



Old South Church

Copley Square, Boston

*A Congregation of the
United Church of Christ*

Gathered 1669

May 31, 2026

11:00 a.m.

Membership & Confirmation Sunday

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

GATHER

PRELUDE

NICAEA

Calvin Hampton, *arr.*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Kat E. Woodard

Behold, God is doing a new thing.

Now it springs up; do we not perceive it?

**God is making a way in the wilderness
and streams in the wasteland.**

In the lives of our students and the testimonies of our elders,
God is still speaking.

**In the passing stranger and the beloved friend,
God is still speaking.**

In the ministries of the church and the works of her people,
God is still speaking.

Behold, God is doing a new thing.

Now it springs up; do we not perceive it?

**Indicates all who are able may stand*

*HYMN 277

Holy, Holy, Holy

NICAEA

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

WELCOME

ANTHEM

Hush! Somebody’s Callin’ My Name

Brazeal Dennard, *arr.*

Hush! Somebody’s callin’ my name.

Oh my Lord, what shall I do?

I’m so glad that trouble don’t last always...

...Oh my Lord, what shall I do?

I’m so glad I got my ’ligion in time...

...Oh my Lord, what shall I do?

ATTEND

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 8

Laura Dunn

*HYMN 558

O How Glorious, Full of Wonder

IN BABILONE

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

SCRIPTURE

Acts 2:37-47

Ashley J. Popperson

SERMON

What Should We Do?

*HYMN 306

The Church of Christ, in Every Age

WAREHAM

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

RITE OF CONFIRMATION AND WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

CONFIRMANDS

Caroline Eliza Coe-Rohl Cole William Nelson
Garrett David Grant Christian Rhein Peetz-Larsen
Kyh Clayburn Longman-Keene

NEW MEMBER

Gail Snow Moraski

INTRODUCTION

Kate M. Nintcheu & Ashley J. Popperson

NEW MEMBER LITANY OF INTENT

Friends in Christ, we are all received into the church through the sacrament of baptism. These before us have been led by the Spirit to affirm their baptism and enter into covenantal relationship with Christ and the members of the Christian Church.

They are here, as we are here, to endeavor to love God with all our heart, all our soul, all our mind, and to love our neighbor as ourselves. God help us.

Friends, we rejoice in your pilgrimage of faith which has brought you to this time and place. Gail, we give thanks for every community of faith which has been your spiritual home, and we celebrate your presence in this household of faith. Do you promise, by the grace of God, to continue in your pilgrimage of faith, to be Christ's disciple, to resist oppression and evil, and to witness to the work and word of Jesus Christ as best you are able?

Gail: I promise, with the help of God.

Do you promise to walk with us in faithfulness and in Christian love? And do you promise that, so far as able, you will participate in the life of this church, by worshiping God with us, and offering your time, talent and means for the ministry of this church and for the larger church of which this is a part?

Gail: I promise, with the help of God.

Caroline, Garrett, Kyh, Cole, and Christian, you have grown up in our midst. Today we give God thanks for the adult you are becoming, and we celebrate your presence in this household of faith. Do you desire to affirm the Christian faith into which you were baptized?

Confirmands: I do.

Members and friends of Old South Church: Will you support these siblings in Christ, uphold them and encourage them in faith, and keep them in your prayers?

We will.

Beloved, we then welcome you as partners in the common life of this church. And we rise, in body or in spirit, to share our covenant of mission with you:

***All: We pledge to give ourselves to the one whom Jesus called “Abba, Father,” as the God in whose love we are grounded, and to Jesus Christ, God incarnate, who rules our lives. We give ourselves to God the Holy Spirit, the One who sustains, recreates and guides us. We promise to walk in covenant with one another, with the wider church, and with the Old South Church, secure in God’s grace, and prepared in gratitude to live by the promise and serve in the hope of the Gospel.**

PRAYER & LAYING ON OF HANDS FOR CONFIRMANDS John M. Edgerton

THE RIGHT HAND OF CHRISTIAN FRIENDSHIP Richard Ling, *deacon*
In the name of Jesus Christ and on behalf of the Old South Church, we extend to you the hand of Christian love, welcoming you into the company of this local church.

