



## Old South Church

*Copley Square, Boston*

*A Congregation of the  
United Church of Christ*

*Gathered 1669*

June 22, 2025 ❖ 11:00 a.m.

## Second Sunday after Pentecost

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

# GATHER

PRELUDE

Liquid Spirit

Gregory Porter

\*HYMN *see insert*

**For Everyone Born**

Shirley Erena Murray  
and Brian Mann

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rachel J. Barton

As a deer longs for flowing streams, so our souls long for you, O God.

**My soul thirsts for the living God**

As deep calls to deep and a sheep to a shepherd

**My soul thirsts for the living God**

These things we remember, as we gather in your name:

**How we went together to the house of God**

**with glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving**

Our hope is in God, and we shall again praise you,

**Our help and our God. Alleluia, Amen**

*\*Indicates all who are able may stand*

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

SUNG RESPONSE 283

**Spirit of the Living God**

Daniel Iverson

WELCOME

ANTHEM

Help Somebody

Susan Werner

THE OLD SOUTH SUMMER CHOIR

Zoë Krohne, *soloist*

I got plenty and then some, what do I do?  
Plenty and then some, what do I do?  
I got plenty and then some, what do I do now?  
I go out and help somebody get plenty and then some, too.

I've got a roof over my head, what do I do?  
A roof over my head, what do I do?  
A roof over my head, what do I do now?  
I go out and help somebody get a roof over their head, too.

I got supper on the table, what do I do?  
I got supper on the table, what do I do?  
Supper on the table, what do I do now?  
I go out and help somebody get supper on the table, too.  
That's what I do.

'Cause I've got it to give, I've got it to give.  
And if got enough to give away, it's the only way to live.

I'm going to heaven, what do I do?  
I'm going to heaven, what do I do?  
I'm going to heaven, what do I do?  
I go out and help somebody,  
I go out and help somebody,  
I go out and help somebody get to heaven, too.

## ATTEND

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Kate M. Nintcheu

SCRIPTURE

1 Kings 19:1-15a

Todd Krohne

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

SERMON

Get up and eat!

Matthew Rasure

\*HYMN 45

**Christ Is the Mountain of Horeb**

Anon./  
Puerto Rican melody

## 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 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 *see insert*

**Lift it on Up**

Willie Sordillo

CALL TO THE OFFERING

Rachel J. Barton



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OFFERTORY

Fill My Cup, Lord

Richard Blanchard

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*HYMN *see insert*

**There's Honey in the Rock**

Spiritual with chorus  
by Alice Wine

\*BIDDING TO MISSION AND BENEDICTION

Matthew Rasure

POSTLUDE

Lovely Day

Bill Withers



**Today's Guest Musicians**

Mark Shilansky, *piano*

Doug Rich, *bass*

Zoë Krohne, *voice*

Willie Sordillo, *alto saxophone*





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

The Flowers today are given  
by Judy Fisher  
in loving memory of her mom Shirley.

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



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

## **ALL SAINTS SUNDAY**

**November 2, 2025 | 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 23, 2025 | 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, 2025**

*Family Service with Impromptu Pageant | 5PM*

*Lessons and Carols | 8PM*

*Carols and Communion | 11PM*

## **HOLY WEEK 2026**

*Palm Sunday — March 29 | 9AM & 11AM*

*Maundy Thursday — April 2 | 6PM*

*Good Friday — April 3 | 7PM*

## **EASTER SUNDAY**

**April 5, 2026 | 9AM & 11AM**

The triumph of the Christian story of resurrection informs a service of worship that is characterized by joyous celebration.

## **MARATHON SUNDAY**

**April 19, 2026 | 9AM & 11AM**

Hundreds of marathoners join 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**

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 serve as a sanctuary in the city of Boston.

### **NEW AT OLD SOUTH?**

Welcome! We are so glad you're here! Please take a moment to fill out a friendship pad so that we can be in touch with you. If you have any questions or would like to talk to a minister to learn more about the church, contact Associate Minister Ashley Popperson at [ashley@oldsouth.org](mailto:ashley@oldsouth.org).

