

SUNG RESPONSE

Open Door Welcome

Tim Harbold

The musical score is written on five staves in a 3/4 time signature with a key signature of one flat (Bb). 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-ample, all are wel-come in this place. All are blest with heav'n-ly grace." The melody is simple and repetitive, with a focus on the lyrics.

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WELCOME

ANTHEM

Draw the Circle Wide

Mark A. Miller

Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.
Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.
No one stands alone, we'll stand side by side.
Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.

Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still.
Let this be our song: no one stands alone.
Standing side by side,
draw the circle, draw the circle wide.

ATTEND

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Kate M. Nintcheu

SCRIPTURE

1 Samuel 8:4-20, selected verses

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

SERMON

John M. Edgerton

*HYMN

O Where Are Kings and Empires Now

ST. ANNE

1. O where are kings and em-pires now Of old that went and came?
2. We mark her good-ly bat-tle-ments, And her foun-da-tions strong;
3. For not like king-doms of the world, Thy ho-ly Church, O God:
4. Un-shak-en as e-ter-nal hills, Im-mov-a-ble she stands,

But, Lord, Thy Church is pray-ing yet, A thou-sand years the same.
We hear with-in the sol-ern voice Of her un-end-ing song.
Thou hearthquake shocks are threaten-ing her, And tempests are a-broad.
A moun-tain that shall fill the earth, A house not made by hands. A - MEN.

The musical score consists of four systems of music. Each system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment line in the bass clef. The key signature has one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are placed between the vocal and piano lines.

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.

PRAYER RESPONSE

Rain Down

The musical notation is written on two staves in a 3/4 time signature with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are: "Rain down; rain down; rain down your love on your peo - ple." on the first staff, and "Rain down; rain down; rain down your love, God of life." on the second staff.

CALL TO THE OFFERING

Ashley J. Popperson



*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

Wade in the Water

Dan Davison, *arr.*

*Wade in the water,
wade in the water, children.
Wade in the water,
God's a-gonna trouble the water.*

River Jordan is chilly and cold,
chills the body but not the soul.
If you get there before I do,
tell all my friends I'm coming, too!

The devil is a liar and a cheater, too.
You better watch out, 'cause he's coming for you!
Well, if I could I surely would
stand on the ground where Moses stood.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN 531

God Speak to Me That I May Speak

CANONBURY

*BIDDING TO MISSION AND BENEDICTION

John M. Edgerton

SUNG RESPONSE *see next page*

Go Now in Peace

POSTLUDE

Libertango

Astor Piazzolla



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

The Flowers today are given by Nancy Richardson
in loving memory of Elaine C. Huber.

Close-Up, a twenty minute tour of the Sanctuary,
begins following Worship. Please meet at the pulpit in the chapel.
Led by docent Brad Swing.

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 musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It begins with an introduction of four measures. The lyrics are written below the staff, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line after the final 'amen'.

Text: Don Besig and Nancy Price, 1988

Tune: Don Besig, 1988; adapt. Mitchell Crawford, 2022

UPCOMING SPECIAL SERVICES

GODSPEED KAT WOODARD

August 13 and 16, 2026 | Thursday Night Church and Sunday's First and Festival Worship

Join us as we wish godspeed and blessings to Kat Woodard who has served as our Taylor Fellow for Mission in the City.

MIDDLE PASSAGE SUNDAY

August 30, 2026 | First and Festival Worship

Gathered in 1669, Old South Church in Boston continues to research, name and account for a history which includes radical abolitionists and the first anti-slavery tract on this soil (1700), AND many early ministers and members who were enslavers. Since 2015 the church has held an annual Sunday of remembrance in which the names of African members from the 1600s, 1700s and early 1800s are read aloud and their lives remembered.

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., *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*

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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

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER

First Sundays, 10am, in Rev. Ashley's Office, next session July 5

Need some space to breathe? Time to rest in the spacious silence of God's presence? Please join us for Contemplative Prayer. Questions? Email ashley@oldsouth.org.

ONLINE SMALL GROUP

Date change to July 12 at 7:30pm, and every first Sunday of the month

Go to tinyurl.com/2025OSCOOnlineSmallGroup password 684963 to join

Gather with other online members and Rev. Ashley for a time of fellowship, communion, and deepening our relationships with one another. Please bring something to eat (bread, cracker, cookie) and something to drink (juice, water, coffee) as your communion elements.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMON CATHEDRAL LUNCH

Sunday July 12, 2026

This is a great opportunity to volunteer to help our local community. Join us for any part of the day. All are welcome, including families.

- Make Bag Lunches in OSC Mary Norton Kitchen 9:00 -10:30 AM
- Meet at Boston Common (near Park St. Station) to unload and hand out lunches to the Common Cathedral congregation and join for lunch 11:45-1:00 PM
- Attend outdoor Common Cathedral service 1:00-2:00

Please contact Mary Thurston at Mthurston3@outlook.com if you would like to participate in any of these activities.