HONORING LONG TERM MEMBERS The Ministers

CALL TO THE OFFERING Kat E. Woodard



*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

Who Will Be a Witness?

Donald Moore, *arr.*

*Who will be a witness, O my Lord?
Who will be a witness, O my Lord?
Who’ll be there beside me? Who’ll be there to guide me?
Who’ll be a witness, O my Lord?*

I’m going to heaven, want to do it right;
I’m going to heaven, I’ll be dressed in white.
Who’ll be there to meet me? Who’ll be there to greet me?
Who will be a witness, O my Lord?

Don't want to stumble, don't want to fall:
I'm going to heaven when the roll is called.
Heaven bells are ringing, saints are all a-singing.
Who will be a witness, O my Lord?

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN 376 **God, We Thank You for Our People** HOLY MANNA

*BIDDING TO MISSION AND BENEDICTION Ashley J. Popperson

POSTLUDE *Allegro maestoso e vivace* Felix Mendelssohn
from the Sonata, Op. 56, No. 2



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

The Flowers today are given with congratulations
to the amazing teachers and students in the OSC Confirmation Class of 2026!

We are so proud of you and your work this year.

The entire church community wishes this class of students
the absolute best as you each begin your adult lives, both inside and outside the church!

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



Special thanks are due to our church leaders who provided small tokens of the work their committee or board undertakes to keep Old South Church running. These Baskets of Blessings will be given to our students following worship, but you can see the items included in each basket below. What a beautiful welcome into membership for these students! —Kate Nintcheu, *Dir Children & Families*

- **Board of Ministers and Deacons (book):** A deacon is a ‘servant’—someone who follows Jesus by serving others with humility and love. May these stories inspire you to live with that same spirit of service.

- **Board of Operations (mini tool-kit):** “Behold I set before you an open door.”
- **Board of Trustees (OSC Encyclopedia + 150th tote):** While our board cares for the church’s heritage assets, we are all stewards of these assets. May our gifts remind you that we come from a long line of stewards that preceded us and will succeed us. You are part of this history and now Old South’s history and building will always be part of yours too.
- **Christian Service & Outreach (gifting away card):** We’re entrusted to invest the church’s resources to do good in the world. Now we’re trusting you to use this card to donate to any non-profit organization you want that is doing good.
- **Church Council (conversation cards):** Congregational churches believe that we hear God speaking through one another. Use these cards for sacred conversations
- **Climate Crisis Task Force (“The Climate Book” by Greta Thunberg):** A gift to inform and inspire about one of the greatest challenges we all face.
- **Columbarium Committee:** We encourage you to remember your loved ones and honor those who went before us as a congregation. We hope you will plant the seeds of Forget-Me-Not flowers in this remembrance.
- **Congregational Care & Support (stationary):** Nurture yourself by expressing gratitude with handwritten notes to friends and family. When you express your gratitude outward, you are giving a gift to others. It’s contagious!
- **(G)RACE Speaks (Phillis Wheatley book):** A Phillis Wheatley biography so that you may remember to have a voice of your own, keep calm, and pray!
- **Historian (Really Useful Guide to Sr Min):** Some OSC history for you!
- **Leadership (Origami geese + lesson):** To remind you of the lessons about teamwork and leadership that we can learn from migratory geese.
- **Membership (gift card):** A bakery gift card to invite a friend to church and then share a treat after the service.
- **Music (sticker):** The hymn title Open a Doorway into God, written for our 350th anniversary, comes from Rev 3:8, which is carved into the church’s stone portico: “Behold, I have set before thee an open door.” May your soul be filled with wonder and joy at the beauty of a world filled with music.
- **Planned Giving (Rosemary plant +OSC greeting cards):** Rosemary plant to symbolize love and remembrance, and note cards as a reminder and tool for you to stay in touch.
- **Stewardship (Maya Angelou poem):** This poem explores fragility, strength, and trust; we invite you to consider your own generosity and the gifts you bring everyday.
- **Your Teachers (blank journal + sticker):** Use this to record your life’s journey, for important song lyrics or quotes, for drawing or doodles, or even for lists of goals or groceries. Let life teach you about yourself and what matters most.

