



Old South Church

Copley Square, Boston

*A Congregation of the
United Church of Christ*

Gathered 1669

August 11, 2024 ❖ 11:00 a.m.

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

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

GATHER

PRELUDE First Act Tune from *Dioclesian* Henry Purcell

*HYMN 436 **God of Grace and God of Glory** CWM RHONDDA

*CALL TO WORSHIP *from Worship Resources of the UCC* Rachel J. Barton

God of Life,

you are as near to us as our breath.

Touch our eyes,

that we may see you in one another.

Open our ears,

that we may hear your voice in the cries of the oppressed.

Enter our hearts,

that we may be filled with your love toward all people.

Come, O God of life and breath and wholeness.

Be with us now. Show us the way to new life

and grant us the courage to be people of your Way.

*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

All Are Welcome

Tim Harbold

The musical score is written on seven staves of music in a 3/4 time signature with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: "No mat - ter who you are, no mat - ter who you love, you are wel - come in this place. No mat - ter how you look, no mat - ter what you be - lieve, all are blest with heav'n - ly grace. We are stand - ing up for jus - tice! We're lift - ing hands in praise. We try to fol - low Christ's ex - am - ple, all are wel - come in this place. All are blest with heav'n - ly grace." The score includes various musical notations such as quarter notes, eighth notes, and rests.

WELCOME

ANTHEM

Poor Man Lazarus

Jester Hairston, *arr.*

Poor man Lazarus, sick and disabled;
Dip your finger in the water, come and cool my tongue,
'cause I'm tormented in the flame.
He had to eat crumbs from the rich man's table.

*I'm tormented in the flame! I'm tormented in the flame!
Dip your finger in the water, come and cool my tongue,
'cause I'm tormented in the flame.*

Rich man Dives, he lived so well;
and when he died he went straight to hell.

I love to shout, I love to sing;
I love to praise my heavenly King.

ATTEND

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Kate M. Nintcheu

SCRIPTURE

Luke 16:19-31

Stephanie LaShoto-Westfield

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

SERMON

The Waiting Bench

Ashley J. Popperson

*HYMN 552

From the Crush of Wealth and Power

BRIDEGROOM

*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.*

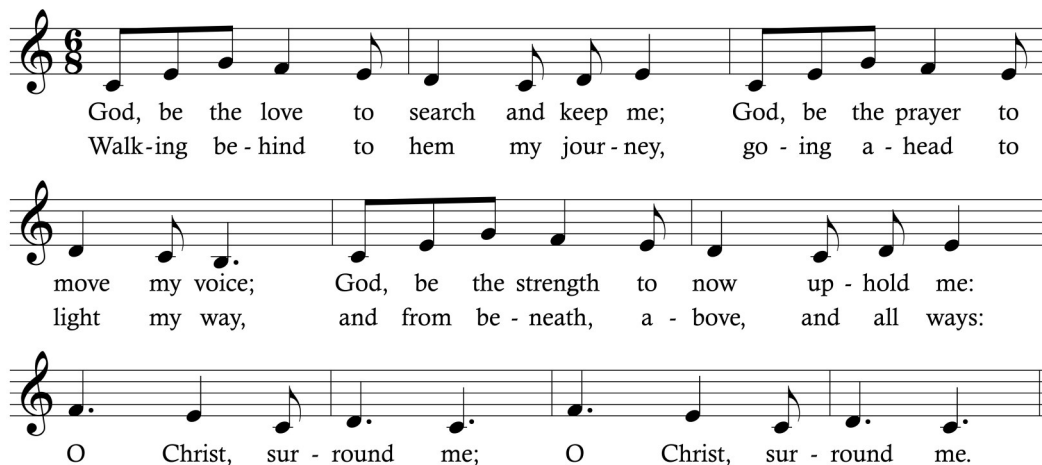
PASTORAL PRAYER

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.

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

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CALL TO THE OFFERING

John M. Edgerton



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OFFERTORY

You Are Welcome Here

Marty Parks

Come, you wounded, weakened, and weary,
you are welcome here.

Come, discouraged, come, broken-hearted,
you are welcome here.

*This is a refuge for grace; this is a harbor of mercy.
So come, you wounded, weakened, and weary,
you are welcome here.*

Come, you wanderer, spent from the journey,
you are welcome here.

Come with every burden you carry,
you are welcome here.

Come, enter love's embrace;
receive amazing grace here in this place.

Come, you hungry; come, all you thirsty,
you are welcome here.

Come for healing, strength, and forgiveness,
you are welcome here.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN 576

For the Healing of the Nations

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

*BIDDING TO MISSION AND BENEDICTION

Ashley J. Popperson

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 image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. The first staff is an introduction. The lyrics are written below the notes. The final staff ends with a double bar line.

Text: Don Besig and Nancy Price, 1988
Tune: Don Besig, 1988; adapt. Mitchell Crawford, 2022

POSTLUDE

Rondo from *Abdelazar*

Henry Purcell

Purcell composed the tune "Westminster Abbey", used as today's closing hymn.



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

The flowers today are given by Kate Nintcheu
in celebration of Elias Perez and his team of sextons
whose hard work keeps Old South beautiful, safe, and peaceful.

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

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

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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



WELCOME AUDREY WOODHAMS NEW TWILIGHT CREATIVE DIRECTOR

Audrey Woodhams is a writer, worship leader, Dove Award-nominated songwriter, mom of three, teacher, founder of creative communities, and – most deeply in all of these things – a pastor. Audrey brings many years of experience in music and worship leadership. Her songs have sold over a million and a half copies worldwide, and she has toured extensively in the US. In Zurich Switzerland, she founded international creative communities with artists from all over the world. Audrey brings a deep sense of leading worship through music as her ministry. Learn more at tinyurl.com/OSCAudrey.

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

August 11 Behind-the-Scenes Church Tour 10am

Come explore the nooks & crannies of Old South! Meet in the Narthex.

August 18 Welcome Doshisha Students 10am

Welcome visiting students from Doshisha, Japan and learn about our historic friendship

Go to oldsouth.org/summer to learn about more family fun and our summer worship schedule.

SUMMER CHOIR

Contact Mitchell Crawford at 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, MA

Go to oldsouth.org/all-church-retreat for more information and to RSVP.

"... 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. 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!



JOIN OUR USHER TEAM

Go to oldsouth.org/hospitality to sign up

Whether you're looking to meet more people at Old South or wondering how you can contribute to our wide open door, this may be just the thing! Serving as an usher, welcomer, or coffee hour host is an easy way to get more involved at Old South. Everyone is welcome, training is provided, and you only need to be friendly and willing to help. Email hospitality@oldsouth.org for info.

YOGA AND MEDITATION

Sundays at 10am in Mary Norton Hall

You, so beautifully knit together and fearfully wonderful, are invited to Yoga and Meditation during the 10 o'clock hour in Mary Norton Hall. Journals and welcoming space provided, BYOM (...mat) or email amyecoe@gmail.com if you need one provided or have any questions.

GREEN TIP: Take the UCC Climate Hope Pledge Today

"I pledge to vote as an act of hope for present and future generations."

Go to tinyurl.com/UCCClimatePledge to take the pledge

By taking the Climate Hope Voter Pledge, you are making a sacred commitment to a more just and equitable world for people of all ages, races, and walks of life. **What you will receive by taking this pledge:** A confirmation text or email celebrating your pledge, a one-time reminder of your pledge during the week before Election Day, and a chance to win one of ten Climate Hope tumblers.

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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