TOUR OF BUILDING AREAS NEEDING RENOVATION

Sunday July 12 at 10am; and Sunday July 19 at 12pm

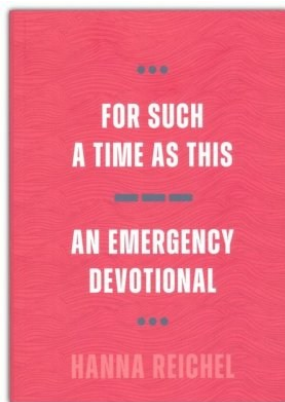
Questions? Email Rebecca Pasipanodya at rebecca@oldsouth.org

Meet in the elevator lobby and join Lois Corman, Chair of the Operations Committee, on a unique walkthrough of the building. She will take you to places you probably haven't seen before: the basement and the roof. Learn about the maintenance renovations we plan to tackle over the next 10 years. Bring binoculars if you wish and please wear flat shoes (no heels allowed on the roof.)

BUILDING BELONGING TOGETHER: LISTENING SESSIONS WITH ROESHANA MOORE-EVANS

July 7 and 9 on Zoom. Go to tinyurl.com/46uzb3bs to see times 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.



THEOLOGICAL BOOK GROUP SUMMER READ

We are delving into a different kind of book! "*For Such A Time As This; An Emergency Devotional*" (paperback) provides key insights on how not only to survive, but to actively flourish in these turbulent times. In brief meditations, biblical reflections and historical analysis, Dr. Hanna Reichel, Professor of Theology at Princeton Theological Seminary, guides us into a fullness of life as Christians, that both challenges and transcends authoritarianism of all kinds. For those who wish, there will be a one session zoom meeting in the fall to discuss the book. No need to join anything!! Questions? Contact Don Wells granwell@comcast.net.

NEWBURY STREET CLOSED ON SUNDAYS

10am—6pm, July 12, 19, and 26
and most Sundays through October 11,
Plan more time to find on street parking
or park at the Back Bay Garage
tinyurl.com/opennewbury2026 for
dates and more info



Whether you're shopping, dining out, or just going for a walk, pedestrian-only days on Newbury Street are a Boston summer staple. Newbury Street is a mile-long, eight block stretch of shops, salons, galleries & restaurants. This famous Boston street becomes a pedestrian-only walkway on certain Sundays in the summer. The street is closed to vehicles to allow the use of the full width of the street, from Berkeley Street to Massachusetts Avenue.

VESPERS HEALING WORSHIP - A Time for Discernment

Sunday, July 12, 5 pm, Zoom at tinyurl.com/HealingWorshipZoom

Please join Tony Rich and Rev. Rachel Barton for our next healing worship session. The first half of our time together will include our customary prayer and candle lighting, and in the second half, we will hold a discussion regarding the group's format and leadership in the season to come. Got Questions? Email Rev. Rachel (rachel@oldsouth.org).

NEW AROUND HERE?

Sunday, July 18, in Rev. Ashley's office, meet in Elevator Lobby at 10:05am

Join Pastor Ashley and church members for informal conversation and coffee. If you've been coming for one week, or a dozen, or just exploring online, join us to get to know more about the church and to make a friend or two! Questions? Email ashley@oldsouth.org.

QUEER BOOK GROUP

Do you enjoy reading? Are you interested in LGBTIA literature? If so, please consider joining Old South's Pride Book Club where we pick a book, read a book, and then get together via Zoom to discuss the book. We will pick one book a month and then meet the following month to discuss. This guarantees that everyone has time to finish their book in plenty of time. For July, we will be reading *The House in the Cerulean Sea* by T.J. Klune and gather on Zoom for discussion on August 4th. Email Mary Thurston at mthurston3@outlook.com for more info.



RAINBOW STORIES IN THE SANCTUARY



This summer we're sharing stories of our LGBTQIA+ community through an exhibition of tales, photos, poems, and history. Check out our first installation June 11 through 21, and possibly a second iteration in July. Does this inspire you to share a story of your own? Let us know, it's not too late to be a part of the tale. Kate Nintcheu is curating these items, provided by many of our Old Southerners. kate@oldsouth.org

CHRISTIAN SERVICE AND OUTREACH WEEKLY PUSHBACK

UPSTANDER PROJECT

For more info and to donate: upstanderproject.org/

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

Through the creation of documentary films, learning resources, and educator workshops, Upstander Project works to amplify stories that have been shaped by colonization and systemic injustice. Their work invites people to face difficult histories with honesty and care, and to commit themselves to the long, sustained work of repair. Though Upstander's educational work is rooted in the past, it seeks to equip communities for a more equitable and informed future. As we celebrate American Independence Day this week, Old South's Christian Service and Outreach Committee is grateful to support Upstander's work of helping tell fuller truths about our country's history with a \$1,000 Weekly Pushback grant.

GREEN TIP: Plastic Free July— International Plastic Bag Free Day

Learn more at www.plasticfreejuly.org/

July 3 is International Plastic Bag Free Day. Reusable shopping bags are a fantastic alternative to single-use plastic bags. It's a great idea to keep a stash of your reusable bags somewhere where you'll remember them; like in the trunk of your car or by your front door. You can also get into the habit of writing a reminder to yourself at the start of each grocery shopping list.

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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