MEMBERS JOINING THIS WEEK

Joined at First Worship

A lifelong Episcopalian and longtime resident of coastal Maryland and Delaware (Delmarva Peninsula), **Lynne Peverley** came to Boston a year ago to explore life in this wonderful city and to live close to son and his family. Being able to participate in her grandchildren's activities has been a complete joy. She has found herself drawn to OSC because of the First Worship service, the inclusivity and welcome given her. She's a bit shocked at her age to find that God isn't finished with her yet!

Joining at Festival Worship

Gail Snow Moraski moved from CT to the Boston area more than 40 years ago to join her twin sister and older sister who had already relocated here. Most of Gail's career has been in advertising, marketing, and PR (even though she was a French major undergrad) and she enjoys using those skills to help nonprofits create awareness of their services. Interests include: walking, volunteering, following Boston sports teams, and attending live music events. Gail started attending OSC virtually during spring 2020 when COVID hit and quickly realized that she had a spiritual home in OSC. Never had she felt so welcomed or part of a Church community as she has here at OSC.

LONGTIME MEMBERS OF OLD SOUTH CHURCH

*Members reaching 20 years of membership this year

Christie Allan-Piper	April 7, 1955	Karen Klockner	February 5, 1978
Saideh A. Dartley	March 3, 1961	Betsy Ragan	December 3, 1978
Barbara Wellnitz	March 23, 1967	Kenneth D. Campbell	February 4, 1979
Paul M. Dutton	June 6, 1971	Susan T. Campbell	February 4, 1979
James W. Crawford	June 2, 1974	Vicki A. Newman	October 7, 1979
Linda Crawford	June 2, 1974	Denise V. Oates	October 7, 1979
Lawrence R. Bowers	October 6, 1974	David A. Vogan, Jr.	October 7, 1979
Lois Corman	June 1, 1975	Lorry L. Spitzer	February 3, 1980
Robert Wulff	December 1, 1975	Diane Young-Spitzer	February 3, 1980
Anne L. Brown	November 28, 1976	James E. Monsma	February 7, 1982
Janet L. Nolan	February 6, 1977	Janice Monsma	February 7, 1982

Carol A. Blair	October 3, 1982	John Weingartner	February 3, 1991
Ronald E. Eisner	October 3, 1982	Laurie E. Stickels	February 3, 1991
John Stainton	December 5, 1982	Dawn M. Patterson	March 1, 1991
Sarah Monsma-Billings	June 5, 1983	Kenneth H. Orth	March 24, 1991
Pamela L. Roberts	February 5, 1984	Donald A. Wells	March 24, 1991
Wayne C. Davis	June 3, 1984	Janice Graves	June 2, 1991
Judith Pedersen	June 3, 1984	Janet B. Eldred	October 6, 1991
Katherine A. Davis	March 31, 1985	Roger A. Burke	December 8, 1991
Mary G. Hunter	March 31, 1985	Betty J. Smith	April 12, 1992
Barbara G. Jordan	March 31, 1985	Sonya Ann Abbott	December 1, 1992
Aaron D'Elia	October 1, 1985	Calvin R. Genzel	December 1, 1992
Scott D. McInturff	October 1, 1985	Ruth Ricker	February 7, 1993
Maryann MacDougall	March 23, 1986	James O'Donnell	April 4, 1993
Ann Merrifield	December 7, 1986	Judith Fisher	February 6, 1994
George Delianides, Jr.	December 7, 1986	Lisa G. Loveland	February 6, 1994
Peter Read	February 1, 1987	John T. Hodgkins	June 5, 1994
Suzanne Read	February 1, 1987	David M. Clark	October 2, 1994
Martha Coleman	April 12, 1987	Jennifer Gasser-Leid	October 2, 1994
Robert MacDougall	March 23, 1987	Deborah Davis	February 5, 1995
Margaret Bush	October 4, 1987	Mary C. Grant	September 25, 1995
Jeanne Miller	October 4, 1987	Elizabeth Pitcher	December 3, 1995
Annamarie Ross Shu	October 4, 1987	Russ Gregg	February 4, 1996
Kay Stamp	October 4, 1987	Marcia Gregg	February 4, 1996
Kaia Miller Goldstein	January 8, 1988	Frank J Wezniak	March 31, 1996
Pamela Amidon	February 7, 1988	William M Bulkeley	December 8, 1996
Jean Degnon	February 5, 1989	Debra L Bulkeley	December 8, 1996
Mary Z. Kohák	February 5, 1989	Charlotte Simpson	February 2, 1997
Margaret J. Mode	February 5, 1989	Dwight B Crane	March 23, 1997
Randolph W. Billings	March 19, 1989	Alliea E Grouppp	February 1, 1998
Becky Hemperly	February 4, 1990	Margaret Sablove	April 5, 1998
Mercedes L. Ridao	June 3, 1990	Phillip B. Stern	April 5, 1998
Amy L. Budka	October 31, 1990	Judith J Stackpole	June 7, 1998
Eleanor F. Hadley	December 2, 1990	Norma Norton Holmes	December 6, 1998
Ashton Goodfield	February 3, 1991	Darrell Curby Byers	February 6, 2000

