



Old South Church

Copley Square, Boston

*A Congregation of the
United Church of Christ*

Gathered 1669

October 20, 2024

Children's Sabbath

Take heart: it is not too late to build a better world.

GATHER

PRELUDE Aria from the Concerto Grosso, Op. 6, No. 12 G. F. Handel

*CALL TO WORSHIP Sienna B

Outside, the storms of the world rage. Here, Christ compels us in.

Here, we find shelter in the storm.

Winds of injustice howl. The waves of oppression crash hard on our shores.

We find our refuge in Christ who walks upon rough seas.

Here, our souls find rest.

Here we are buoyed for the work of justice and the pursuit of peace.

We gather now to praise God, the Creator of all.

*HYMN 388 **Help Us Accept Each Other** AURELIA

*INVOCATION

**Indicates all who are able may stand*

*PASSING THE PEACE

*As a sign of our reconciliation with God and each other,
please greet those around you, saying "peace" or "the peace of Christ."*

SUNG RESPONSE

God wel - comes all, strang - ers and friends;
God's love is strong and it nev - er ends.

Text: John L. Bell, 2008
Music: South African song; trans. John L. Bell, 2008

WELCOME

Sebastian B

ANTHEM

I Can Do All Things
THE OLD SOUTH CHILDREN'S CHOIR
Aislin Anderson, *director*

Mark Burrows

*I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.
I can do all things.*

I can clap, I can run, I can laugh in the sun;
I can stomp, I can shout, I can spread God's love about.

I can jump, I can play, I can cheer, I can pray;
I can dance, I can sing, I can do most anything!

LISTEN

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Garrett G

SCRIPTURE

Romans 12:1-21

Cora S and Sage H

*HYMN 448

Take My Life, God, Let It Be

VIENNA

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

SERMON

Kate M. Nintcheu

*HYMN 539

Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant

SERVANT SONG

*CALL TO PRAYER

Christian P-L

God be with you.

And also with you.

May the peace of Christ dwell in your hearts.

Christ is our peace, our light, and our hope.

Let us pray. *Please be seated.*

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, 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

The Song of Reconciliation

David Hurd

For the crowning of their glory God has made all humankind;
feet of clay our common story, with a common spark divine.
Diverse gifts are ours to hold, blessed within one common fold.
Let us praise the Lord together, reconciled.

*Reconcile! Be reconciled!
God's great communion shall not be defiled.
Reconciliation will heal this broken nation.
Let us praise the Lord together, reconciled.*

Let us stretch for one another as did Jesus Christ our Lord,
who taught us to love each other by his works and by his word.
Let our grateful hearts rejoice, let our rapture find its voice.
Let us praise the Lord together, reconciled.

RESPOND

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Kai L-K



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OFFERTORY

I Got a Robe

Moses Hogan, *arr.*

I got a robe, you got a robe, all God's children got a robe.
When I get to heaven gonna put on my robe,
I'm gonna shout all over God's heaven.

Everybody talkin' 'bout heaven ain't going there—
heaven, heaven,
I'm gonna shout all over God's heaven.

I got shoes, you got shoes, all God's children got shoes.
When I get to heaven gonna put on my shoes,
I'm gonna walk all over God's heaven...

I got a crown, you got a crown, all God's children got a crown.
When I get to heaven gonna put on my crown,
I'm gonna walk all over God's heaven...

I got a harp, you got a harp, all God's children got a harp.
When I get to heaven gonna play on my harp,
I'm gonna play all over God's heaven...

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN 393

Blessed Be the Tie That Binds

DENNIS

*BENEDICTION

Lauren H S

POSTLUDE

March from the "Occasional Oratorio"

G. F. Handel



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

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

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

SCARED FOR GOOD — October 27th, 2024 | 6PM
COSTUMES ENCOURAGED!

Old South Organist MitcHELL-FIRE Crawford and a host of demonic associates will thrill you with spine-tingling sounds of the season, courtesy of our room-rattling Skinner organ.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY — November 3rd, 2024 | 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 24th, 2024 | 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, 2024

Family Service with Impromptu Pageant | 5PM

LESSONS AND CAROLS | 8PM

CAROLS AND COMMUNION | 11PM

HOLY WEEK 2025

Palm Sunday — April 13 | 9AM & 11AM

Maundy Thursday — April 17 | 7PM

Good Friday — April 18 | 7PM

EASTER & MARATHON SUNDAY —

April 20th, 2025 | 9AM, 11AM, & 1PM

The triumph of the Christian story of resurrection informs a service of worship that is characterized by joyous celebration. Our celebration continues with hundreds of marathoners joining us for worship, where we will pause to acknowledge the runners, their families, and volunteers in a special "Blessing of the Athletes."

