

Old South Church Copley Square, Boston A Congregation of the United Church of Christ Gathered 1669

> May 28th, 2023 Pentecost 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

| I Will Sing of My Redeemer                                      | Diane Bish, arr.   |  |  |  |
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| Come Forth, O Love Divine                                       | DOWN AMPNEY  |  |  |  |
|   | Ashley J. Popperson  |  |  |  |
| e mystery of your never-ending love.                            | Manuel Navia   |  |  |  |
| Many: Come, Spirit of God, fill our hearts.                     |  |  |  |  |
| One: May that which was of stone be now transformed into life.  |  |  |  |  |
| Many: Ven, Espíritu de Dios, llena nuestros corazones           |  |  |  |  |
| One: May we who receive your light dwell together in Your love. |  |  |  |  |
| Many: Come, Spirit of God, fill our hearts.                     |  |  |  |  |
| ring love to the empty places.                                  |  |  |  |  |
| Dios, llena nuestros corazones                                  |  |  |  |  |
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\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

\* Indicates all who are able may stand

#### WELCOME

ANTHEM

A New Song

Diane Bish

I will sing to the Lord, I will sing a new song.

She has given me a clean heart, she has given me salvation. Therefore, I will sing...

She has filled my life with gladness, she has filled my heart with joy. Therefore, I will sing...

And I'll praise her name forever, I will sing a new song... ...I will sing a new song to the Lord.

(Though often ascribed masculine or feminine pronouns in prose and poetry, God is unbound by human concepts of gender.)

## LISTEN

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Kate M. Nintcheu

| SCRIPTURE | Acts 2:1-21                        | Peter Bubriski      |
|-----------|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| *HYMN 59  | Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling         | NETTLETON           |
| SERMON    | The Red Badge                      | Richard E. Spalding |
| *HYMN 270 | Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song | BRIDEGROOM          |

## **RESPOND**

#### \*CALL TO PRAYER

One: God be with you. Many: And also with you. May the Spirit of the Living God fall afresh on us. One: Many: The Holy Spirit guides our way and ignites 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.

#### CALL TO THE OFFERING

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OFFERTORY

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

William Dawson, arr.

Donald A. Wells

Every time I feel the spirit moving in my heart I will pray; yes, every time I feel the spirit moving in my heart I will pray.

> Upon the mountain my Lord spoke, out of his mouth came fire and smoke; looked all around me, it looked so fine, till I asked my Lord if all was mine.

> Jordan River is chilly and cold, it chills the body but not the soul; there ain't but one train upon this track, it runs to heaven and right back.

June R. Cooper

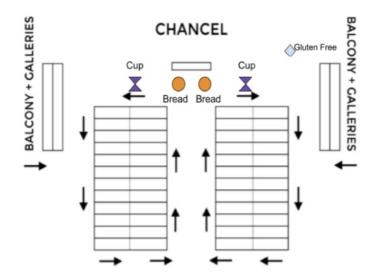
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# THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

#### INVITATION AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION June R. Cooper & Ashley J. Popperson

#### SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

Our communion table is open to all. 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. The cups contain non-alcoholic grape juice. Gluten-free crackers are available at a separate station. If you are unable to come forward, please signal an usher and the elements will be brought to you.



### MUSIC FOR DISTRIBUTION Draw Us In the Spirit's Tether Harold Friedell

Draw us in the Spirit's tether; for when humbly, in your name, two or three are met together, you are in the midst of them: Alleluia! Alleluia! Touch we now your garment's hem.

As disciples used to gather in the name of Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the Giver break the bread and bless the cup, Alleluia! Alleluia! So bind now our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of you, that by caring, helping, giving, we may be disciples true. Alleluia! Alleluia! We may serve with faith anew.

| PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING |  | Ashley J. Popperson |
|------------------------|--|---------------------|
| *HYMN 267              | Come, O Spirit, Dwell among Us               | EBENEZER            |
| *BIDDING TO MIS        | SION AND BENEDICTION                         | Richard E. Spalding |
| POSTLUDE               | Komm, Gott Schöpfer, Heiliger Geist, BWV 667 | J. S. Bach          |



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

The Flowers today are given by David Story in honor of the Festival Choir. It is such a joy to sing with you every week!