John Alexander Briggs	April 16, 2000	Jennifer Glaser	October 23, 2005
Robin Briggs	April 16, 2000	Joanne Herman	October 23, 2005
Richard W. Yeo	April 16, 2000	Kimberly Nicoll	October 23, 2005
Peter Coulombe	December 3, 2000	Earl Anspach	December 11, 2005
Steve Matthew Lodi	December 3, 2000	Kurt Gaertner	December 11, 2005
Diane Nagel Palmer	April 8, 2001	George Paolucci	December 11, 2005
Beatrice L. Pitcher	April 8, 2001	*Erin Hull	February 12, 2006
Diane Gaucher	October 7, 2001	*Rick Norcross	February 12, 2006
Elizabeth Olson	October 7, 2001	*Kate Grant	February 26, 2006
Thomas H. Bulkeley	December 2, 2001	*Tom Grant	February 26, 2006
Nancy Mella Bulkeley	December 2, 2001	*Bob Kosturko	June 11, 2006
Thomas Boates, Jr.	February 3, 2002	*Candace Kosturko	June 11, 2006
Kate Leslie Silfen	February 3, 2002	*John Wadlington	June 11, 2006
Karen Hand	June 2, 2002	*Nancy Richardson	October 29, 2006
Mike Hand	June 2, 2002	*Diane Stokes	October 29, 2006
Elizabeth Rice-Smith	June 2, 2002	*Peter Stokes	October 29, 2006
Kevin Pitcock	October 5, 2003	*David Brode	December 10, 2006
William Adams	April 4, 2004	*Sean O'Donnell	December 10, 2006
David Becker	April 4, 2004		
Marilyn Jackson Adams	April 4, 2004		
Dan Oates	April 4, 2004		
Rock Ripple	April 4, 2004		
Isabella Bulkeley	May 16, 2004		
Meghan O'Brien	May 16, 2004		
William Sablove	May 16, 2004		
Megan Staley	October 3, 2004		
Sam Ou	February 6, 2005		
Tony Rich	February 6, 2005		
Nancy Taylor	February 6, 2005		
Vard Johnson	March 20, 2005		
Ruth Purtilo	March 20, 2005		
Daniel Bergstresser	October 23, 2005		
Elizabeth Blake	October 23, 2005		
Lucy Costa	October 23, 2005		

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*

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*

James W. Crawford, *Senior Minister Emeritus* ❖ Nancy S. Taylor, *Senior Minister Emeritus*

Mitchell Crawford, *Minister of Music*

Jonathan Reddix, *Collaborative Pianist* ❖ Jan Christoph Hadenfeldt, *Visiting Organist*

