



May 19, 2024 ❖ 11:00 a.m.

Pentecost Sunday

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

GATHER

PRELUDE

Komm, Heiliger Geist, Herre Gott,
BuxWV 200

Dietrich Buxtehude

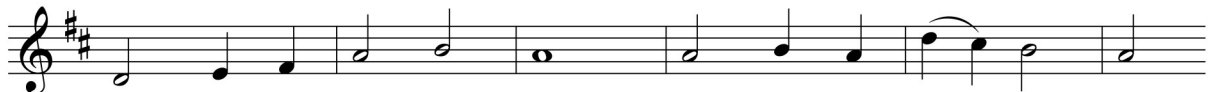
*HYMN

Come Down, O Love Divine

DOWN AMPNEY

Setting: George Sargeant

*Mr. Sargeant has recently been appointed Director of Music and the Arts
for Plymouth Church United Church of Christ, Shaker Heights, Ohio*



Come down, O Love Di - vine; seek out this soul of mine,
O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn
Let ho - ly char - i - ty my out - ward ves - ture be,
And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,



and vis - it it with your own ar - dor glow - ing.
to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing.
and low - li - ness my in - ner self's a - dorn - ing.
shall far out - pass the pow'r of hu - man tell - ing.



O Com - fort - er, draw near; with - in my heart ap - pear,
And let your glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,
True low - li - ness of heart, which takes the hum - bler part,
For none can guess God's grace, till Love cre - ates a place



and kin - dle it, your ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
and o'er its own short - com - ings weeps in mourn - ing.
where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes a dwell - ing.

THE STORY OF PENTECOST

Pam Roberts

*Incorporating a dramatic reading of Acts 2:1-21,
with musical accompaniment provided by the Old South Ringers.*

*Indicates all who are able may stand

WELCOME

John M. Edgerton

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

ANTHEM

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

William Dawson, *arr.*

*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.

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

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Chloe Mae Gilham

Child of Charlotte and Cole Gilham

Godchild of Victoria Horton and Bryan Feltman

BLESSING THE WATER

John M. Edgerton

PRESENTATION AND INTRODUCTION

LITANY OF BAPTISM

We are gathered to present Chloe Mae Gilham to the Church and to dedicate her to God. What can we affirm about her?

She is a child of God, made in God's image.

As Chloe grows and matures, how will she know she is a child of God and how will she learn of the Christian story?

We will tell her about Abraham and Sarah, the parents of our faith; about Moses and Miriam who led our ancestors out of bondage; about Mary and Joseph's openness to mystery; about the Savior, Jesus.

In turn, what will we expect of her?

We look forward to sitting with her at the Lord's Table, sharing with her the costs and joys of discipleship, learning and growing with her in the Christian pilgrimage, and declaring with one voice our faith in God and God's son, Jesus.

Do you, Charlotte and Cole, parents, assume your primary responsibility for fulfilling these expectations by growing with Chloe in the Christian faith, helping her to become a faithful member of the church of Jesus Christ, and by offering her the nurture and support of the Christian church? And will you, Victoria and Bryan, godparents, agree to guide Chloe into becoming an engaged and complete human being, teaching her about personal sacrifice for a greater good, about grace and reconciliation at times of human weakness, and the power of unconditional love for all people?

Parents/Godparents: We happily and genuinely accept this serious duty.

And Old South Church, do you pledge to maintain a nurturing and challenging Christian environment for Chloe?

We do, for she belongs to us as well.

Then, may God be with us.

God help us. Amen.

BAPTISM

CONGREGATIONAL WELCOME

Rory Razon, *Baptismal Deacon*

We rejoice in God's empowering love, freely given to each and all. We welcome you, newly baptized, into the circle of love in Christ's Church. We promise to pray for you, to seek the depths of faith with you, to support you, and to love you. We covenant with you to love God with all our hearts, minds, souls, and strength, and our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.

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

LISTEN

SCRIPTURE

Ezekiel 37:1-10

Paul Brouillette

ANTHEM

Ossa Arida, S.55

Franz Liszt

Ossa arida, audite verbum Domini!

Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord!

SERMON

Vision Casting

Ashley J. Popperson

*HYMN 292

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

TRENTHAM

RESPOND

*CALL TO PRAYER

John M. Edgerton

God be with you.

And also with you.

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

The Holy Spirit guides our way and ignites our hope.

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

Ashley J. Popperson



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OFFERTORY

The Spirit of the Lord
from "The Apostles," Op. 49

Edward Elgar

The spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he hath anointed me to preach the Gospel to the poor:

He hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted,
to preach deliverance to the captives
and recovering of sight to the blind—
to preach the acceptable year of the Lord;
to give unto them that mourn a garland for ashes,
the oil of joy for mourning,
the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness;
that they might be called trees of righteousness,
the planting of the Lord, that he might be glorified.

For as the earth bringeth forth her bud,
and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth;
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise
to spring forth before all the nations.

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because he hath anointed me to preach the Gospel.

