megan, and the *Open Table Dinner Church* to take over Jazz Worship on Thursday, February 15th. They will lead us in worshipping over a simple supper, and we will take up an offering for them (which the UCC will match!). Don't miss this unique, fun opportunity to help spread our progressive Christian faith!

BLACK HISTORY MONTH AT -OLD SOUTH CHURCH-

Throughout February we're celebrating Old South members as part of a project of (G)RACE TALKs, Old South Church's conversations on, and advocacy about, matters of race.

Visit [Facebook.com/OldSouthChurch](https://www.facebook.com/OldSouthChurch) or look at our Corner Sign Boards outside the church to see which Old South members we're featuring each week!

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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