



OLD
SOUTH
CHURCH
in BOSTON

April 22, 2018
**Fourth Sunday
of Easter**
11:00 am

Warning! To enter into the life of this people of God
is to encounter God's soul-challenging, life-changing, radicalizing love.
Will you join us? Do you dare?

GATHERING

PRELUDES

Adagio (from Symphony No. 7)

Anton Bruckner
arr. Jay Friedman

Scarborough Fair

arr. Bill Reichenbach

Canzona

Biagio Marini

Achieved Is the Glorious Work
(from "The Creation")

Franz Joseph Haydn

— Neptune Trombone Quartet

*HYMN 445

Lift Your Head, O Martyrs, Weeping

Magyar

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Nancy S. Taylor

One: I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation.

Many: I have not restrained my voice, I have not hidden Your saving help, O God.

One: I have told of Your faithfulness and salvation.

Many: Let Your faithfulness keep me safe forever, for evils have encompassed me.

One: May all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You

Many: May all who love You proclaim "Great is the Lord!"

*A SIGN OF OUR UNITY AND RECONCILIATION

We invite you to greet those around you,
Wishing them "peace" or "the peace of Christ."

WORDS OF WELCOME

RECEIVING

SCRIPTURE

2 Samuel 6:12-23

(children may leave for choir and care after the Scripture reading)

ANTHEM

Make Them Hear You

Stephen Flaherty

arr. Jeff Funk

Erika Rajković and Ann Fogler, soloists

Go out and tell our story, let it echo far and wide.

Make them hear you. Make them hear you.

How justice was our battle and how justice was denied.

Make them hear you. Make them hear you.

And say to those who blame us for the way we chose to fight

That sometimes there are battles which are more than black or white.

And I could not put down my voice when justice was my right.

Make them hear you.

* Indicates all who are able may stand

*Go out and tell our story to your daughters and your sons.
Make them hear you. Make them hear you.
And tell them, in our struggle we were not the only ones.
Make them hear you. Make them hear you.
Your voice can be your story or the power of the pen.
Teach every child to raise her voice and then, my sisters, then
Will justice be demanded by ten million brave women
Make them hear you. When they hear you, I'll be near you. Again.*

— Lynn Ahrens, lyrics adapted for this service

SERMON

John M. Edgerton

*HYMN 119

My Soul Gives Glory to My God

Morning Song

RESPONDING

*CALL TO PRAYER

Donald A. Wells

One: God be with you.

Many: And also with you.

One: May the peace of Christ dwell in your hearts.

Many: Christ is our peace, our light and our hope.

One: Let us pray. (The people may 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 Light of a Clear Blue Morning Dolly Parton
arr. Craig Hella Johnson

Adriana Repetto, soloist
with Old South Ringers

*It's been a long dark night, and I've been waiting for the morning.
It's been a long hard fight, but I see a brand-new day a-dawning.
I've been looking for the sunshine 'cause I ain't seen it in so long.
Everything's gonna work out fine.
Everything's gonna be alright, it's gonna be okay.
I can see the light of a clear blue morning.
I can see the light of a brand-new day.
I can see the light of a clear blue morning.
Everything's gonna be alright, it's gonna be okay.*

CALL TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Immortal, Invisible, Arr. Arnold B. Sherman
God Only Wise

Old South Ringers – Peter Coulombe, director

PRAYER OF DEDICATION Nancy S. Taylor

SENDING

*HYMN

Singing for Our Lives

Holly Near



We are a gen-tle, an-gry peo - ple, and we are sing-ing, sing-ing for our lives. ____



We are a gen-tle, an-gry peo - ple, and we are sing-ing, sing-ing for our lives.

We are a strong and healing people...

We are a "no-more!" shouting people...

We are a justice-seeking people...

We are a gentle, angry people...

*BIDDING TO MISSION AND BENEDICTION

John M. Edgerton

POSTLUDE

Suite for Four Trombones

Gordon Jacob

I. Intrada

III. Alla Marcia

V. Finale Alla Fuga

— Neptune Trombone Quartet

Yu-Ming Chen

Yu-Yang Wei

Kaili Lange

Amanda Frisch



Close-Up, a 20-minute tour of the Sanctuary,
begins following worship at the front of the Sanctuary.
Led by docent Chuck Gerlinger.

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 outfit itself for mission and ministry in the 21st century as a thriving urban church in the heart of Boston. Join us immediately following worship for fellowship and refreshments in the Gordon Chapel.

The flowers today are given by Martha and John Coleman, in loving memory of their parents Helena & Francis Coleman and Barbara & George Niden.

If you need to stretch your legs during worship the Gordon Chapel has full audio of the Sanctuary service throughout.

