



FAITHFUL BELONGING

Stewardship 2023

CONSECRATION SUNDAY

January 29th, 2023

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

Processional

Warren Martin

*HYMN 391

In the Midst of New Dimensions

NEW DIMENSIONS

Verses 1, 2, 3 and 5 only

*INVOCATION

Richard E. Spalding

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

WELCOME

** Indicates all who are able may stand*

ANTHEM

Count Your Blessings

Tom Fettke, *arr.*

When upon life's billows you are tempest tossed,
when you are discouraged, thinking all is lost,
count your many blessings; name them one by one,
and it will surprise you what the Lord has done.

*Count your blessings, name them one by one;
count your blessings, see what God hath done;
count your blessings, name them one by one;
count your many blessings, see what God has done.*

Are you ever burdened with a load of care?
Does the cross seem heavy you are called to bear?
Count your many blessings; ev'ry doubt will fly,
and you will be singing as the days go by.

So, amid the conflict, whether great or small,
do not be discouraged: God is over all.
Count your many blessings; angels will attend,
help and comfort give you to your journey's end.

LISTEN

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Kate M. Nintcheu

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 5:1-12

Deb Washington

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

*HYMN 525

This Little Light of Mine

LATTIMER

REFLECTION

Ashton Goodfield

*HYMN 311

Renew Your Church

ALL IS WELL

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 *Unison*

Our gracious God, 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 Lord I Want To Be a Christian

Jack and Stan Pethel

CALL TO THE OFFERING

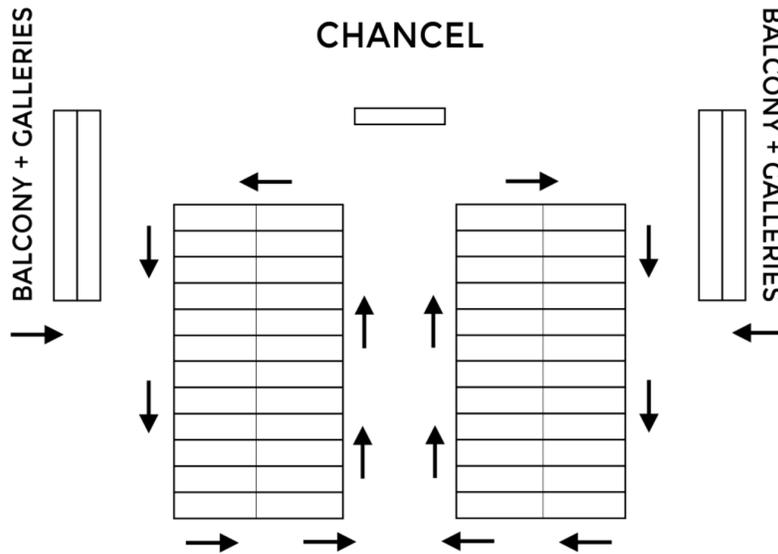
Katherine Schofield



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.

PRESENTATION OF PLEDGES

You are invited to come forward at the direction of the ushers to present your Giving Card as indicated below. If you are unable to come forward, please inform an usher, who will present the Giving Card on your behalf.



OFFERTORY

Anthem of Dedication

Warren Martin

Whom shall we send? And who will go for us?
Here am I, Lord; send me.

God is working a purpose out as year succeeds to year;
God is working a purpose out, and the time is drawing near;
Nearer and nearer draws the time, the time that shall surely be,
when the earth shall be filled with the glory of God as the waters cover the sea.

What can we do to work God's work, to prosper and increase
the fellowship of humankind, the reign of the Prince of Peace?
What can we do to hasten the time, the time that shall surely be,
when the earth shall be filled with the glory of God as the waters cover the sea?

March we forth in the strength of God with the banner of Christ unfurled,
that the light of the glorious gospel of truth may shine throughout the world;
Fight we the fight with sorrow and sin, to set their captives free,
that the earth may be filled with the glory of God as the waters cover the sea.

