



## Old South Church

*Copley Square, Boston*

*A Congregation of the  
United Church of Christ*

*Gathered 1669*

July 14, 2024

# **Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

11:00 a.m.

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

## **GATHER**

PRELUDE                      Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing                      Marianne Kim, *arr.*

\*HYMN 309                      **We Are Your People**                      WHITFIELD

\*CALL TO WORSHIP                      John M. Edgerton

Blessed are you, O Lord our God

**God of our ancestors, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob**

You fed your people manna in the desert

You led your people out of bondage

**Your name is holy, sanctified and great**

**Above all other names**

Lover of justice, redeemer of life, your ways are those of steadfast love and mercy

**Let all that is within us bless the Lord.**

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

*\*Indicates all who are able may stand*

SUNG RESPONSE

**Bind Us Together**



Bind us to-gether, Lord, bind us to-gether with cords that can-not be bro - ken.



Bind us to-gether, Lord, bind us to-gether, Lord, bind us to-gether 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

ANTHEM

Sweet Hour of Prayer

Gilbert Martin, *arr.*

Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! that calls me from a world of care,  
and bids me at my Father's throne make all my wants and wishes known.

In seasons of distress and grief, my soul has often found relief,  
and oft escaped the tempter's snare by thy return, sweet hour of prayer!

Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! the joys I feel, the bliss I share  
of those whose anxious spirits burn with strong desires for thy return!

Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! thy wings shall my petition bear  
to him whose truth and faithfulness engage the waiting soul to bless.  
And since he bids me seek his face, believe his word, and trust his grace,  
I'll cast on him my every care, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

Amen.

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

## ATTEND

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Kate M. Nintcheu

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 6:5-14

David Story

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

SERMON

Rachel J. Barton

\*HYMN 506

**What a Friend We Have in Jesus**

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## RESPOND

\*CALL TO PRAYER

Ashley J. Popperson

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.

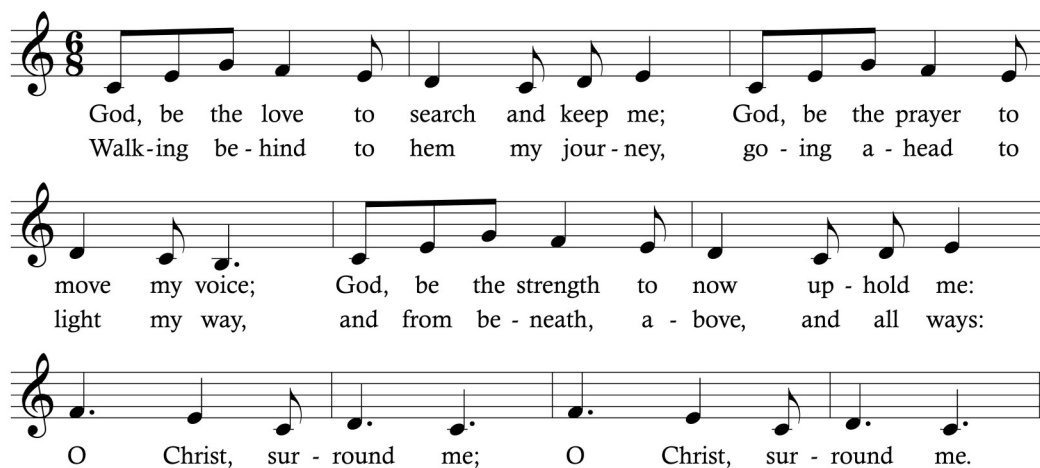
PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our 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

**God, Be the Love  
to Search and Keep Me**



God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to  
Walk-ing be - hind to hem my jour - ney, go - ing a - head to  
move my voice; God, be the strength to now up - hold me:  
light my way, and from be - neath, a - bove, and all ways:  
O Christ, sur - round me; O Christ, sur - round me.

Text: Richard Bruxvoort Colligan, 2004

Tune: GREEN TYLER, Richard Bruxvoort Colligan, 2004

CALL TO THE OFFERING

John M. Edgerton



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OFFERTORY

What Does the Lord Require

Andrew Bruhn, *arr.*

What does the Lord, our God require of you?  
Be kind, and just, and walk humbly with God.

O God of mercy, God of light, in love and mercy infinite,  
Teach us, as ever in your sight, to live our lives in you.

