



## Old South Church

*Copley Square, Boston*

*A Congregation of the  
United Church of Christ*

*Gathered 1669*

July 28, 2024 ❖ 11:00am

## **Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**

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

## **GATHER**

### PRELUDE

\*HYMN 275

**Come Now, Almighty God**

ITALIAN HYMN

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Ashley J. Popperson

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,  
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;**

though its waters roar and foam,

though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy habitation of the Most High.**

God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;

God will help it when the morning dawns.

**The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;**

**God speaks, the earth melts. The Lord of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

*\*Indicates all who are able may stand*

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

WELCOME

ANTHEM

Open Your Ears, O Faithful People

Hasidic melody

Open your ears, O faithful people;  
open your ears and hear God’s word.  
Open your hearts, O royal priesthood;  
God has come to you.

*God has spoken by the prophets, hallelujah!*  
*God has spoken words of wisdom, hallelujah!*  
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*God has spoken words of wisdom, hallelujah!*

They who have ears to hear the message,  
they who have ears, now let them hear;  
they who would learn the way of wisdom,  
let them hear God’s word.

**ATTEND**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Kate M. Nintcheu

SCRIPTURE

Daniel 7:1-14, *selected verses*

Paul Brouillette

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

\*HYMN 26

**We Worship You, God**

LYONS

SERMON

John M. Edgerton

\*HYMN 24

**The God of Abraham Praise**

LEONI

**RESPOND**

\*CALL TO PRAYER

Rachel J. Barton

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.**

RESPONSE: HYMN 95

**The Day You Gave Us,  
God, Is Ended**

ST. CLEMENT

*Verse 5 only*

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OFFERTORY

Come and Let Us Worship God

Cranmer Muhabura

Come and let us worship God,  
turn to serve the living Lord,  
move from where we are misled,  
do as ancient prophets said.

*Oh, our ever loving God,  
we, the creatures of your word,  
come to make our home in you,  
knowing that your word is true.*

Though our culture goes astray,  
keen to find an easier way,  
let our eyes be on God's care  
evident and everywhere.

Let us hear our Maker's voice,  
and let Christ inform each choice.  
Sisters, brothers, strangers, friends:  
let us turn to God again.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*HYMN 300

**Jesus Shall Reign**

DUKE STREET

\*BIDDING TO MISSION AND BENEDICTION

John M. Edgerton

POSTLUDE



Join us for Refreshments & Fellowship  
In Cafe Perez on the Portico following the Postlude.

The flowers today are given by the Pew 99 friends of Kay Davis,  
in recognition of her many years of devotion to Old South Church,  
and in honor of her birthday.

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



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

**ALL SAINTS SUNDAY — November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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 24<sup>th</sup>, 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 24<sup>th</sup>, 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 20<sup>th</sup>, 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.”

**PHILLIS WHEATLEY SUNDAY — May 12<sup>th</sup>, 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 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 [ashley@oldsouth.org](mailto: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](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*  
*Audrey Woodhams,*  
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, & 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

## SANCTUARY TOURS AFTER BOTH SERVICES THIS SUNDAY

Close-Up, a twenty minute tour of the Sanctuary, begins following both Worship Services at the front of the Sanctuary.

- 10am Tour led by docent Kathleen Simone on July 27 and August 18.
- Noon Tour led by docent David Story.

## 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: go to [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.

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



## July 28 All-Church Picnic at the Public Garden

10:30am- 2pm, BYO food & Blanket/Chair. Beacon St side of the pond.

## August 4 Creative Coffee Hour

Sidewalk Chalk, bubbles, & craft supplies outside

Go to [oldsouth.org/summer](https://oldsouth.org/summer) to learn about more family fun and our summer worship schedule.

## SUMMER CHOIR

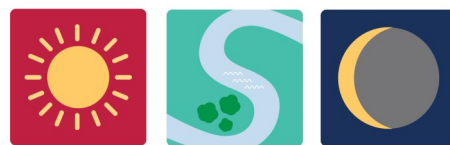
Contact Mitchell Crawford at [mitchell@oldsouth.org](mailto:mitchell@oldsouth.org) for more information

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.

## OSC FALL RETREAT | SEPTEMBER 27-29 | CRAIGVILLE RETREAT CENTER

*"... and you shall find rest for your souls."*

Feeling a little fried? Join Old South for our annual intergenerational fall retreat. Grow in community with us as we find rest for our souls through practicing different kinds of prayer, playing games, and crafting our most creative skits in scenic and stunning Craigville, MA on Cape Cod. Childcare provided.



Old South Church Retreat  
CRAIGVILLE CAPE COD

Children's programming will include a nature walk with Captain Awesome! Bring a yoga mat, a snack to share, and your favorite game to a weekend of joy and relaxation!

**Registration will begin next week!**

## 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*

### BOSTON WARM MEETS AT OLD SOUTH CHURCH

*Fridays 8am-12 noon*

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. Visit [commoncathedral.org/about](https://commoncathedral.org/about) to learn more!



## HEARD IT AT COUNCIL

*Go to [oldsouth.org/news/heard-it-council-july-2024](https://oldsouth.org/news/heard-it-council-july-2024)*

*to read the full article from Church Historian Kate Silfen*

This month's Council meeting included introduction of the new Twilight Worship Creative Director, good financial news, Council retreat plans, Climate Crisis update, and information on the Welcome Our Neighbors initiative from Christian Service and Outreach.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy birthday to our members and friends with July birthdays! Join us at coffee hour after Festival Worship to celebrate with cake and singing!

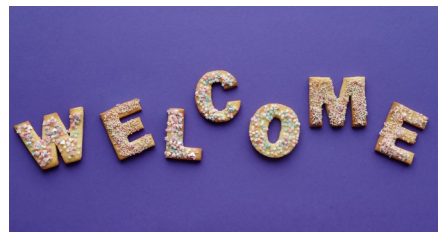


## WELCOMING NEW NEIGHBORS

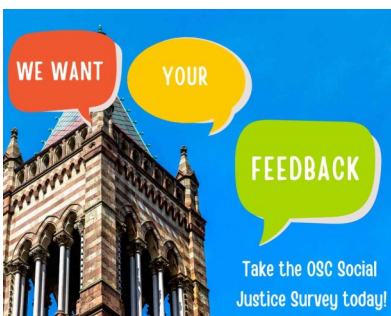
The flow of immigrants to Massachusetts continues to strain the state Emergency Shelter system. The Old South New Neighbors Task Force is organizing to help. There are two ways to support this effort.

We will 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. Donations can also be purchased on a Target

Wishlist ([www.target.com/gift-registry/gift/osc-blanket-suitcase-drive](http://www.target.com/gift-registry/gift/osc-blanket-suitcase-drive)) and delivered directly to the welcome center. If you can help or have questions, please contact Margaret Sablove [mfsablove@gmail.com](mailto:mfsablove@gmail.com).



Due to the changing nature of the migrant housing situation, Old South will not be hosting families for day programming in July, but we are working to find ways to connect to resources to support and welcome our new neighbors in the weeks and months ahead. If you would 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/OSCH Healing](https://tinyurl.com/OSCH Healing) 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: Shop Local for Produce**

Next time you're headed out for groceries, take a few minutes to make an extra stop at a farmer's market for fruits and veggies. Buying local reduces your footprint and helps support farmers in your community. Local fruits and vegetables are also packed with way more nutrients than produce with a passport, and they're tasty too! Learn more about being green at [tinyurl.com/2Ogreenthingsearth911](https://tinyurl.com/2Ogreenthingsearth911).

## **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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