



Old South Church

Copley Square, Boston

*A Congregation of the
United Church of Christ*

Gathered 1669

August 14th, 2022

Tenth 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

There is a Balm in Gilead

Carelton Inniss

*HYMN 311

Renew Your Church
Verses 1, 2, and 4 only

ALL IS WELL

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Shawn M. Fiedler

One: Come, you who are weary, and you who carry heavy burdens –

Many: Here is rest, in the strong company of Jesus.

One: Come, you who long to be known,
and you who hunger to understand –

Many: Here is insight, in the deep wisdom of Jesus.

One: Come, you who are restless, and you who despair –

Many: Here is calm, in the generous compassion of Jesus.

** Indicates all who are able may stand*

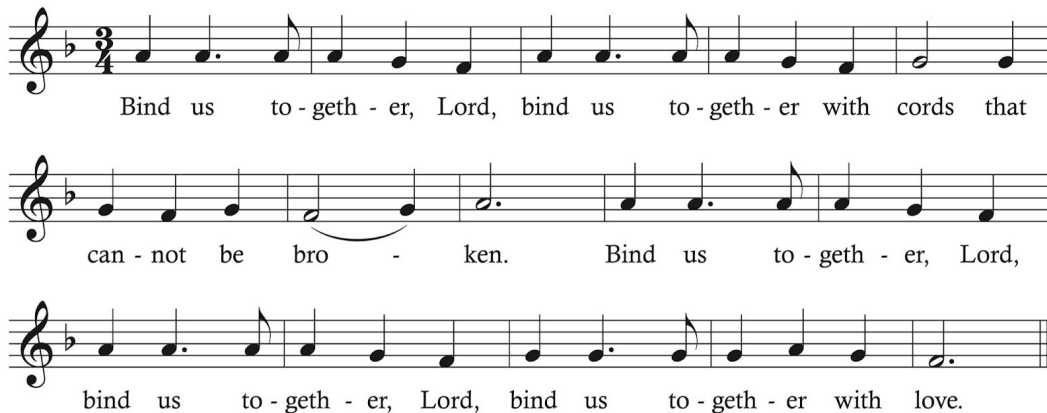
One: With hearts open wide to love,
Many: with minds open wide to light,
 One: with arms open wide to the world,
Many: let us worship God!

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Please greet those around you, offering "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

ATTEND

SCRIPTURE

Mark 6:30-44

Aaron McPherson

SERMON

Where the Grass is Green

Richard E. Spalding

***HYMN 321**

Break Now the Bread of Life

BREAD OF LIFE

RESPOND

*CALL TO PRAYER

Howard Cha-Young Kim

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 Christ Has Broken down the Wall

Mark Miller

Christ has broken down the wall.
Let us join our hearts as one.
We're accepted as we are.
Through God's love all is reconciled.
Cast aside your doubts and fears.
Peace and love, freely offered here;
we will tear down the walls!
God has called us, one and all;
Christ has broken down the wall.

CALL TO THE OFFERING

Katherine A. Schofield

OFFERTORY

The Welcome Table

Joel Raney, *arr.*

I'm gonna sit at the welcome table, O Lord;
I'm gonna sit at the welcome table one of these days; Alleluia!
I'm gonna sit at the welcome table;
gonna sit at the welcome table one of these days.

I'm gonna feast on the bread of heaven, O Lord;
I'm gonna feast on the bread of heaven one of these days; Alleluia!
I'm gonna feast on the bread of heaven;
gonna sit at the welcome table one of these days.

There's a land that is fairer than day,
and by faith we can see it afar:
for our Maker waits over the way
to prepare us a dwelling place there.

In the sweet by and by,
we shall meet on that beautiful shore;
In the sweet by and by,
we shall meet on that beautiful shore.

I'm gonna share my cup with Jesus, O Lord;
I'm gonna share my cup with Jesus one of these days; Alleluia!
I'm gonna share my cup with Jesus;
I'm gonna sit at the welcome table one of these days.