Children are welcome in all aspects of worship. We also offer childcare from 8:20am-12:30pm every Sunday and Church School at 10am. For questions about our children's and family ministries, email [children@oldsouth.org](mailto:children@oldsouth.org).

For LARGE print bulletins or children's bulletins, please ask an Usher.

An accessible, single-stall restroom is available near Reception. More restrooms are available, ask at the reception desk.

### **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 & 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 [www.oldsouth.org](http://www.oldsouth.org) for more on the history and ministries of Old South. See [www.oldsouth.org/calendar](http://www.oldsouth.org/calendar) for a calendar of current events.

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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, *Associate Minister for Transformation*  
Kat Woodard, *Nancy S. Taylor Leadership 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, *Creative Director for Thursday Night Church*  
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* ❖ Yuexuan Joyce Wang, *Children's Choir Accompanist*

Amelia Gerrard, *Director of Administration* ❖ Rebecca Pasipanodya, *Director of Operations*  
Rémy Hatfield-Gardner, *Administrative Assistant* ❖ Kathleen Steen, *Staff Accountant*  
Emily Ross, *Archivist* ❖ Karen Hand, *Wedding Coordinator*

Jamie Garuti Sage, *Multimedia Director* ❖ Ava Welling, *Director of Audio*  
Rémy Hatfield-Gardner & William Wei, *Livestream Production Assistants* ❖ Quinn Grant, *Communications Intern*

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* ❖ Donna Matson, *Treasurer*  
Debby Kuenstner, *Chair, Board of Trustees* ❖ Kate Silfen, *Historian*  
Rebecca Bowen & 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.



# June 22, 2025 HYMN INSERT

## For Everyone Born

Shirley Erena Murray

Brian Mann

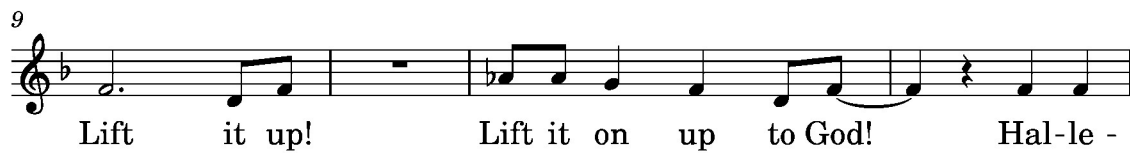
For ev - ery-oneborn, a place at the ta - ble,  
For young and for old, a place at the ta - ble,  
For ev - ery-oneborn, a place at the ta - ble,  
for ev - ery-oneborn, clean wa - ter - and - bread,  
a voice to beheard, a part in the song,  
to live with-out fear, and sim - ply to be,  
a shel-ter, a space, a safe place for grow-ing, for ev - eryoneborn, a  
the hands of a child, in hands that are wrin-kled, for young and for old the  
to work, to speak out, to wit - ness and wor-ship, for ev - ery-oneborn, the

REFRAIN

star over head. And God will de-light when we are cre - a-tors of jus-tice and  
right to be - long.  
right to be free.  
joy, com- pas-sion and peace; yes, God will de-light when we are cre -  
-a-tors of jus-tice, jus-tice and joy!

# Lift It On Up

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# There's Honey in the Rock

Spiritual; chorus by Alice Wine

## Chorus

There's hon-ey in the rock for all God's chil-dren, hon-ey in the rock,

hon-ey in the rock. There's hon-ey in the rock for all God's chil-dren,

## Verse

feed ev-erychi-ld of God. *FINE* We can have just - ice if we care,  
Heart to heart to and hand to hand,  
One of these mor-nings bright and fair,  
One of these nights a - bout twelve o - clock,  
When I'm hap - py I shout and scream,  
If the chains hold us down gotta break the lock,