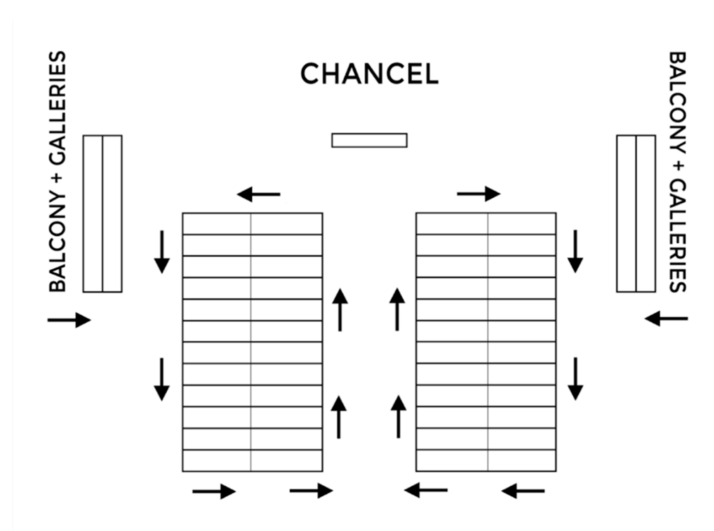
THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Donald A. Wells

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

THE OLD SOUTH RINGERS
Peter Coulombe, *director*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*HYMN 267 **Come, O Spirit, Dwell among Us** EBENEZER

*BIDDING TO MISSION AND BENEDECTION Ashley J. Popperson

POSTLUDE Fanfare Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens



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

The flowers at the pulpit today are given in memory of Malcom Bacon
by his loving daughters Suzanne and Shelley.

The baptismal flowers are given by Elizabeth Hansen
in celebration of her great-granddaughter Chloe's baptism.

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

Highlights of the silver gracing our Communion Table today:

Second Church and Society Goblet (1844)

Presented to the Old South Church by the Second Church and Society “in memorial of their Christian hospitality.”

The Second Church of Boston, founded in 1649, was first a Puritan church, then Congregational, until 1802 — when it became Unitarian. It began in North Square before moving to Hanover Street in 1779, where it merged with the New Brick Church. In 1844, the brick church was demolished and a new building at that location was completed in 1845. Given the timing of their renovation and the wording of the inscription, it seems likely Old South Church extended hospitality to Second Church during this time of transition.

The Salem Street Church Breadbasket (1848)

Made by Palmer Bachelders, an American silversmith based in Boston. Inscribed, “I am the living bread which came down from heaven.”

The breadbasket was given to Salem Street Church by a parishioner in 1848 for use on the communion table. It was sold by Salem Street Church when it was no longer being used, and the proceeds used for the charity of the church. It was purchased by “B.F.W.,” passed to his son, and donated by him in 1926 to Old South Church.

SUMMER AT OLD SOUTH

June 2 | Confirmation and Youth Sunday

Today, worship services are crafted and led by our teens. During Festival Worship we will celebrate and lift up this year's graduating High School Seniors, and members from this year's confirmation class will join Old South as members through the Rite of Confirmation.

June 9 | Pride Sunday

Join us for Pride Worship at Old South Church! On Sunday, June 11th, we will gather as our most fabulous selves to worship the God who made us fearfully and wonderfully. Services at 9am and 11am. Rainbow Disco Coffee Hour at 10am.

June 16 | Juneteenth

We honor and celebrate Juneteenth, a jubilant celebration of freedom.

June 23 | Membership Sunday, 10am All Church Worship

We'll gather as one family in faith at 10am to receive new members and celebrate our Long Term Members.

July 7-September 1 | Summer Worship

Worship at 9am and 11am. In order to escape the heat, both services will be in the air-conditioned chapel.

August 25 | Middle Passage Sunday

Gathered in 1669, Old South Church in Boston continues to research, name and account for a history which includes radical abolitionists and the first anti-slavery tract on this soil (1700) AND many early ministers and members who were enslavers, who benefited from the forced enslavement and unpaid work of countless persons of African descent. We will honor the lives of our African members from the 1600s, 1700s, & early 1800s on Middle Passage Sunday.

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 asbley@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 & Nancy S. Taylor Fellow*

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

James W. Crawford, *Senior Minister Emeritus* ❖ Nancy S. Taylor, *Senior Minister Emeritus*

Mitchell Crawford, *Minister of Music*
George Sargeant, *Associate Organist & Choirmaster*
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*

Amelia Gerrard, *Church Administrator* ❖ Tim Clafin, *Director of Operations*
Rémy Hatfield-Gardner, *Administrative Assistant* ❖ Kathleen Steen, *Staff Accountant*
Emily Ross, *Archivist* ❖ Karen Hand, *Wedding Coordinator*

Jamie Garuti Sage, *Multimedia Director*
Rémy Hatfield-Gardner & William Wei, *Livestream Production Assistants* ❖ Ava Welling, *Sound Technician*

Elias Perez, *Senior Sexton* ❖ Ozo Nwodo, Richard Serebour, & David Brode, *Sextons*
Corey Spence, *Weekday Receptionist*
Shirley Bivins, Shelia Randolph, & George Sargeant, *Evening & Weekend Receptionists*

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* ❖ 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.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE COMMUNITY HOUR FORUM

Sundays, 10am, 2nd floor Mary Norton Hall,
tinyurl.com/OSCForums for Zoom link, 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.

