



Old South Church in Boston ❖ June 11th, 2023

Pride 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

PRELUDE

*HYMN 391

In the Midst of New Dimensions

NEW DIMENSIONS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

William Mian Wei

One: Rejoice, O people of God, rejoice!

Many: Sing praise to the Holy One, who delights in Their creation!

One: God's steadfast love endures forever! God's creativity is boundless!

Many: Sing praise to the Holy One, who delights in Their creation!

One: The tender mercy of God is renewing the Earth.

Many: Sing praise to the Holy One, who delights in Their creation!

One: The tenacious justice of God is healing all wounds.

Many: Sing praise to the Holy One, who delights in Their creation!

One: We join our hearts to worship our Creator in whom our joy is complete.

Alleluia! Amen.

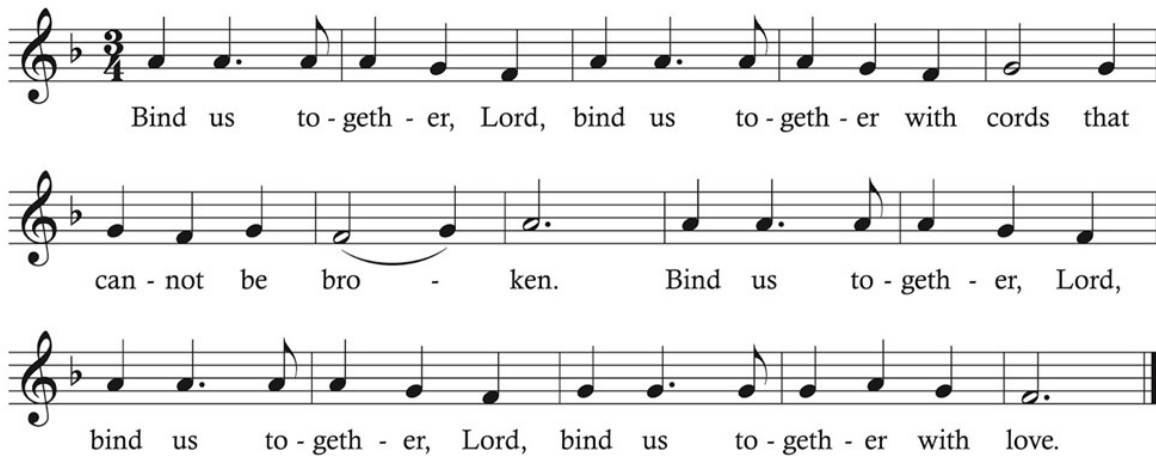
** Indicates all who are able may stand*

*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

Ashley J. Popperson

ANTHEM

Song of Assurance Arnold Sherman
THE OLD SOUTH RINGERS ♦ Peter Coulombe, *director*

ATTEND

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Kate M. Nintcheu

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 104:24-35

Rory Razon

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

SERMON

Ashley J. Popperson

*HYMN 402

De Colores (Sing of Colors)

DE COLORES

*You are invited to sing the first verse using either the Spanish or English text;
remember, simultaneous declamation of languages was central to the birth of the church on Pentecost!*

RESPOND

*CALL TO PRAYER

Richard E. Spalding

One: God be with you.

Many: And also with you.

One: May the Spirit of the Living God fall afresh on us.

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.

PRAYER RESPONSE

Courage to Be Who We Are

Ruth Huber

*"Written to commemorate the life of Gwen Amber Rose Araujo,
and to celebrate the lives of beautiful and courageous trans people everywhere." —RH*

We are here in the memory of those who have fallen.

We are here in the memory of those who have fallen,
here for the courage to be who we are.

We are standing in the memory of those who have fallen.

We are standing in the memory of those who have fallen,
standing for the courage to be who we are.

We are singing in the memory of those who have fallen...

THE OPEN DOOR AWARD

PRESENTATION

Richard E. Spalding

The Boston Chapter of Drag Queen Story Hour

CALL TO THE OFFERING

David Story



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scan the QR code with your smartphone camera.
You can also Text 44-321 and enter OSC to make a gift.

OFFERTORY

Lift Up Your Voice

Robinson McClellan

Lift, lift up your voice!
Shout and cry for joy!
We will work for liberty and justice.
Never quit or cry surrender!
Shout, we'll shout for joy!