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**. For more information, contact Associate Minister Ashley Popperson at ashley@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

John M. Edgerton, *Senior Minister*

Ashley J. Popperson, *Associate Minister* ❖ Rachel J. Barton, *Assistant Minister*
Gracie Paterson, *Nancy S. Taylor Leadership Fellow* ❖ Kat Woodard, *Seminarian*

Donald A. Wells, *Theologian in Residence* ❖ June R. Cooper, *Theologian in the City*
David F. Story, *Wedding Minister* ❖ Kenneth H. Orth, *Healing Worship Minister*

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Mitchell Crawford, *Minister of Music*

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Tim Harbold, *Director, Gospel Choir* ❖ Peter Coulombe, *Director, Old South Ringers*

Kate Nintcheu, *Director, Children & Family Ministries*

Summer Marsh, *Director, Old South Preschool*

Aislin Kate Anderson, *Children's Choir Director* ❖ Juniper Mai, *Children's Choir Accompanist*

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Corey Spence, *Weekday Receptionist*

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Maren Batalden, *Moderator* ❖ Rob Gabler, *Clerk* ❖ Bill Bulkeley, *Treasurer*

Debby Kuenstner, *Chair, Board of Trustees* ❖ Kate Silfen, *Historian*

Christine Del Favero & Laurie Stickels, *Senior Deacons*

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

CHILDREN'S SABBATH

Sunday, October 20, at First and Festival Worship

Children's Sabbath celebrates the spiritual leadership of our kids, emphasizing their role in guiding us in meaningful ways today, not just in the future. On this special day, the children of Old South provide hospitality as ushers, as well as lead us through worship in song and word.

WELCOMING OUR NEW NEIGHBORS: HELP ASSEMBLE EMERGENCY CLOTHING KITS

Join us to pack kits following Worship on October 20, Guild Room

Scan the QR code to learn how you can contribute



Old South's New Neighbor Task Force is supporting Circle of Hope by preparing Emergency Clothing Kits to be distributed to immigrant families experiencing housing insecurity. We are asking for donations of NEW gender-neutral socks, underwear, t-shirts, sweatpants, and sweatshirts.

OLD SOUTH FORUM

Our next few sessions of The Forum will focus on the real history of Indigenous folks in this area, and grappling with uncomfortable truths about our church and nation's history.

Oct 20: The Church was Complicit - Our Missing Century

Take a brief walk with member Marie Hurd through the time period from 1630 to 1775 in Mass Bay Colony and consider the role of religion and the church in the genocide of the indigenous peoples.

Oct 27: Colonization & the Wampanoag Story - an overview!

Join church historian Kate Silfen in a large scale look at the time period and issues raised in our Family Book Study *Colonization and the Wampanoag Story* by Linda Coombs (Aquinnah Wampanoag). We'll think about how history is taught, and what parts are left out or reframed. You do not need to have read the book, this will be an entry level discussion for all.

Nov 3: What were the Residential Schools?

We continue looking at our Indigenous people's history with this very basic overview with Kate Nintcheu of what residential schools were - and how the US government and churches were complicit in this cultural erasure movement.

USHER TRAINING

Festival Worship on October 20 at 12:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Questions? Email ashley@oldsouth.org

Curious about those friendly folks who offer you a smile and a bulletin at worship? These are our ushers. Ushers offer a warm welcome and Christian hospitality to all those who worship with us. You don't need a formal role to be an usher at Old South. If you're interested in learning more about ushering and being on OSC's front lines of friendliness, attend an Usher Training. Join our team!

SCARED FOR GOOD CONCERT

Sunday, October 27, 6 p.m. -

Costumes Encouraged!

Join us for the return of Scared for Good! Old South Organist MitchELL -FIRE Crawford and a host of demonic associates will thrill you with spine-tingling sounds of the season, courtesy of our room-rattling Skinner organ. Presented in

partnership with the Boston Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, we'll collect an offering to support programing for the youngest members of the chapter in memory of Old South's beloved former Minister of Music, (Horrific!) Harry Huff.