Tim Harbold, *Director, Gospel Choir* ❖ Peter Coulombe, *Director, Old South Ringers*

Audrey Woodhams, *Creative Director for Thursday Night Church*

Kate Nintcheu, *Director, Children & Family Ministries*

Summer Marsh, *Director, Old South Preschool*

Jamie Chelel, *Children's Choir Director* ❖ Yuexuan Joyce Wang, *Children's Choir Accompanist*

Rory Razon, *Youth Group Co-Leader*

Rebecca Pasipanodya, *Director of Operations*

Rémy Hatfield-Gardner, *Administrative Assistant* ❖ Kathleen Steen, *Staff Accountant*

Karen Hand, *Wedding Coordinator*

Jamie Garuti Sage, *Multimedia Director* ❖ Ava Welling, *Director of Audio*

Rémy Hatfield-Gardner & William Wei, *Livestream Production Assistants*

Elias Perez, *Senior Sexton* ❖ Tahmina Akter, Richard Serebour, & MD Rahman, *Sextons*

Corey Spence, *Weekday Receptionist* ❖ Shirley Bivins, Anna Pratt, Shelia Randolph, & Zach Zang *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 & guide.



OLD
SOUTH
CHURCH
in BOSTON

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFIRMATION AND MEMBERSHIP SUNDAY

Sunday, May 31

There's a sweet, sweet spirit in this place! Join us in a day of worship as we praise God for the gift of the church. We'll celebrate the rites of confirmation and accept new members into the joyful fellowship of Old South Church.

BUILDING BELONGING TOGETHER: LISTENING SESSIONS WITH ROESHANA MOORE-EVANS

June 2 and 3, on Zoom,

Go to tinyurl.com/OSCListeningSpring2026 to see dates and RSVP

Roeshana Moore-Evans, Old South's Ministry Consultant for Congregational Belonging, is hosting Zoom listening sessions with congregational members to hear reflections, experiences, and hopes related to belonging, connection, and community life at Old South. Whether you are a longtime member, newer to the church, or still finding your place, your voice and perspective are valued.

FINAL COMMUNITY HOUR FORUMS FOR THE PROGRAM YEAR |

Sundays 10am

BELONGING: GOD'S BIG OL' WIDE WELCOME | *May 31*

Join (G)Race Speaks leaders Tim Harbold and Rev. June Cooper to learn more about our congregation's BELONG project, and our new BELONG consultant Roeshana Moore-Evans. Throughout the coming year you'll be invited into conversations about belonging, and this gathering will be a wonderful place to ask questions and learn more!

THE GREAT OLD SOUTH BAKE OFF: MUFFIN EDITION | *June 7*

Sign up at tinyurl.com/OSCMuffinBakeOffSignUP

Join us in Mary Norton Hall on the second floor to celebrate the start of summer with a muffin cook off on Sunday, June 7th at 10am! Bring your submissions, a trophy will be awarded in the following categories: Overall, Gluten Free, Most Creative.

ALL SUBMISSIONS MUST BE NUT FREE! Questions? Email Ashley at ashley@oldsouth.org

PRIDE AT OLD SOUTH CHURCH

Saturday, June 6, 2026, 10:15am, Gordon Chapel

The UCC is marching! Out of the church and into the streets! We will gather together in the chapel at 10:15am. We will then gather at our designated formation area (TBD) to gather for the parade, which begins at 11am. The parade will finish at Beacon St and Park St, between the Public Garden and the Common where there will be a festival. RSVP at tinyurl.com/2026OSCPrideMarch to be notified of our designated formation area for the march.

HOSPITALITY TABLE

We will also host a Hospitality Station outside of Old South on Boylston street from 9am-1pm providing water, bubbles, snacks, & glitter tattoos. To volunteer go to tinyurl.com/2026PrideTable.

GET YOUR PRIDE MERCH NOW!

