



Old South Church

Copley Square, Boston

*A Congregation of the
United Church of Christ*

Gathered 1669

July 3rd, 2022

Fourth 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

MATERNA

Calvin Hampton, *arr.*

*HYMN 372

God, You Have Set Us
Verses 1, 3, 4, and 5 only

NATIONAL HYMN

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Howard Cha-Young Kim

One: God of this time and of all time –
God of this community and of all creation –
In yearning to build a more perfect union,

Many: we gather here to nourish our vision and pool our resolve.

One: In the hope of bending the long arc of history toward justice at last,

**Many: we gather together to share our conviction
and discover our strength.**

** Indicates all who are able may stand*

One: In the longing to humble ourselves to the truth,
so that the truth may set us free,

**Many: we gather for prayer to open our minds
and praise to widen our embrace.**

One: In the conviction that justice is what love looks like in public,

**Many: we gather now to find our voices
for the speaking of truth to power.**

One: In the desire to lift our lamp beside the golden door You have opened,

**Many: we gather with You, with one another,
to re-ignite our light and let it so shine before all people.**

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

*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

SCRIPTURE Mark 2:1-12 Randy Billings

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

SERMON Be Longing Richard E. Spalding

*HYMN 179 **We Yearn, O Christ, for Wholeness** PASSION CHORALE

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, 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 Have the Strength TALLIS'S THIRD TUNE
to Lift and Bear

We have the strength to lift and bear a friend's immobile weight,
the strength to watch and nurse and care through hours long and late.
Because we trust in ways unknown the springs of health are stirred,
and thus, the mind, the flesh and bone receive Christ's healing word.

It was this hope and trust that filled the four who walked the road,
and bore their friend whose limbs were stilled beneath some hidden load.
Each foot a stone, each leg a rod, for years he lay in bed,
in terror of a judging god and paralyzed by dread.

The awkwardness of marching strides and one another's pace
while holding up the bed's two sides to keep their friend in place,
the crowded street, the roof of clay, the scribes who took offense—
not all of these could turn away those stubborn loving friends.

Christ, give your church that single hope by which those faithful four
could lower down their friend by rope while others blocked the door.
Though we may lack your gift to heal, this task is surely ours:
to bring to you the lost who feel their need of gracious powers.

CALL TO THE OFFERING

Shawn M. Fiedler

OFFERTORY

Come Ye Sinners

David Ashley White, *arr.*

Come ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love, and power.

*I will arise and go to Jesus, he will embrace me in his arms;
in the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.*

Come ye weary, heavy laden, lost and ruined by the fall;
if you tarry till you're better, you will never come at all. (*refrain*)

Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream;
all the fitness he requires is to feel your need of him. (*refrain*)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN 576

For the Healing of the Nations

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

Verses 1, 2, and 4 only

*BIDDING TO MISSION AND BENEDICTION

Richard E. Spalding

*SUNG RESPONSE



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, and God will guide you in all you
do. A - men, a - men, a - men.

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune

David German



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

The Flowers today are given in honor of Rick Spalding,
from his friends in the Music Department
at First Presbyterian Church, Ann Arbor.

And by Anne Brown
in loving memory of her parents,
and Kathleen Meehan, her aunt.

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



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* ❖ Shawn M. Fiedler, *Acting 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*

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George Sargeant, *Associate Organist & Choirmaster*
Tim Harbold, *Director, Gospel Choir* ❖ Willie Sordillo, *Director, Jazz Worship Music*
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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.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEBSITE ACCESSIBILITY UPDATED

Go to oldsouth.org/accessibility-statement for more info.

Please visit our website and click on the icon in the lower right corner that is a blue circle with a person in the middle. From there, you can play around with all kinds of settings. If you toggle many settings on and off and you're not happy with how the page is looking, you can scroll to the top of the accessibility options window and click "Reset Settings" in the top left corner. Making our church as accessible as possible for all people is of utmost importance, and we are excited about this new step. We hope it's a helpful one!



PASTORAL TRANSITION: MEET THE SEARCH COMMITTEE

The Search Committee is spending the summer preparing to begin the search for the next Senior Minister of Old South. The search will begin in the fall when the Church Profile is released and they start taking applications. To learn about the Search Committee members go to tinyurl.com/OSCSearchCommittee.

we've booked the rooms . . .

SAVE
the date

All-Church Retreat
Craigville Retreat Center
Fri Sept 30 - Sun Oct 2

GREEN TIP: BUY IN BULK

More and more grocery stores are implementing bulk sections, which is fantastic for those of us who wish to eliminate food packaging. The bulk sections are usually comprised of a few aisles of items like flour, sugar, spices, nuts, cereals, grains, and candy that are completely package-free. The trick? Bring your own containers (cloth cinch bags for the dry foods, mason jars or bottles for the wet). One of the best resources to find local bulk items is Litterless.com, which lists stores and online marketplaces that are bringing back bulk. Go to oldsouth.org/tips-greening-your-life to learn more and take on the Climate Commitment .

MASKED SECTION OF THE SANCTUARY

Did you know that we have a masked section of the sanctuary? We do! It's in the left transept (under the balcony). In this section, masks are required. If you still aren't sure how to get to this section, ask an usher! At this time, we are not able to accommodate a masked section in the Gordon Chapel.

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.