– *With* –

Love Is Love Is Love Is Love

Abbie Betinis

*“This song is dedicated to the victims, and survivors, of hate crimes everywhere,
and specifically for those at the Pulse nightclub in Orlando on June 12, 2016.” —AB*

Love is love is love is love.
Love, love, love. All we need is love, love, love.
Ubi caritas et amor— where there's love, love is love.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN 609

Now Is the Time Approaching

WEBB

*BIDDING TO MISSION AND BENEDICTION

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 Rainbow Disco Coffee Hour
with Drag Queen Story Hour
in the Gordon Chapel following the Postlude.

The Flowers today are given
by Deb Washington in honor of the
Washington-Darnell Family Reunion 2023.

Close-Up, a twenty minute tour of the Sanctuary
led by docent David Becker,
begins immediately following worship at the front of the Sanctuary.

Banner Bearers: Amelia Gerrard, Vivian J-K, & Ryan C



Old South Church *in* Boston invites you
to its *Signature Services* during the coming year.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY — November 5th, 2023 | 11AM

In a solemn service of sacred music, we gather to name and remember our own beloved dead who now rest from their labors in the arms of God.

MEETING HOUSE SUNDAY — November 19th, 2023 | 11AM

We return to our ancestral home, the Old South Meeting House at Washington & Milk Streets, to give thanks for God's many blessings and the rich history of our faith.

CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS EVE — December 24th, 2023

FAMILY SERVICE WITH IMPROMPTU PAGEANT | 5PM

LESSONS AND CAROLS | 8PM

CAROLS AND COMMUNION | 11PM

HOLY WEEK 2024

***Palm Sunday* — March 24th | 9AM & 11AM**

***Maundy Thursday* — March 28th | 7PM**

***Good Friday* — March 29th | 12PM & 7PM**

***Easter Sunday* — March 31st | 9AM & 11AM**

MARATHON SUNDAY — April 14th, 2024 | 9AM & 11AM

Each year hundreds of marathoners join us for worship, where we pause to acknowledge the runners, their families, and volunteers in a special “Blessing of the Athletes.”

PHILLIS WHEATLEY SUNDAY — May 12th, 2024 | 9AM & 11AM

Old South honors and learns from one of the saints of this church who was stolen from Africa, suffered the Middle Passage, was sold into slavery, and triumphed through her awesome wit and the mighty power of her pen.

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*
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.



OLD
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in BOSTON

ANNOUNCEMENTS

QUEER ANTHEMS THROUGH THE DECADES AT JAZZ WORSHIP

Thursday, June 8th, 7 p.m.

Put on your best flannel shirt, sequined blazer, or crop top and join us for Jazz Worship on Thursday, June 8th at 6 p.m. We'll sing loud and proud to LGBTQIA+ anthems through the decade as we offer gratitude for those who came before us and move with the Spirit toward a fabulous future for all.

BOSTON PRIDE FOR THE PEOPLE

Saturday, June 10th

Old South is marching! Out of the church and into the streets! We will gather in Mary Norton Hall to prepare signs beginning at 10 a.m.. We will then gather at our designated formation area (TBD) together for the parade, which begins at 11 a.m.. The parade will finish at Beacon St and Park St, between the Public Garden and the Common.

Old South Church will host a Hospitality Station under the Portico on Boylston St. from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. To add your name to the schedule go to tinyurl.com/2023PrideHospitality.



GET YOUR PRIDE SHIRT!

Go to tinyurl.com/OSCpride, 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.

PRIDE WORSHIP WITH OPEN DOOR AWARD AND RAINBOW DISCO COFFEE HOUR

Sunday, June 11th, at 10 a.m.

Join us for Pride Worship at Old South Church! We will host a single worship service at 10 a.m. in order to gather in greater solidarity. We will give the Open Door Award to the Boston Chapter of Drag Queen Story Hour in thanksgiving for the artistry that opens the way for more and more of God's children to see themselves in their full, diversely splendid glory. Following Worship, we'll gather in Gordon Chapel for Rainbow Disco Coffee hour, featuring delicious treats, fabulous music, and even more fabulous community.