New pride merch just dropped! Get your shirt, tank, or sweatshirt today and let the world know that God loves trans people. Buy yours at www.bonfire.com/god-loves-trans-people-1/



YOUTH SUNDAY

Sunday, June 7, First and Festival Worship

Sunday, June 7th is both the last day of our regular program year and Youth Sunday, the day that our Youth Group leads us in worship! Come and join us as we experience worship services our teens have crafted. We will also celebrate and lift up this year's graduating High School Seniors. You don't want to miss it!

A TIP OF THE HAT TO REV. DAVID STORY

June 14th, 12:00 pm, Mary Norton Hall

As Rev. David Story retires from his role as Wedding Minister at Old South Church, please join us for a special Coffee Hour to celebrate him and his many years of faithful ministry among us.

SUMMER WORSHIP IN GORDON CHAPEL

Starting Sunday, June 14

Join us in the air conditioned splendor of the Gordon Chapel for all three worship services this summer.

OLD SOUTH MUSIC PRESENTS: DECLARATIONS

June 27, 2026, 7pm concert at Old South

Old South Music presents Ensemble Altera in a major new choral work by Piers Connor Kennedy. A reflection on the ideals of liberty and equality, placing Thomas Jefferson's words in dialog with those of Langston Hughes, Tracy K. Smith, and others.

SUMMER ART INSTALLATION

Jamaica Plain artist activists created an art installation that will be installed on the Dartmouth Street gates of the church this Sunday and remain throughout the summer. The sculptures honor the 123 individuals who have died in ICE detention since 2016, including Dorchester resident Emmanuel Damas. They also pay homage to the 6200 children who have been arrested since 2025, and the untold number of immigrants who have been flown to far-flung countries, far from the US and their native lands.

SUMMER CHOIR

Contact Mitchell Crawford at 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 am 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!

HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHT: A CHURCH IN EXILE

Read Church Historian Kate Silfen's full article at: oldsouth.org/historical-highlight-church-exile

The years between 1775 and 1779 likely represent the most challenging period in Old South's 356-year history. But this is also a time that symbolizes the congregation's resilience. Even after a period of exile, hardship, and uncertainty, the members came back together to rebuild the church community and see it thrive for centuries.

JUNE COOPER AND NANCY TAYLOR LEAD PILGRIMAGES TO ALABAMA

RSVP by June 15

Rev. June Cooper, Theologian in the City, and Rev Dr. Nancy Taylor, Senior Minister Emeritus, Old South Church, will lead two Pilgrimages to Montgomery and Selma, Alabama. The dates for the Pilgrimages are October 9-14 and October 15-20, 2026. The Pilgrimage, which is conducted at the epicenter of the Civil Rights Movement, offers a chance to build community, reflect on the past, address intergenerational racial trauma, and find ways to pursue healing & advance racial justice. Questions? Visit www.bostonfaithjustice.org.

CHRISTIAN SERVICE AND OUTREACH WEEKLY PUSHBACK

MUSLIM RELIGIOUS LIFE FUND AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY

For more info and to donate: tinyurl.com/BU-Muslim-Meal-Support

Have other weekly action ideas? Email outreach@oldsouth.org

This week, our Christian Service and Outreach Committee is highlighting the Muslim Religious Life Fund at Boston University, which works to provide nourishing meals for Muslim students experiencing food insecurity. While some students are able to access meals through BU Dining or university meal plans, those living off-campus or facing financial hardship often do not have reliable access to prepared meals to break their fasts during religious observances. These meals will help ensure that students are able to fully participate in the rhythms of their faith without added financial strain.

Boston University Marsh Chapel & Religious Life shared this opportunity with Old South as a way of fostering deeper interfaith partnership, and we are grateful to donate \$1,000 this week and shared support across our communities.

GREEN TIP: Use Fans

Instead of blasting your AC, try using a fan to help cool off rooms in your home. Whether it be a ceiling fan or a more traditional single-standing fan, using fans requires much less energy and is more environmentally friendly than AC.

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



To give via ApplePay,
GooglePay, or Credit Card,
scan the QR code.

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



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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