



Phillis Wheatley

Sunday

May 10th
at 11:00 am

Old South Church in Boston

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

GATHER

PRELUDE

New World Coming
THE WILLIE SORDILLO ENSEMBLE

Mann and Weil

*CALL TO WORSHIP

John M. Edgerton

Imagination! Who can sing thy force?
Or who describe the swiftness of thy course?
**Soaring through air to find the bright abode,
the empyrean palace of the thundering God;**

We on thy pinions can surpass the wind,
and leave the rolling universe behind:
**from star to star the mental optics rove,
measure the skies, and range the realms above.**

There, in one view, we grasp the mighty whole—
or with new worlds amaze the unbounded soul.

Adapted from "Imagination," Phillis Wheatley Peters

*HYMN 2

Glory, Glory Hallelujah

GLORY, GLORY

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

ANTHEM

Go and Tell the World About Jesus
OLD SOUTH CHILDREN'S CHOIR
Jamie Chelel, *director* • Joyce Wang, *piano*

Lynn Shaw Bailey

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Jesus is the light of the world — go and tell!
God's great love for ever unfurled — go and tell!
Go and tell the world about Jesus,
go and tell the world of his love.

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine;
shine so the world can see the light of Jesus living in me!

Jesus came for you and for me — go and tell!
Shine his light so others can see — go and tell!
Go and tell the world about Jesus,
go and tell the world of his love.

WELCOME

LISTEN

SCRIPTURE

John 14:15-21

David Story

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Kate M. Nintcheu

*HYMN 30

Colorful Creator

HOUGHTON

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

READING

Letter to The Right Honorable Earl of Dartmouth
Phillis Wheatley Peters, October 10, 1772

SERMON

Hope in Unsettling Times

Justin Tyler Dickerson

*HYMN 293

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT

RESPOND

*CALL TO PRAYER

Ashley J. Popperson

God be with you.

And also with you.

May the peace of Christ dwell in your hearts.

Christ is our peace, our light, and 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.

ANTHEM

I've Just Come from the Fountain

André J. Thomas, arr.

*I've just come from the fountain,
I've just come from the fountain, Lord.
I've just come from the fountain, his name's so sweet!*

Sisters, you love Jesus? Yes, Lord, I do love my Jesus!

Sisters, you love Jesus? His name's so sweet.

I've just come from the fountain...

Brothers, you love Jesus? Yes, Lord, I do love my Jesus!

Brothers, you love Jesus? His name's so sweet.

Been drinking, my Lord! I've been drinking from the fountain.
His name's so sweet!

I've just come from the fountain...

Backslider, do you know him?
Do you know that man from Galilee?
The Prince of Peace, the Rose of Sharon!
Mighty counselor! King Jesus!

Been drinking, my Lord! I've been drinking from the fountain.
His name's so sweet!

I've just come from the fountain...

His name's so sweet! Oh Lord, my Lord!

CALL TO THE OFFERING

Rachel J. Barton



*To give online,
Scan the QR code*

*If You're new to Old South,
scan the QR code
to tell us more about yourself.*



OFFERTORY

Lord, Send Your Spirit
OLD SOUTH CHURCH GOSPEL CHOIR
Tim Harbold, *director*
Ida Kamrara, *soloist*

Raymond Wise

Lord, send your spirit, Lord, send your power,
Lord, send your glory, so that we can be used by thee.

Lord, send your spirit, Lord, send your power
so you can use me, Lord, until my hands look new.

Use me, Lord, until my feet do too.
Send your spirit, send your power, send your glory.
Fall on us so that we can be used by thee.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GODSPEED TO JUSTIN

The Ministers

*HYMN 282

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

AFRICAN-AMERICAN
SPIRITUAL

*BIDDING TO MISSION AND BENEDICTION

Justin Tyler Dickerson

POSTLUDE

I Remember, I Believe
THE WILLIE SORDILLO ENSEMBLE

Bernice Reagon



THE WILLIE SORDILLO ENSEMBLE
Zoë Krohne, *vocals*; Doug Rich, *bass*;
George Russell, Jr., *piano*; Willie Sordillo, *alto saxophone*

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

The flowers today are given by Betsy Roberts
in happy memory of her mother, Emmy Lou Stark,
and in memory and celebration of all mothers worldwide.

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

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.

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 and family ministries, email 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

Hearing assist devices are available from Ava Welling, our Director of Audio. Please see Ava for a device and instructions on how to use it. For more information or answers to questions, please contact Ava at ava@oldsouth.org.

GARAGE PARKING VALIDATIONS

We have arrangements for discounted parking with two nearby garages for Old South Church for Sunday worship services only. For more information check out www.oldsouth.org/your-first-visit or see the front desk.

LEARN MORE

Check out the church website www.oldsouth.org for more on the history and ministries of Old South. See 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, *Taylor Resident for Mission in the City* ❖ Justin Tyler Dickerson, *Seminarian*
Donald A. Wells, *Theologian in Residence* ❖ June R. Cooper, *Theologian in the City*
James Harrison Jr. & David F. Story, *Wedding Minister* ❖ Kenneth H. Orth, *Healing Worship Minister*
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Tim Harbold, *Director, Gospel Choir* ❖ Peter Coulombe, *Director, Old South Ringers*
Audrey Woodhams, *Creative Director for Thursday Night Church*
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Summer Marsh, *Director, Old South Preschool*
Jamie Chelel, *Children's Choir Director* ❖ Yuexuan Joyce Wang, *Children's Choir Accompanist*
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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 & guide.



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