Feed everychi-ld of God. Right is right and fair is fair,  
Together we'll push to the Prom - ised land,  
Gonna take my flight through the middle the of the air,  
This whole world's gon - na reel and rock,  
Then the heav - en - ly spir - it reigns,  
Then we'll taste sweet honey in the rock,

Feed ev - ery chi - ld of God. *D.S.*

*Sing chorus after every 2 verses  
and end song with chorus*

## TODAY'S PREACHER



The Rev. Matthew R. Rasure, Ph.D., is the Director of Development for the Allston Brighton Food Pantry, a strategic mission of the Brighton-Allston Congregational Church. Matt is a community advocate, scholar, and fundraiser who is passionate about the intersection of faith and community empowerment. Prior to joining the Allston Brighton Food Pantry staff, he served as the Senior Minister of the First Baptist Church of Medford. Matt will be preaching at First and Festival Worship, and hosting coffee hour between the services in Mary Norton Hall at 10:00 am on the 22nd, where he'll share more about the Allston-Brighton Food Pantry, and the Trans BIPOC Residency at the Brighton-Allston Congregational Church.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **GUEST PREACHER AND SPEAKER: THE REV. MATT R. RASURE**

*Sunday, June 22, at First and Festival Worship and 10am Coffee Hour*

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## **MISSIONARY VISIT TO OLD SOUTH**

*Sunday, June 29, 10am, in the Gordon Chapel*



Dr. Nathanael Wiles is a physician in Kenya, Africa. Born in Cleveland, Ohio, he is preparing for his second mission to Tenwek Hospital in Bomet, Africa. He was diagnosed with an aggressive brain tumor during medical school but by God's grace, he was able to overcome this seemingly insurmountable challenge. Come, hear him talk about the African people he serves and how he continues to respond to

God's calling. He will share slides and details of his ministry. Those interested in getting to know Nathanael in a more intimate setting are cordially invited to a dinner at the home of Esther and Fredrick Seguin here in the Back Bay on Saturday, June 28, at 6pm. Please sign up for the dinner by emailing Esther Seguin at [ejohannaseguin@gmail.com](mailto:ejohannaseguin@gmail.com), seating is limited to 10 people

## **MEMBERSHIP SUNDAY LUNCH**

*June 29, 12:30pm, RSVP to Ashley Popperson at [ashley@oldsouth.org](mailto:ashley@oldsouth.org) by June 26th, noting any dietary needs or restrictions.*

Calling all new Old Southerners! Calling all Long Term Members! If you joined the church in the last few years or if you've been a member of the church for over 20 years, this lunch is for you! Join us for lunch to celebrate membership at Old South!

## **RETIRED AND READY AT THE AFRICAN MEETING HOUSE**

*Purchase your ticket at [www.maah.org/boston-location](http://www.maah.org/boston-location) for Tuesday, July 8 at 10am and join our group at 46 Joy Street.*

*Email Charlotte at [char.r.simpson@gmail.com](mailto:char.r.simpson@gmail.com) to let her know if you want to participate*

Want to learn the history that was missing from your history books? Join a guided tour of the Abiel Smith School, the oldest public school in the United States that was built for the sole purpose of educating African American children. We will also tour the African Meeting House, the oldest existing black church building in our country. A special exhibit “Black Voices of the Revolution” is also on display. Following our tour we plan to dine at Flour Bakery and Cafe, 209 Cambridge Street.

## **JAZZY JUNE AT OLD SOUTH CHURCH**

Get ready for a Jazzy June during Festival Worship! It will be a feast of swinging, soulful music, brought to you through the combined efforts of the Willie Sordillo Ensemble, Summer Choir, and Gospel Choir. This musical series will be an uplifting way to bid farewell to the Sanctuary before we decamp to the Chapel for July and August. In particular, we're thrilled to bring elements of Old South's groundbreaking Jazz Worship to our Festival service during these weeks. Come prepared to sing some of your favorite tunes, and revel in the artistic chemistry of Willie, Zoë, and the band.