Whom shall we send? And who will go for us?
Here am I, Lord; send me.

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from thee,
Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King.

Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love;
Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart; it is thine own: it shall be thy royal throne.
Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure-store.
Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

Whom shall we send? And who will go for us?
Here am I, Lord; send me.

O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;
Be thou forever near me, my Savior and my Friend;
I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway if thou wilt be my guide.

O Jesus, thou hast promised to all who follow thee,
that where thou art in glory there shall thy servant be.
And Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow, my Savior and my Friend.

Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

One: Source of every good thing, light and love come from you. You have created us and you continue to breathe life into us through the power of your holy spirit. Holy God,

Many: We dedicate this offering of gifts and pledges - and we dedicate ourselves - to the work of building your realm here on earth.

One: You have given us so much, and so we are inspired to give. May this collection be used wisely and diligently so that your love may be known widely. Holy God,

Many: We dedicate this offering of gifts and pledges - and we dedicate ourselves - to the work of building your realm here on earth.

*HYMN

Open a Doorway into God

CONSTANTINE

Commissioned for the 350th Anniversary of Old South Church in Boston



1. O - pen wide the eyes of won - der: bound-less gal - ax - ies in space,
2. Stretch out wide the arms of kind-ness: nur - ture sheep from man - y folds.
3. Fling out wide the gates of free-dom, to the suf - fering bring re - lief.
4. God of mer - cy, love, and beau - ty, blaz - ing trails to mark our way,



fin - est flecks of whirl-ing mat - ter span the mag - ni - tude of grace.
Wel - come cres - cent, star, and rain - bow, all whose seek - ing God up - holds.
hearts im - pa - tient for de - liv - erance* call for res - cue from their grief.
still trans - plant - ing, still sus - tain - ing, ‡ you have brought us to this day.



Vaults that up - lift our sights to heav - en; mu - sic that leaves us hushed and awed;
Peo - ples and crea - tures, poor and need - ing, hun - ger for mer - cies spread a - broad.
Till hurt - ful walls of bi - as crum - ble, till hate - ful cag - es stand un - barred,
In ev - ery e - ra, you have sought us, draw - ing your prom - ise in - to view.



arts that en - large our lives with beau - ty o - pen a door - way in - to God.✚
 Acts of com - pass - ion toward our neigh - bors o - pen a door - way in - to God.
 all those who dare to plead for jus - tice † o - pen a door - way in - to God.
 Strength - en our will to meet your fu - ture, o - pening new door - ways in - to you.

✚ “Behold, I have set before thee an open door,” — Revelation 3:8, carved into the Old South Church portico.

* “In every human Breast, God has implanted a Principle, which we call Love of Freedom; it is *impatient* of Oppression, and pants for *Deliverance*.” — Phillis Wheatley [*emphasis added*]

† An allusion to Whittier’s famous phrase, “So long as Boston shall Boston be, and her bay-tides rise and fall, Shall freedom stand in the Old South Church and plead for the rights of all!”

‡ A reference to the Latin motto *Qui transtulit sustinet* (carved into Old South’s portico), meaning “The God who transplanted us sustains us still.”

Text: *Mary Louise Bringle (2019)*
 Tune: CONSTANTINE, *James Gertmenian (1986)*

*BIDDING TO MISSION AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Toccata on “Deo Gracias”

John Eggert



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

The flowers today are given by the Gregg Family
 in celebration and loving memory of Kevin W. Fitzgerald.

Close-Up, a twenty minute tour of the Sanctuary,
 begins immediately following worship at the front of the Sanctuary.
 Led by docent Liz Morgan.



NOTES ON TODAY'S MUSIC

Warren Martin (1916–1982), though not widely remembered today, was an important figure in American choral music during the middle of the 20th century. He is primarily associated with **Westminster Choir College** in Princeton, New Jersey, where he matriculated at the age of 15 and subsequently earned both the Bachelor and Master of Music degrees. Following graduation, Martin became organist of **First Congregational Church of Los Angeles** before entering the US Army during the Second World War, seeing active duty in France.