You sent your Son to die for all, that our lost world might hear your call;  
O hear us lest we stand and fall: we rest our hope in you.

And may your Holy Spirit move all those who live to live in love,  
Till you receive in heaven above all those who live in you.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*HYMN 383

**Come, Let Us Join with Faithful Souls**

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\*BIDDING TO MISSION AND BENEDICTION

Rachel J. Barton

SUNG RESPONSE

Go Now in Peace

(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.

The musical notation consists of four staves of music in a single system. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a common time signature. It starts with an introduction of four measures, followed by the lyrics 'Go now in peace, ne-ver be a-fraid;'. The second staff continues with 'God will go with you each hour of ev-'ry day. Go now in faith,'. The third staff continues with 'stead-fast, strong and true, know God will guide you in all you'. The fourth staff concludes with 'do. A - men, a - men, a - men.' and ends with a double bar line.

Text: Don Besig and Nancy Price, 1988

Tune: Don Besig, 1988; adapt. Mitchell Crawford, 2022

POSTLUDE

*During these weeks of informal summer worship,  
you are welcome to stand, move about, and begin socializing during the postlude.*



Join us for Refreshments & Fellowship  
under the portico outside following the Postlude.

The Flowers today are given by the Wezniak family  
in honor of Frank Wezniak's birthday on July 13  
and in loving memory of Nan Tull Wezniak for her birthday on July 15.

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



## SUMMER AT OLD SOUTH

### **Through September 1 | Summer Worship**

Worship at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. 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 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**. For more information, contact Associate Minister Ashley Popperson at [asbley@oldsouth.org](mailto: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](http://www.oldsouth.org/your-first-visit) or see the front desk.

## LEARN MORE

Check out the church website at [www.oldsouth.org/calendar](http://www.oldsouth.org/calendar) for a calendar of events, and the general website [www.oldsouth.org](http://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*  
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, & William Wei, *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

## GODSPEED GEORGE SARGEANT



On Sunday, July 21st, at 11:00am Old South will be honoring George Sargeant for his 19 years of inspired service to the church. There will be amazing service music with a special massed choir, and you won't want to miss it! Throughout his 19 years of service, George has been a rock of consistency. His deep knowledge of our worship traditions was indispensable. His commitment to sacred music presented impeccably was shown when he would often be the last one in the

building rehearsing on the organ with the console light the only one left on in the sanctuary. George is a consummate professional who earned the deep trust of all his colleagues. George will be missed, and we are also thrilled for him to be taking the reins at Plymouth church in Shaker Heights Ohio. There, he will helm a fabulous music program--soon to be all the more fabulous. And he'll also be a one day drive closer to tornado alley. Did you know George is a passionate storm chaser and weather enthusiast?

## PURSE FOR GEORGE SARGEANT

As we bless George onward in his ministry of church music, we will be following a tradition for Old South of collecting a purse. This is a financial gift from the members of the church upon a departure. Please give generously. You can give in the following ways: [oldsouth.org/donate](https://oldsouth.org/donate) or mail a check to the church made out to Old South with George's Purse on the memo line.

## SUMMER SUNDAYS FAMILY FUN | [OLDSOUTH.ORG/SUMMER](https://oldsouth.org/summer)

### July 14: Suminagashi Paper Dying:

Suminagashi or "floating ink" is the process of marbling plain paper with water and ink to transform it into something vibrant & colorful.



### July 21: Sunday Funday:

We'll head to a playground, the library, or another fun place we decide upon.

## YOGA & MEDITATION SESSIONS

*Sundays, 10am, in Mary Norton Hall*

How are you? How is your physical body? Old South is a gentle space to nourish our spiritual body, but sometimes it's the physical body crying out or subtly seeking our attention. You, so beautifully knit together and fearfully wonderful, are invited to Yoga and Meditation, starting June 30 during the 10 o'clock hour in Mary Norton Hall. Journals and welcoming space provided, BYOM (...mat) or email [amyecoe@gmail.com](mailto:amyecoe@gmail.com) if you need one provided or have any questions.