## **SUMMER CHOIR**

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

The Old South Summer Choir is a welcoming and encouraging community of those who love to sing. This ensemble is an integral part of Festival Worship from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day, gathering at 10am to prepare for the 11am service. Summer Choir is a great opportunity to check out our music ministry, share your love of singing, grow your musical abilities, or try something new. No experience or preparation is necessary. Feel free to join us as your Sunday schedule allows!

## **GREEN TIPS: AVOIDING MICROPLASTICS - Choose Tap Water**

Microplastics are everywhere in our environment. These tiny and sometimes microscopic particles of plastic are present in our air, water, soil, and food; in lakes, rivers, and oceans; even at the top of Mount Everest. Microplastics are also in our bodies. A recent study found that consumers who drank bottled water instead of tap water ingested substantially more microplastics every year so avoid drinking beverages in plastic bottles when possible.

## CHRISTIAN SERVICE AND OUTREACH

### THE WEEKLY PUSHBACK—The Allston-Brighton Food Pantry

*Have other Weekly Pushback ideas? Email [outreach@oldsouth.org](mailto:outreach@oldsouth.org).*

Bad news comes fast and furious these days—for trans folks, for immigrants, for the disabled. But all across the country, people of goodwill are pushing back. Every week, Old South's Christian Service and Outreach Committee will be giving \$1,000 to an organization or individual who is serving the gospel in a world of bad news. With federal cuts to SNAP and food pantry supplies, demand is outstripping supply across the country. Old South is donating \$1,000 this week to support our partners at Allston-Brighton UCC and their food pantry ministry. To join their volunteer list, email [foodpantry@brightonallstonucc.org](mailto:foodpantry@brightonallstonucc.org)

### CHRISTIAN SERVICE AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE SEEKS GRANTEES

*Email [outreach@oldsouth.org](mailto:outreach@oldsouth.org) to provide your suggestions by June 30*

The Christian Service & Outreach Committee (CSOC) continues Old South's history of service by supporting the work of local non-profits through grant giving and connecting our grantees with the human capital our congregation has to offer. Each year, CSOC reviews local non-profit organizations and invites several to apply for consideration for a grant or awards. We are soliciting recommendations from the congregation for organizations to consider for 2025. We are particularly interested in learning about Boston-based non-profits that serve the local Boston community and offer hands-on volunteer opportunities.

### MONDAY SMALL GROUP STARTING NEW BOOK

*Mondays, 7pm, Gordon Library, for more info contact [Jenniferhkeen@gmail.com](mailto:Jenniferhkeen@gmail.com)*

Do you have interest and time, for a pre summer June read?? We're starting a new read for the Monday night Small Group: *The Book of Hope, A survival Guide for Trying Times*, by Jane Goodall. We'll look at Goodall's take on a world that seems so troubled, how do we hold on to hope? Jane Goodall, the world's most famous living naturalist, and Douglas Abrams, the internationally bestselling co-author of *The Book of Joy*, explore through intimate and thought-provoking dialogue one of the most sought after and least understood elements of human nature: hope. In *The Book of Hope*, Jane focuses on her "Four Reasons for Hope": The Amazing Human Intellect, The Resilience of Nature, The Power of Young People, and The Indomitable Human Spirit.

## VESPERS HEALING WORSHIP:

Next service Sunday, July 13, 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.

## THURSDAY NIGHT CHURCH AND SUPPER CLUB

Thursdays, 6pm Worship, 7pm Supper

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. 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.

## FIFTH THURSDAYS: A TNC OPEN MIC NIGHT

Thursday, July 31, 7pm, Gordon Chapel

After Thursday Night Church, join us for our TNC Open Mic Night. All are welcome to gather after worship for supper club and an informal sharing of poetry, music, story, and art hosted by our Creative Director, Audrey Woodhams. Email [audrey@oldsouth.org](mailto:audrey@oldsouth.org) to sign up, or just show up and there's a spot for you!

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### 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**, Second Sundays at 5:00 p.m. via Zoom

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If you're new to Old South, scan the QR code with your smartphone camera to tell us more about yourself.



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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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