PRIDE NIGHT AT FENWAY PARK

Tuesday, June 13th, 7:10 p.m., 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 ashley@oldsouth.org to order tickets.

SUMMER WORSHIP HOURS - A SINGLE SERVICE AT 10 A.M.

For a 354 year old church we can be surprisingly nimble at times, responding to the needs of the moment, following the beckoning of the Spirit. Old South, we are asking you to practice a spry spirituality as we approach the summer with a new worship schedule. Get excited for All-Church Worship, all summer long! This summer we will worship together, strengthening our ties and joining our voices in the beautiful harmony of a diverse faith community whose hearts lean together. All Sunday services through the rest of the summer will be at 10 a.m.!

THROUGH JUNE IN THE SANCTUARY

JUNETEENTH SUNDAY - *June 18th, 10 a.m.* - Our Guest Preacher is Rev. Dr. Calvin Jones, Assistant Minister at Memorial Church of Harvard University. He previously served as Youth Pastor at Trinity United Church of Christ in Chicago, Illinois. His ministry is centered in the love of Christ, striving to be a light of love, justice, peace, and inclusion. A religion and history major at Morehouse College, Rev. Dr. Jones graduated in 2015 Summa Cum Laude and Phi Beta Kappa. He earned a Master of Divinity in 2018 from Yale Divinity School where he was a William Sloane Scholar, and recipient of the William Hallam Tweedy Prize for exceptional promise for pastoral leadership. He recently received his Doctorate of Ministry at Duke University with a concentration in theology, homiletics, and youth studies.



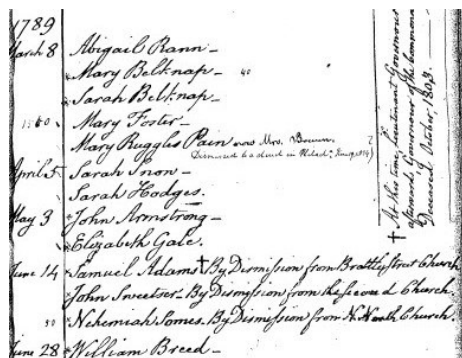
MEMBERSHIP SUNDAY - *June 25th at 10 a.m.* - Join us as we receive new members *and* celebrate our long-term members. *And...* [hold this date](#) for a possible introduction of the Search Committee's nominee for our next Senior Minister, who would preach at the 10 a.m. service (to be confirmed next week). The service would be followed by a **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** to vote on extending a call to the nominee. (If this date is confirmed, a Zoom link will be made available so that members can participate in the meeting remotely.)

JULY AND AUGUST IN THE CHAPEL

Inspired by the words of William Carlos Williams - "In summer, the song sings itself" - our summer sermon series will focus on the sacred in the arts, particularly the artistic offerings of this amazing city. All-Church Worship will be in the Chapel at 10 a.m. for July and August (yay air conditioning!) and will include communion each week. And don't forget our amazing Summer Choir, which anyone can join for rehearsal at 9 a.m. Following worship we will have coffee hour on the front porch, where we can enjoy one another's company and the beautiful summer weather.

SAMUEL ADAMS AND THE BRATTLE STREET CHURCH MYSTERY

Blog by Kate Silfen, Church Historian, go to tinyurl.com/OSCJuneHistoryBlog for the whole story



A few months ago, I came across a scanned image of an Old South membership record from 1789. On July 14th of that year, 66-year old Samuel Adams Jr became a member of the Old South Church. The membership record indicates that he had transferred his membership from the Brattle Street Church. This was a surprise to me. I had always assumed that Samuel Adams was a life-long member of Old South because of his family's long involvement with the church. His parents had been members before him, and his grandfather and great-grandfather were founding members of the Old South

Church in Boston in 1669 (Stoll, 2008)...

While it took Samuel Adams 66 years to become an official member of his grandfather's church, he quickly became an active member. According to the Reverend Nancy Taylor, Samuel Adams found the time to represent the Old South Church at ecclesiastical councils in Roxbury and New Hampshire. He was also an active choir member and he selected the tunes to match the day's Psalms. A faithful church goer, he rarely missed a Sunday (Taylor, 2012). Old South was blessed to have him as a member for the remainder of his life.

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 2nd Sundays at 5 p.m.



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.

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