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



# 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 <u>www.oldsouth.org/your-first-visit</u> or see the front desk.

## LEARN MORE

Check out the church website at <u>www.oldsouth.org/calendar</u> 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!

#### 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 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

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

Amelia Gerrard, Church Administrator & John Braught, Director of Operations Jamie Garuti, Multimedia Director & Linda Van Praet, Accounting & Human Resources Alex Pickering, Administrative Assistant & Emily Ross, Archivist Rémy Hatfield-Gardner and William Wei, Livestream Production Assistants Karen Hand, Wedding Coordinator

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.

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## YOUTH SUNDAY AT FIRST AND FESTIVAL

Next Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023

On Sunday June 4th, the last day of our regular program year, Old South's Youth Group will lead worship services at both First Worship and Festival Worship. Come and join us as we experience services our teens have crafted, centering around the dilemma of homelessness, including a sermon from high school junior, Quinn Grant. During Festival Worship we will celebrate and lift up this year's graduating high school seniors.

## END OF THE PROGRAM YEAR CELEBRATION BRUNCH

Next Sunday June 4<sup>th</sup>, 10 a.m., 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Go to tinyurl.com/2023OSCSpringPotluck to sign up We will mark the end of our church school and program year with an All-Church Potluck Brunch. Bring a dish to share - or just come hungry! We will gather to thank the teachers and volunteers who make Community Hour and Church School so excellent.



## HELEN'S RETIREMENT PURSE

There's still time to contribute to the purse we've been gathering for Helen to enable her and John to celebrate retirement in style - and at their discretion! If you prefer electronic donation, scan the QR code or go to https://oldsouth.org/donate and add your contribution. Or you can simply write a good old-fashioned check with "Helen's retirement" on the memo line (made out to Old South) and mail it to the church (attention: Alex Pickering) or drop it in the offering plate. Alex, our Administrative Assistant, will ensure that gift amounts are not disclosed, and that gifts will be



accounted as contributions to the church for tax purposes. Thanks for making sure your purse contribution is in by Wednesday, May 31st.

## **KUDOS TO HELEN!!**

Go to tinyurl.com/OSCHelenKudos to leave a memory or tribute Candace Kosturko and the celebration planners - Christine del Favero, Karen Hand, Kathy Wade, Ralph Watson and Stephanie LaShoto-Westfield - have created a special vessel for tributes, remembrances, well-wishes on a user-friendly website called KUDOBOARD. You can add photos (and video!), tributes and memories at will.

## **OLD SOUTH FORUM: Theological Deep Dives**

Sundays, 10 a.m., 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Mary Norton Hall, and on <u>Zoom</u>, 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. We'll wrap up the Forum program year with a word from our clergy leaders about those areas of theology that get them most excited. How does theology shape their ministry work, and what growing edges are they exploring in these areas?

May 28<sup>th</sup> - Ashley Popperson leads a discussion about Theopoetics: Bring a favorite poem to share.

## **CONNECTIONS LUNCHEON**

### Following Festival Worship on Sunday, June 4th in the 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Guild Room

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! Contact <u>katherine@oldsouth.org</u> for more info.

## THE FORMOSA DUO:

### Chi-Chen Wu, piano & Sam Ou, cello



Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m., at Kaji Aso Studio, 40 St Stephen St. Boston Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, 3 p.m., Gordon Chapel at Old South, free admission Enjoy music by Boulanger, Liszt, Schumann, and Rachmaninoff.

## MONUMENTAL ONE-DAY RETREAT @OSC

June 17<sup>th</sup>, 8:45am - 4pm (lunch provided), All Ages Welcome, Free (donations

accepted)

Go to tinyurl.com/2023OSCOneDay to register by June 11<sup>th</sup>

What are monuments for? Whose stories do they hold up for celebration? Whose stories do they erase or bury?