By 1950, he had joined the faculty of his *alma mater*, and it is for the Westminster student body and its annual commencement exercises that Martin composed the *Anthem of Dedication*. Though the pervasiveness of “Hymn Anthems” today clouds the exceptional nature of Martin’s *Anthem*, there is a great deal of originality in his work. Martin’s use of an original refrain — *whom shall we send?* — neatly delineates its sections, but likewise serves to bind together the disparate elements around a unifying melodic and harmonic idea. Likewise, the initial presentation of the tune ABERYSTWYTH (“Take My Life, and Let It Be”) comes not from the voices, but the organ (!), over which is interpolated a moving solo for Alto. When the voices take up the tune for the first time, it is in a brisker tempo which quickly moves toward a dramatic apex: *Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.*

Martin’s *Anthem of Dedication* is still performed annually for Westminster’s commencement ceremonies, conducted nearby in the breathtaking Princeton University Chapel. With uncertainty around Westminster’s future — the institution is facing serious financial and legal difficulties in the wake of a separation from its parent entity, Rider University — it seems an especially good time to consider the outsize impact the school has had in shaping generations of America church musicians and singers.

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!

CCLI #2802138 ❖ CCS #12028 ❖ OneLicense #A-700000

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*
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* ❖ Peter Coulombe, *Director, Old South Ringers*
Willie Sordillo, *Director, Jazz Worship Music*

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*
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

JANUARY - beginnings and transitions!

The ancient Roman meaning of the name of this wintry month is all about thresholds. For Old South, the beginning of the year is a season of commitment: our **STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN**. It began with Epiphany - the revealing of God's loving plan for the world in the ministry of Jesus; and it ends with Consecration, this week, as we dedicate our financial pledges for another year of ministry in this city and beyond. Bring your pledge card (and/or other offerings) forward during the Offertory at any of our three services - Jazz, First, and Festival Worship - and we'll bless and dedicate them to the work of Justice, Mercy and Beauty - a gesture of Faithful Belonging - to God and to Each Other. To learn more go to oldsouth.org/stewardship - and ask an usher for a pledge card if you don't have one.



After the Festival Service on Sunday (at about Noon), join us for a (free!) festive **CONSECRATION SUNDAY LUNCHEON** in Mary Norton Hall to celebrate our Faithful Belonging through the generosity and the vision of this congregation - with music, some fun with the numbers, and a sense of what Old South can do when we all pull together to keep the passion flowing in our ministry.

OLD SOUTH FORUM

Sundays, 10 a.m., 2nd Floor Mary Norton Hall,

and on Zoom, at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86944345274> password: Community

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.

Religion and the War in Ukraine

January 29th

The war that began with the Russian invasion of Ukraine almost one year ago has shocked the world with its brutality. The role of religion as a factor in the war has received little attention in the media but is an important element in the conflict. Tim Longman leads Forum attendees in an exploration of the religious ideologies at play in the conflict and ways that we as a church community can effectively respond.

YOUNG ADULT AFTER-JAZZ DINNER

Next Dinner February 2nd, Email sarahcowles17@gmail.com for info

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 .





WE MAKE THE ROAD...

to a compassionate, just society

... BY WALKING!

Sunday February 12th, 8:30 a.m., Sign up at winterwalk.org

Old South is one of the proud sponsors of WinterWalk '23 - a chance to show our unhoused neighbors that this city cares about their lives, and express our commitment to do what we can do to ease their struggles. Join the Old South delegation! Register on-line (your fee/donation is covered by our sponsorship!)...arrive between 8:30 and 9 on Sunday morning...walk whatever part of the route works for you...enjoy some breakfast...and be back at Old South in time for Festival Worship at 11 a.m. Sometimes we pray by walking. And sometimes, because we show up, things change. *Please let Rick Spalding rick@oldsouth.org know if you're going to be there so Old Southerners can walk together.*