We shall meet on that beautiful shore.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN 347

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

LINSTEAD

*BIDDING TO MISSION AND BENEDICTION

Richard E. Spalding

SUNG RESPONSE

(Introduction)

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

Text: Don Besig and Nancy Price, 1988
Tune: Don Besig, 1988
Adapt. Mitchell Crawford, 2022

POSTLUDE



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

The flowers today are given
by Annamarie Shu
in memory of
Noah Bernard Evan Shu (8/18/1997),
Melanie Hope Shu (8/18/1997 - 8/31/1997),
and their father Evan H. Shu (3/4/1953 - 1/12/2020)
who are in the loving arms of God.

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



NOTES ON TODAY'S MUSIC

Carleton Inniss was a twentieth century African-American organist and composer who held the Associate certificate from the American Guild of Organists. He served as organist and choir director at Siloam Presbyterian Church in New York City for over 35 years. During much of that time he also taught in the city's public schools.

There Is a Balm in Gilead comes from *A Spiritual Service*, a suite of three spiritual settings which can either be played independently or as a prelude, offertory, and postlude in the same service. It begins softly and reflectively with the spiritual heard on a solo reed stop in the tenor. The melody then shifts to the soprano as the climax builds beneath it. The *forte* is sustained until a sudden *diminuendo* just before the end.

—George Sargeant, *Associate Organist and Choirmaster*

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*

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

Kate Nintcheu, *Director, Children & Family Ministries*
Summer Marsh, *Director, Old South Preschool*

Helen McCrady, *Senior Church Administrator* ❖ John Braught, *Director of Operations*
Jamie Garuti, *Multimedia Director* ❖ Linda Van Praet, *Accounting & Human Resources*
Alex Pickering, *Administrative Assistant* ❖ Emily Ross, *Archivist & Part-time Bookkeeper*
Ralph Watson, *Snowden Partnership Coordinator* ❖ Karen Hand, *Wedding Coordinator*
Rémy Hatfield-Gardner and William Wei, *Livestream Production Assistants*

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*
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.



OLD
SOUTH
CHURCH
in BOSTON

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HEALING WORSHIP

Sunday, August 14th at 12:30 p.m., on Zoom

Go to tinyurl.com/healingworship 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.

MIDDLE PASSAGE REMEMBRANCE INSTALLATION

In the Portico for the month of August

Go to tinyurl.com/OSCMiddlePassageRemembrance to learn more

Join us for Middle Passage Sunday on August 21st

Go to tinyurl.com/OSCMiddlePassageVideo for an introduction to the Middle Passage

The Middle Passage Installation of Remembrance, in Old South's portico, presents a large banner (17' x 5') featuring the image of human persons packed as cargo into a ship. Juxtaposed to this cruel, dehumanizing practice, are bold images -- faces and families -- of those who might be the descendants of enslaved persons, or what these persons might have looked like before having been



enslaved. The United Nations has designated August 23rd the International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition. "The slave trade is not merely a thing of the past -- it has shaped the world we live in, it has molded the face of modern societies, creating indissoluble ties between peoples, irreversibly transforming economies, cultures and customs across the world," said UNESCO Director-General Irina Bokova. "The slave trade concerns not only people of African descent but the whole of humanity."

AN EVENING OF FOOD AND EXCELLENCE

Thursday August 18th, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., at the Brighton Allston Congregational Church

Go to tinyurl.com/ABFPFundraiser to get your tickets

Join us for an evening of outdoor dining, live music, and a silent auction, with all proceeds supporting the Allston Brighton Food Pantry in Brighton Center. Created in 1974 by members of Brighton Allston Congregational Church, the Allston Brighton Food Pantry's mission is to promote greater access to healthy, nutritious food and reduce hunger and food insecurity in the Allston-Brighton community.

ALL-CHURCH RETREAT

Fri Sept 30th - Sun Oct 2nd, Craigville Retreat Center, Cape Cod

Register online at tinyurl.com/OSCRetreat2022

The All-Church Retreat returns to our weekend-long format this year and we want you to be there! This intergenerational opportunity to connect, relax, play, and learn together is unique - and we hope you will plan to join in.