- **Sunday May 19 - WORKSHOP ON REIMAGINING GENDER**

As part of our efforts to become a more affirming church for trans individuals, members Stephanie LaShoto-Westfield and William Mian Wei will lead us as we will begin by exploring the concept of gender. Through fun activities we will explore our own self-image and experience as it relates to our gender and spend some time reimagining ourselves and our worldview through the lens of a different gender.

VOLUNTEER FOR COMMON CATHEDRAL LUNCH

Sunday, May 19, 8:30am —2:30 stay as long as you can
For info or to commit to any part of the day,
email Carolyn Clark at carolyneclark@comcast.net

The Christian Service and Outreach Committee is assembling a team of volunteers to help prepare lunches in the Old South Church kitchen and serve them to the common cathedral homeless congregation on the Boston Common. The prep work for making 120+ sandwich lunches will begin at 8:30am, transported to the Boston Common by 12:00 noon, and served to guests at 12:30pm. The outdoor Common Cathedral service begins at 1:00pm and lasts until around 2:30pm. Visit commoncathedral.org to learn more about this organization's important work. *common cathedral* is one of Old South's annual grantees.



CELEBRATE THE WEDDING OF JAMIE CHELEL AND CONNOR VIGEANT

Sunday, May 26, 2pm, in the Sanctuary

Old South Church members and Choral Fellows Jamie Chelel and Connor Vigeant are getting married! The couple invites their Old South family to share in their joy and attend their ceremony.

PILGRIMAGE TO SEARCH FOR TRUTH AND JUSTICE – Montgomery and Selma, Alabama

*A transformation experience to understand the Civil Rights Movement and ourselves
led by Rev. June Cooper and Dr. Marrey Embers*

Oct. 14-17, approx. cost \$800 (plus transportation & lodging)

Register at tinyurl.com/2024SelmaPilgrimage



For more information contact junercooper@comcast.net.

Pilgrimage highlights include: visits to the Equal Justice Initiative's sites including The Legacy Museum, the National Memorial for Peace and Justice, and the new Freedom Monument Sculpture Park; the Mothers of Gynecology Monument and the More Up Campus; walking the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma; and daily reflection time with Pilgrimage facilitators.

PRIDE SHIRTS FOR PURCHASE

Go to tinyurl.com/2024PrideShirt to order

Our Queerly Beloved PrideShirts are now available - made to order and mailed to your home! You can choose from different styles (t-shirts, hoodies, etc.), including youth sizes, and many color options for each style.



JOIN THE OLD SOUTH FORUM (Google Group)

Ever find yourself thinking, "Old Southerners should know about this!", but not sure how to spread the word? The Old South Forum is an informal email listserv that members and friends use to share relevant events, information and ideas. To join, visit groups.google.com/g/old-south-church-forum and click "Join group".

SUMMER CHOIR BEGINS MAY 26

Contact Mitchell Crawford at mitchell@oldsouth.org for more information

Beginning on May 26 and continuing through Labor Day, Festival Choir will suspend Thursday rehearsals, inviting all who wish to join us Sunday mornings at 10am to rehearse music for that day's 11am Festival Worship.

GREEN TIP: HOW TO COMPOST

As you clean up your gardens, composting is a great way to use the leaves and dead plants from the last growing season. Go to tinyurl.com/2024HowToCompost to watch a video to learn about composting from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection.

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

Sundays, 10am, 4th Floor Phillis Wheatley Room

Go to tinyurl.com/OSC23-24BibleStudy to Zoom, password: BibleStudy

Delve into the day's scripture passage heard in worship. This no-homework Bible study delights in taking a scholarly look at ancient texts. Don't leave your questions at the door; we need them.

THROUGH THE BIBLE

Thursdays, 7pm, 4th Floor Phillis Wheatley Room

Go to tinyurl.com/23-24ThroughBible to Zoom. Password: Psalter

Join us as we journey at a reflective and thorough pace through the Hebrew Bible. We are studying the Book of Jeremiah.

VESPERS HEALING WORSHIP:

Next service Sunday, June 9, 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.

TWILIGHT WORSHIP

NEW SERIES: ORDINARY WISDOM: LIFE TOGETHER AS THE CHURCH

Thursdays, 6pm, in the Gordon Chapel

Ecclesiastes 3:12 says, "there is nothing better for people than to be happy and to do good while they live." In this four week series, we'll be making the most of our transition to Ordinary Time by digging into what it means to live well together. Join us for a Spring-time jaunt in the Books of Wisdom: Ecclesiastes, Job and Proverbs, and together we'll take a peek at what it looks like to live a whole and full life.

WEEKLY WORSHIP

Join us in person, on Vimeo, Facebook, and YouTube

TWILIGHT Worship, 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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