COMPOSER DAVID HURD JOINS US FOR WORSHIP

Sunday, February 12th

At Festival Worship Old South's music ministry will present a hymn festival led by, and featuring the works of, Dr. David Hurd — widely recognized as among the foremost church musicians and concert organists in the United States. Dr. Hurd is the composer of dozens of hymns, choral works, settings of the liturgy, and organ works — many of which we're sure to sample during the service! Following 39 years as Director of Chapel Music, Organist, and Professor of Church Music at General Theological Seminary in New York City, Dr. Hurd now serves as Organist-Choirmaster of the famed Church of St. Mary the Virgin in Times Square. His Hymn Festival at Old South, which will see our Festival Choir joined by the Old South Brass, will be a glorious celebration of Dr. Hurd's groundbreaking career and creative artistry.



CONNECTIONS LUNCHEON

Sunday, February 12th, following Festival Worship, 4th Floor Guild Room

Contact Rev. Katherine Schofield at katherine@oldsouth.org for more information, in-person only

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 and break bread with other newcomers and church members? Join our Connections Info Session!

TRANSITION NEWS

SENIOR MINISTER SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

Go to tinyurl.com/OSCJanSearchUpdate to learn more

This month, the Old South Church Senior Minister Search Committee has started interviewing candidates in discernment about our Senior Minister position. As you know, we spent the fall reviewing profiles and letters of interest and selected a small group of ministers that we felt might be a good fit for our congregation. By the end of February, we anticipate that we will be ready to choose a smaller set of candidates with whom we would like to engage more deeply. We will be extending invitations to that smaller group to join us in Boston this spring for longer in-person meetings. We are working together as a committee now to craft a collection of experiences for the in-person visits that will permit the kind of mutual discernment this process requires. We hope to be ready to introduce a final candidate to the congregation before summer!

SENIOR CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR TRANSITION

Full announcement at tinyurl.com/HMcCrazyretirement

Our colleague, friend, and fellow church member Helen McCrady - Senior Administrator Extraordinaire and, in so many ways, weaver of the many-stranded, richly complex, ingeniously patterned tapestry that is the life of our church - has announced that she will step into a richly-deserved retirement at the threshold of this summer. Helen's last day in the office of which she has been such a superlative steward will be May 31st. The Council has appointed Candace Kosturko to chair a Helen McCrady Celebration Committee - from whom you can expect to hear soon about plans for our joyful, grateful acknowledgement of all that Helen's service and company have meant to us. Meanwhile, the Staff and the Council are already at work on a process that will lead, we hope by Eastertide, to identifying a new Church Administrator; please pray for us!



WELCOME REV. ASHLEY J. POPPERSON

Jazz, First, and Festival Worship the week of February 12th

Rev. Ashley J. Popperson was the enthusiastic choice of the Search Group and unanimously approved by Council to be an Associate Minister at Old South. A seasoned pastor, a great organizer, a strong voice for justice and gifted and creative liturgist - a native of Colorado, now our neighbor in Jamaica Plain - Ashley will begin her ministry at Old South February 8th. Read more about Ashley, and our call to her to join our staff and ministry at tinyurl.com/OSCNewAssociateMinister.



MARTHA SCHICK'S ORDINATION!

Wednesday, February 15th, 7 p.m., in the Gordon Chapel

All are welcome to take part in joyful worship as our own Martha Schick is ordained to the ministry. She has been called to the Pastoral Residency Program at the Wellesley Village Church.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Happy Birthday to our members and friends with January birthdays. We will be having cake for dessert at the Stewardship Consecration Luncheon after Festival Worship to celebrate.

HEARD IT AT COUNCIL

Go to oldsouth.org/news/heard-it-council-january-2023 to read Church Historian Kate Silfen's article about the discussion and decisions made at the January Council meeting.

GREEN TIP: MOMENTS OF HOPE FROM 2022

COP27 ended with an agreement to provide loss and damage funding for countries hit by climate disasters - a breakthrough step towards justice for developing nations. To learn more go to tinyurl.com/COP27Breakthrough.

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 5:30 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.