While we are still firming up our exact plan for the programming and theme - we want to invite you to begin registering online. Like everywhere else, Craigville's prices have risen just a bit, and we are able to subsidize most of this increase, but not all. Adult price for the weekend is \$190 - which includes 2 nights lodging, 5 meals, and the program. Teens and children are free. Day visitors may join in for \$35. Scholarships are available - please reach out to Kate Nintcheu.

JAZZ WORSHIP

Thursdays, 6:00 p.m. in the Gordon Chapel or at oldsouth.org/jazz

Join us on in Gordon Chapel on Thursday evening for Jazz Worship! You don't have to be a jazz aficionado to feel at home - just someone who wants to immerse yourself in soulful music, inspiring words, and creative liturgy. It's intimate and it's welcoming. We start preludes shortly before 6:00 pm. Go to tinyurl.com/OSCJazzMaterials if you'd like a hard copy of the song titles, credits, and hymns to print in advance.

WORSHIP ON YOUTUBE LIVE

Not a fan of Vimeo? Simply visit our YouTube page once we go live - youtube.com/oldsouthchurch - and the service will be the first video on your screen. You can also subscribe to us to receive notifications of when we're live.

MASKED SECTIONS OF THE SANCTUARY AND CHAPEL

Did you know that we have masked sections in the Sanctuary and Chapel? We do! It's in the left transept (under the balcony) of the Sanctuary. In the Gordon Chapel, the Columbarium is the designated section. In both sections, masks are required. If you still aren't sure how to get to either section, ask an usher!

PASTORAL TRANSITION NEWS

UPDATE FROM THE SEARCH COMMITTEE

The Senior Minister Search Committee has begun their important work and will report to the Congregation regularly. Go to tinyurl.com/OSCSearchUpdate to read the most recent news.



GODSPEED REV. SHAWN!

Acting Associate Minister Shawn Fiedler has accepted a new position at the Fourth Presbyterian Church in Chicago, Illinois. Click [here](#) to read Shawn's letter to the congregation, along with a letter from Rick Spalding and the lay leadership of the congregation. We will have the opportunity to fete, thank and celebrate Shawn for his three years of ministry with us on

his final Thursday, August 25th and final Sunday, August 28th. You can show your appreciation of Shawn by participating in a (tax deductible) purse. Make your gift by:

- Dropping checks at the Front Desk or mail them, attn.: Helen McCrady,
Old South Church, 645 Boylston Street, Boston MA 02116
with Shawn on the memo line.
- Making an online gift to tiny.oldsouth.org/shawn
- Giving through our giving portal at www.oldsouth.org/donate

SEARCH FOR A NEW ASSOCIATE MINISTER

As Old South prepares to celebrate Shawn Fiedler's prodigious ministry among us, we've also begun the journey to name his successor. In July the Church Council appointed a small working group, selected by the Leadership Committee, to join Interim Senior Minister Rick Spalding in finding a candidate to bring our staff back up to full strength after Shawn steps away. Thanks to Randy Billings, Sarah Cowles, and Eliette Hilaire for answering this call! Working closely with Associate Conference Minister Alex Shea Will, they'll begin by drafting a fresh position description for an Associate Minister - probably to serve for a specific, limited term that would extend into the tenure of a new settled Senior Minister to give some continuity. Then they'll seek and interview candidates - hoping to find a finalist who could be appointed by Council by mid- to late fall. Meanwhile, all members of the current staff will be working shoulder-to-shoulder to keep all the many dimensions of Old South's life and work at full strength. Watch this space for news as the process continues - and thanks for your prayers along the way!

GREEN TIP: PASS THE INFLATION REDUCTION ACT!

Analysts at Inside Climate News (tinyurl.com/OSCInsideClimateNews) and climate scientists agree that, even with painful giveaways to the fossil fuel industry and the need for stronger environmental justice provisions, this bill is an essential step in avoiding climate catastrophe. Now the bill goes to the House. Along with Interfaith Power and Light, Tell your Representatives to pass these crucial climate investments! If you know your Rep. supports the bill, thank them and encourage them to invite undecided colleagues to join them. To find out how to contact your US Rep go to www.house.gov/representatives/find-your-representative

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.