### *common cathedral*

## SUMMERTIME BOSTON WARM TO MEET AT OLD SOUTH CHURCH

*Fridays 8am-12 noon beginning June 7*

Continuing our long time partnership with *common cathedral*, we will host *Boston Warm* every Friday this summer in the Club Room. *common cathedral* is a regular beneficiary of our Christian Service and Outreach grants. Old South Church



worked with a coalition of religious leaders to launch the "Boston Warm" daytime programs in late 2014, when the bridge to the Long Island Shelter was closed, abruptly halting access to the shelter and services. Boston Warm drop-in daytime program has been running for almost 10 years. Visit [commoncathedral.org/about](http://commoncathedral.org/about) to learn more!

## OPEN NEWBURY STREET

*Every Sunday throughout the summer*

*More information at [tinyurl.com/OpenNewbury2024](http://tinyurl.com/OpenNewbury2024)*

When planning your trip to church, please be aware that Newbury Street will be car-free every Sunday throughout the summer.



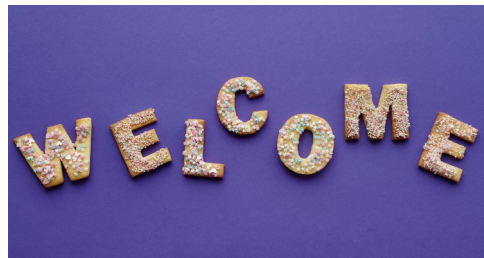
## SUMMER CHOIR

Contact Mitchell Crawford at [mitchell@oldsouth.org](mailto:mitchell@oldsouth.org) for more information

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.

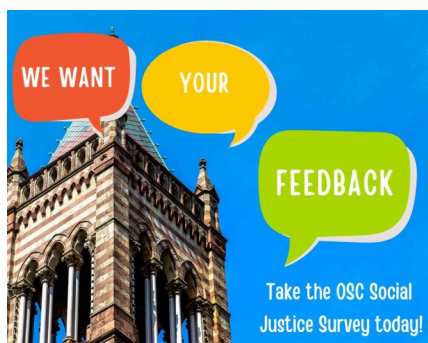
## WELCOMING NEW NEIGHBORS

The flow of immigrants to Massachusetts continues to strain the state Emergency Shelter system and people are sleeping at Logan Airport and being transported back and forth daily to Welcome/Day centers and supporting congregations. **The Old South New Neighbors Task Force is organizing to help.** There are two ways to support this effort:



**1) Donate blankets or roller suitcases: You can go to to donate through a Target Wish List that will have items delivered directly to the shelter.** We will also be collecting blankets (new or gently used but clean, twin or double) for overnight use, and midsize roller suitcases in good condition to move personal items back and forth. A drop-off box will be available in the Narthex on Sundays and in the coat room next to the Gordon Chapel entry on weekdays. We also need assistance delivering donations to Quincy. If you can help or have questions, please contact Margaret Sablove [mfsablove@gmail.com](mailto:mfsablove@gmail.com).

**2) Starting July 27 we will be hosting families one Saturday a month.** There will be all day programming for adults and children that will include English lessons, cooking, play, crafts, excursions. This is an opportunity to be involved with neighbors from different cultures and make them feel welcome. If you'd like to join us, contact Carol Boggs [clboggs1@gmail.com](mailto:clboggs1@gmail.com).



## TAKE THE OLD SOUTH SOCIAL JUSTICE SURVEY

Go to <https://bit.ly/OldSouthSurvey>

The Christian Service & Outreach Committee is leading a rethink of how we pursue social justice as a congregation. Help us love and serve our city by sharing what you think and how you want to serve. The survey will take 5-10 minutes to complete.



## **VESPERS HEALING WORSHIP:**

*Next service Sunday, July 14, 5 p.m. on Zoom, [tinyurl.com/OSCHealing](https://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 CURRENT SERIES:**

### **STICK AROUND AND STAY: PARABLES, PSALMS AND PROPHETS**

*Thursdays, 6pm, in the Gordon Chapel*

Disciples most often got in on the gospel by sticking around and asking questions. Join us for a series digging into some of the more curious and confusing parts of the Bible.

## **GREEN TIP: Pollinators need our help**

Loss of habitat is one of the main reasons why we see fewer bees, butterflies and other insects visiting our gardens. Help slow and reverse the declines in bees, butterflies, moths, hoverflies and other pollinators by growing a wide variety of plants including a mixture of native, near-native and exotic plants to support pollinator diversity. Get more tips from the Royal Horticultural Society at [tinyurl.com/RHSgardening](https://tinyurl.com/RHSgardening).

## **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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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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