- In our first workshop of the day, led by Wee The People Boston's Francie LaTour, we explore statues and monuments (famous and not so famous), question what they mean, and reimagine how they can celebrate values of community, equity, and justice. Hands-on making for all ages!
- Our day continues with a second workshop for adults focusing on monuments and representation at Old South, led by Old South pastors and leaders, along with our guest. Children will have their own afternoon activities with Children's Ministries staff.

## TRANS DAY OF RESISTANCE

Next Saturday June 3, 2023 11am-5pm

The Trans Resistance March & Festival is an annual celebration of TQBIPOC solidarity, resistance, and joy. Join us for the march, followed by a music and arts festival at Franklin Park Playstead. Contact <u>katherine@oldsouth.org</u> for more information.

## **GET YOUR PRIDE SHIRT!**

Go to <u>tinyurl.com/OSCpride</u>, shirts are made to order Our brand new 2023 Old South Pride T-Shirts are NOW AVAILABLE! They come in a large variety of styles, colors and sizes, including Youth T's, sweatshirts, and tanks. We encourage you to order yours NOW so that they will arrive in time for Pride!

## PRIDE NIGHT AT FENWAY PARK

Tuesday, June 13 at 7:10pm, only 15 tickets available

Join Old South members and friends for the annual Pride Night at Fenway Park as the Red Sox take on the Colorado Rockies. Tickets are \$40 each; only 15 spots available! Financial assistance is available. Email <u>ashley@oldsouth.org</u> to order tickets.

### **HEARD IT AT COUNCIL**

Go to <u>oldsouth.org/news/heard-it-council-may-2023</u> to read the latest update from Church Historian Kate Silfen. The Council meeting included discussions of the treasury, Christian Service and Outreach Grants, and Senior Minister Search updates.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Happy Birthday to our members born in the month of May. Join us for cake and singing at Coffee Hour following Festival Worship.

## YOUNG ADULT AFTER-JAZZ DINNER

Join us for a casual hangout with other 20s and 30s Old Southers. We meet in the chapel after Jazz service at 6:45 pm 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. Email sarahcowles17@gmail.com with any questions. Our next dinner will be June 1st!

## **SUMMER GREEN TIP: Use Fans**

Instead of blasting your AC, try using a fan to help cool off rooms in your home. Whether it be a ceiling fan or a more traditional single-standing fan, using fans requires much less energy and is more environmentally friendly than AC.





## VOLUNTEER WITH OUR PARTNERS: MATTAPAN FOOD AND FITNESS COALITION



Go to tinyurl.com/2023MattapanFarmersMarket to sign up

Mattapan Food and Fitness Coalition is one of our Christian Service

and Outreach Grantees. In addition to their amazing work advocating for community health, they operate the Mattapan Square Farmer's Market. Helping with the Farmer's Market is one of the ways that Old Southers can volunteer and make a difference in partnership with this great organization. The market runs on Saturdays from July to October and typically sees 200-400 shoppers per week. It is not only a place to purchase healthy food, but also serves as a place to bring residents together and as a resource for health education and other social issues. The market's 17th season starts July 8th and ends October 28th. There are lots of ways to help.

## SEEKING NOMINATIONS FOR

### 2023 CHRISTIAN SERVICE & OUTREACH COMMITTEE GRANTEES

The Christian Service & Outreach Committee (CSOC) continues Old South's history of service by supporting the work of local non-profits through grant giving and by connecting our grantees with the vast human capital our congregation has to offer. We will be making one new grant award in 2023 and are soliciting recommendations from the congregation for organizations to consider. Grant awards are typically \$20,000 per year for a maximum of three years. We are particularly interested in learning about Boston-based non-profits that serve the local Boston community, with a focus on organizations led by people with lived experience on the issues they are addressing. Please submit any recommendations at <u>tinyurl.com/OSCgrantee</u> by Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup>.

### WEEKLY WORSHIP Join us in person, on Vimeo, Facebook, and YouTube

First Worship informal & vibrant Sundays at 9 a.m. with communion
Festival Worship grand & expressive Sundays at 11 a.m.
Jazz Worship with sax & soul Thursdays at 6 p.m. with communion
Vespers Healing Worship gentle & tender 2<sup>nd</sup> 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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