Name tags facilitate community and help newcomers feel welcomed. If you don't see a tag with your name on it, let us know. For LARGE print bulletins or hearing assistance devices ask an Usher.

HEARING ASSISTED DEVICES

Old South has installed a **Hearing Loop** in the Sanctuary, the latest technology in hearing assisted devices.

1. If you have a hearing aid: the loop works directly for those whose hearing aids have a "T-Coil."
2. If you are hard of hearing but don't use an aid: ask for one the devices that is paired with the loop.

Note: The sound will be best if you sit further inside the pews, away from the aisles. The loop does NOT work in the upper galleries.

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):

1. Park at the **Garage@100 Clarendon** (behind Back Bay Station), have your ticket validated at our Front Desk, and **you** pay the discounted rate of \$7 for up to 3 hours. Old South bears no cost.
2. Park at the **Prudential Garage** for up to 5 hours on Saturday or Sunday, have your ticket validated at our Front Desk, and the Prudential Garage will bill **Old South** (costing us \$15k - \$20k per year).

CALENDAR

Sunday, April 22	8:30 am	Children's Choir Rehearsal
	9:00 am	FIRST Worship, Children's Sabbath
	9:45 am	Old South Café in Gordon Chapel
	10:00 am	HEALING Worship
	10:00 am	Community Hour, <i>Jazz Spirituality with Willie Sordillo</i>
	10:00 am	Church School and Childcare
	10:00 am	Youth Group
	10:00 am	Festival Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am	Lectionary Bible Study
	11:00 am	FESTIVAL Worship, <i>John M. Edgerton preaching</i>
	11:15 am	Children's Music
	12:15 pm	Fellowship Hour in Gordon Chapel
	12:30 pm	#MeToo Forum
Monday, April 23	4:30 pm	Leadership Committee
	6:00 pm	Theological Book Group
	7:30 pm	Spiritual Classics
Tuesday, April 24	5:30 pm	Handbells Rehearsal
	6:00 pm	Congregational Care and Support Committee
	7:00 pm	Deacons
Wednesday, April 25	12:00 pm	Men's Lunch Hour Small Group
	6:15 pm	Young Adult Book Group, <i>'The Meaning of Jesus'</i>
	6:30 pm	Young Adult Group, <i>'Strengthening Our Marriages'</i>
Thursday, April 26	12:00 pm	Women's Lunch Hour Small Group
	6:00 pm	JAZZ Worship, <i>Rebecca Bowler preaching</i>
	6:30 pm	Festival Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 pm	Young Adult Book Group, <i>'Mere Christianity'</i>
	7:00 pm	Young Women's Small Group, <i>'Learning to Walk in the Dark'</i>
	7:00 pm	'Through the Bible' Study, <i>The Book of Judges</i>

OLD SOUTH CHURCH IN BOSTON MINISTERS, OFFICERS AND STAFF

Nancy S. Taylor, Senior Minister
John M. Edgerton, Associate Minister ❖ Anthony T. Livolsi, Associate Minister
James W. Crawford, Senior Minister Emeritus
Kate Nintcheu, Director, Children and Family Ministries
Donald A. Wells, Theologian in Residence ❖ June R. Cooper, Theologian in the City
Calvin Genzel, Wedding Outreach Minister ❖ Ken Orth, Healing Worship Minister
Carrie Swayne-Gerrish, Youth Leader ❖ Rebecca Bowler, Seminarian Intern
Carolyn Davis, Director, Old South Preschool ❖ Emma Brewer-Wallin, Ministry Intern
George Sargeant, Associate Organist and Choirmaster
Willie Sordillo, Jazz Worship Music Director
Peter Coulombe, Director, Old South Ringers ❖ Amy Budka, Children's Music Leader
Tim Harbold, Director, Gospel & Festival Choirs
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Allison Albaugh, Wedding Coordinator
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Corey Spence, Rubia Reyes, and Lena Rojas Receptionists

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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.

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COMMUNITY LIFE

GREENING OLD SOUTH: BRING YOUR OWN MUG

With environmental crises worsening every day, Old Southerners are putting their heads together to come up with ways that we can be a greener community. We're starting with easy steps that everyone can take, and encouraging folks to bring reusable travel mugs to Community Hour and Fellowship Hour to reduce waste. To get more involved in making Old South more environmentally friendly, email Emma Brewer-Wallin at ebrewerw@gmail.com.

CONGRATS TO OSC RUNNERS!

We are SO proud of Old South members Phil Stern and Harrison Reeder, who not only braved the rain, wind and frigid cold of this past Monday, but managed to run 26.2 miles in it! And a big thanks to the Old Southerners who supported them in finishing the Boston Marathon, pointing them towards church. If you ran and we didn't know it, please tell us!