EAST BOSTON POTLUCK

November 10, 2-4pm

RSVP at tinyurl.com/EastiePotluckOSC by November 6

Join fellow Old Southerners at the home of Ken Allen and Phillip Beltz in Eastie for a potluck from 2-4pm. It will be a time to relax, chat, and enjoy each other's good company! Please bring a beverage or dessert to share. The home is near the Maverick station on the MBTA Blue Line. Questions? Email Ken at krapug@icloud.com.

RIDES MINISTRY

Are you a safe driver who has some flexibility in your schedule? Sign up to be part of our Rides Ministry: offering Old Southerners rides to medical appointments, errands, and to church. Email ashley@oldsouth.org to sign up or learn more.

DONATE FLOWERS FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP

October 27 and November 10 and 24 available. Go to tinyurl.com/2024FlowersOSC to sign up.

Would you like to give the flowers one Sunday - in memory or in honor of a special person or event? The price is \$100. Please send you message along with your payment. You can drop it off, send a check, or click here and make your gift online.

GREEN TIP: Reusable and Sustainable Halloween Decorations

Halloween costumes are often made of synthetic materials and are rarely reused, leading to a lot of unnecessary waste. This year, try creating a costume from clothes you already have or by upcycling old outfits. With some creativity, you can turn everyday items into a fun and unique costume. Got an old white sheet? It's an instant ghost! Have a broken umbrella? Turn it into bat wings! Or, try making a scarecrow costume from flannel shirts and old jeans, or repurpose cardboard boxes to become a futuristic robot. Going the extra mile will be really rewarding, especially when you get lots of compliments on your creativity! For kids' costumes, consider organizing a costume swap with friends or neighbors. Swapping costumes helps everyone save money and keeps costumes out of the landfill. Plus, it adds an element of surprise and creativity to the holiday! Looking for more eco-friendly costume ideas? Learn more about greening Halloween at mybarc.org/green-Halloween.

FAMILY BOOK STUDY THIS FALL

Colonization and the Wampanoag Story by Linda Coombs

To see our reading schedule and more, visit oldsouth.org/Wampanoag

Questions? Kate.children@oldsouth.org

Old South families (and interested adults) are already reading indigenous author Linda Coombs' young readers book: *Colonization and the Wampanoag Story*, a duet of stories -- one, a first-person account of a young Wampanoag child and what her life, education, and faith looked like -- and the other the story of the 'English' arriving and colonizing the area. These two veins of storytelling alternate back and forth, presenting the very different mindsets of the Wampanoag and other indigenous tribes and the arriving colonizers.

You are invited to join us in reading, as well as two upcoming events:

Tuesday Oct 29th: Author Talk with Linda Coombs

RSVP for the author talk on zoom Tues Oct 29th, 6pm: tinyurl.com/OSCAuthorTalk.

Sunday Nov 17th, 12:30pm: Tour of the Congregational Library

RSVP for the Old South Tour of the Congregational Library: tinyurl.com/OSCLibraryTour.



THURSDAY NIGHT CHURCH

Thursdays, 6 p.m.

Thursday Night Church is here! After a year of dreaming, planning and working, we're excited to introduce our redesigned Thursday service. Thursday Night Church is a worship service where the music is contemporary, the space is open-hearted and in-the-round, and the preaching is focused on how we can be the church together in the world.

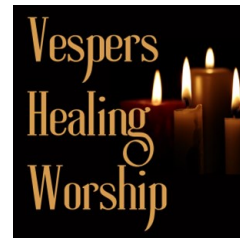
THURSDAY NIGHT SUPPER CLUB

After worship, join us for Thursday Night Supper Club. Each week, folks can gather after worship for dinner and an informal small group hosted by some of our friendly and hospitable lay leaders.

VESPERS HEALING WORSHIP:

*Next service Sunday, October 13, 5 p.m. on Zoom,
tinyurl.com/OSCHealing 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.



WEEKLY WORSHIP

Join us in person, on Facebook, and YouTube

Thursday night church, Thursdays at 6:00 p.m.

FIRST Worship Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

FESTIVAL Worship Sundays at 11:00 a.m.

VESPERS HEALING Worship, the second Sunday at 5:00 p.m. via Zoom



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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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