CHURCH WORK DAY

Saturday, April 28th, 10am-2pm

We're looking for a crew to join in a "fix-up, spruce-up" work day around our beloved building. No particular skills necessary, just a willing spirit. Email helen@oldsouth.org or david@oldsouth.org if you can attend. Light refreshments will be served.

MONTHLY CAREGIVING SUPPORT GROUP

Are you providing care for others -- for parents, partners, children, neighbors, friends? Old South's monthly Caregiver Support Group, led by social worker and Old South member Rich Hassinger, is a structured space in which you can reflect, process, and be encouraged in your ministry of compassion. The group meets the second Tuesday of every month at 11am. For more information, contact anthony@oldsouth.org.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Sunday, May 6th at 11am

YOUTH AND CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

Join us at Festival Worship on May 6th as we celebrate Youth Sunday and welcome students of our Confirmation Class into membership at Old South Church in Boston! We will be led in worship by members of our Youth Group, Rev. Anthony Livolsi, and the Festival Choir. Come and be inspired!

SUNDAYS

CHILDCARE: Infants through grade 2 are welcome in our childcare ministries beginning at 8:40 am. Care is available uninterrupted all morning through Festival Worship.

CHURCH SCHOOL: Our Montessori-style Godly Play program invites children age 3 through 4th grade to see themselves as active participants in the story of faith. 5th-6th graders dive into Bible study as we *meet the ancestors* of the Old Testament.

YOUTH GROUP: Students in grades 7-12 explore issues of life and faith on Sundays.

SERVICE + FAITH INTO ACTION

PRAYER VIGIL AT THE ICE DETENTION CENTER

Sunday, April 29, 2pm at 20 Bradston Street, Boston

Join Massachusetts Communities Action Network (MCAN) as we come together as a visible symbol to our siblings in detention to show them that they are not forgotten. For more information, email marie.f.hurd@gmail.com.

HUMOR FOR HUMANITY WITH JIMMY TINGLE

Sunday, April 29, 3pm, Old South Church

Join us for an afternoon of laughter as comedian Jimmy Tingle performs his Humor for Humanity to benefit the Ignation Spirituality Project, which provides spiritual retreats to people who are homeless and in recovery. You can purchase tickets at tinyurl.com/JimmyTingle

ADULT EDUCATION

#METOO FORUM

Building a Supportive Faith Community in the Time of the #MeToo Movement

Sunday, April 22 at 12:30pm

Please join us for an opportunity to learn and share together about sexual violence and how to take action to prevent it. Trained educators and Old Southers Lauren Montanaro, Ross Steinborn, and Kaitie Chakoian-Lifvergren will facilitate. If you are unable to attend but would like to participate in future programming on this, please contact Lucy Costa at lucygarnetcosta@gmail.com. For confidential help, call the Boston Area Rape Crisis Center's 24/7 hotline at 800-841-8371.

SUNDAYS *at 10:00 am between First and Festival Worship*

LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY

Engage the preached scripture text for the week in depth and detail and enjoy lively discussion facilitated by our Boston University School of Theology Seminarian Rebecca Bowler.

COMMUNITY HOUR

Jazz and Spirituality: An Improvisational Conversation

April 22, 29 and May 6 at 10am

What do Christian faith and jazz improvisation have in common? What makes a piece of music "spiritual?" Does approaching worship with a jazz sensibility change more than the mood? We will explore these and other questions as we listen to and talk about great jazz recordings by master musicians. Led by Jazz Worship Music Director Willie Sordillo.

WEEKDAYS

'FUN-AND-NOT-SCARY, AT-A-SNAIL'S-PACE READ THROUGH OF THE WHOLE BIBLE' STUDY: *Thursdays at 7pm*. Journey through the Book of Judges with us. Reading the Bible chapter by chapter, book by book opens us up to new allusions, parallels, and rich insights. To join in, email Rev. Anthony Livolsi at anthony@oldsouth.org.

JESUS AND JUDAISM: THE CONNECTION MATTERS

A lecture by Amy-Jill Levine. This event is free and open to the public.

Sunday, April 22, 1pm at Trinity Church in Boston

Amy-Jill Levine is professor of New Testament Studies at Vanderbilt University Divinity School. Her publications include *The Misunderstood Jew: The Church and the Scandal of the Jewish Jesus*, the edited collection, *The Historical Jesus in Context*, and the fourteen-volume *Feminist Companions to the New Testament and Early Christian Writings*. A self-described "Yankee Jewish feminist who teaches in a predominantly Protestant divinity school in the buckle of the Bible Belt," Levine "combines historical-critical rigor, literary-critical sensitivity, and a frequent dash of humor with a commitment to eliminating antisemitic, sexist, and homophobic theologies. She is a member of an Orthodox Jewish synagogue.

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 in the Sanctuary, for any length of time.

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