

April 29, 2018
**Fifth Sunday
of Easter**
11:00am

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?

WE GATHER

PRELUDES	Aria	Charles Callahan
	Air	Gerre Hancock
*HYMN 11	Bring Many Names	<i>Westchase</i>

** Indicates all who are able may stand*

*CALL TO PRAYER (by Maya Angelou)

Deb Washington

One: Father, Mother, God, thank you for your presence during the hard and mean days...

All: for then we have you to lean upon.

One: Thank you for your presence during the bright and sunny days,

All: for then we can share that which we have with those who have less.

One: And thank you for your presence during the holy days,

All: for then we are able to celebrate you and our families and our friends.

One: For those who have no voice,

All: we ask you to speak.

One: For those who feel unworthy,

All: we ask you to pour your love out in waterfalls of tenderness.

One: For those who live in pain,

All: we ask you to bathe them in the river of your healing.

One: For those who are lonely,

All: we ask you to keep them company.

One: For those who are depressed,

All: we ask you to shower upon them the light of hope.

One: Dear Creator, you, the borderless sea of substance,

All: we ask you to give to all the world that which we need most: peace. Amen.

*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

John M. Edgerton

WE LISTEN

ANTHEM

Still, Still with Thee
Agita Arista, flute

Fred Gramann

*Still, still with Thee, when purple morning breaketh,
When the bird waketh, and life's shadows flee;
Fairer than morning, lovelier than daylight,
Dawns the sweet consciousness, I am with Thee.*

*Alone with Thee, amid the mystic shadows,
The solemn hush of nature newly born;
Alone with Thee in breathless adoration,
In the calm dew and freshness of the morn.*

*Still, still with Thee! As to each newborn morning,
A fresh and solemn splendor still is given,
So does this blessed consciousness, awaking,
Breathe each day nearness unto Thee and Heaven.*

*So shall it be at last, in that bright morning,
When the soul waketh and life's shadows flee;
O in that hour, fairer than daylight dawning,
Shall rise the glorious thought, I am with Thee.*

—Harriet Beecher Stowe, 1853

SCRIPTURE

Luke 11: 1-13

*HYMN 290

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

Morecambe

TIME OF PRAYER AND SONG

Introduced by Nancy S. Taylor

Readers: Mercedes Ridao, Dorothy Messenger, Leclerc Jean Louis



O-ver my head I see trou-ble in the air. O-ver my head
I see trou-ble in the air. O-ver my head
I see trou-ble in the air. There must be a God some - where.

Over my head, I hear comfort in the air... there must be a God somewhere.

Over my head, I hear mercy in the air... there must be a God somewhere.

Over my head, I hear healing in the air... there must be a God somewhere.

Over my head, I see Jesus in the air... there must be a God somewhere.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

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.

HYMN 505 (seated)

Sweet Hour of Prayer

Sweet Hour

WE RESPOND

CALL TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM My Shepherd Will Supply My Need *Resignation*
Agita Arista, flute arr. Krishan Oberoi

*My Shepherd, you supply my need, most holy is your name;
in pastures green you make me feed, beside the living stream.
You bring my wand'ring spirit back when I forsake your ways;
and lead me, for your mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.*

*When I walk through the shades of death, your presence is my stay;
one word of your supporting breath drives all my fears away.
Your hand in sight of all my foes, does still my table spread;
my cup with blessings overflows, your oil anoints my head.*

*The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;
oh, may your house be my abode, and all my work be praise.
There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come;
no more a stranger, nor a guest, but like a child at home.*

— Isaac Watts, 1719 (alt.)

*DOXOLOGY *Lasst Uns Erfreuen*
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ the Word in flesh born low; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; One God, Triune, whom we adore.
Alleluia! alleluia! alleluia! alleluia! alleluia! Amen!**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN 1 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise *St. Denio*

*BIDDING TO MISSION AND BENEDICTION Nancy S. Taylor

POSTLUDE Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain James Biery

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 in loving memory of Ruth Ann Strong by the Palma Strong Fund.

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

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 29	9:00 am	FIRST Worship, <i>Nancy S. Taylor preaching</i>
	9:00 am	Children's Choir Rehearsal
	9:45 am	Old South Café in Gordon Chapel
	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>Nancy S. Taylor preaching</i>
	11:15 am	Children's Music
	12:15 pm	Fellowship Hour in Gordon Chapel
	12:30 pm	Confirmation Class
	12:30 pm	(G)race Speaks
	12:30 pm	Tell the Story Task Force
Monday, April 30	6:00 pm	Theological Book Group
	7:30 pm	Spiritual Classics
Tuesday, May 1	5:30 pm	Handbells Rehearsal
	6:30 pm	Stewardship Committee
Wednesday, May 2	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, May 3	12:00 pm	Women's Lunch Hour Small Group
	6:00 pm	JAZZ Worship, <i>Anthony Livolsi 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>
Friday, May 4	12:30 pm	Planned Giving Committee
	1:00 pm	Memorial Service for Bill Amidon

**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
Deb Washington, Moderator ❖ Rob Gabler, Clerk ❖ Bill Bulkeley, Treasurer
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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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPCOMING SPECIAL SERVICES

YOUTH AND CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

Sunday, May 6 at 11am

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

PHILLIS WHEATLEY SUNDAY

On May 13th, Old South Church will hold our annual celebration of the first published African American poetess, Poet Laurette of the American Revolution, who opened doors for persons of color and enslaved persons with pen and ink, with poetry and letters, with wit and fortitude.

10:30 am Procession to the Boston Women's Memorial on Comm Ave.

11:00 am The Boston Globe's Adrian Walker will receive the *Open Door* award

12:15 pm Procession to the Boston Women's Memorial on Comm Ave.

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

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

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.

ADULT EDUCATION

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

LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY

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

COMMUNITY HOUR

Jazz and Spirituality: An Improvisational Conversation

April 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’ll explore these 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.

COMMUNITY LIFE

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR BILL AMIDON

Friday, May 4 at Old South Church. Memorial service at 1pm, reception from 2-4pm.

Please join us as we remember the life of Old South member Bill Amidon, who died on March 17th. Bill is survived by his wife, Pam, and for many years was involved with Feed the Hungry in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico. The memorial service will be held in the Sanctuary, and the reception will be in the Guild Room.

PHOTOGRAPHERS NEEDED

Are you handy with a camera? Love capturing special moments on film? We need you! Whether photography is your hobby or your profession, we'd love for you to join our list of volunteer photographers. Then when we have a special service or event coming up, we'll ask if you're available to help out. If you'd like to be added to the list, please email Jamie Garuti at Jamie@oldsouth.org.

APRIL BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Sunday, April 22, 12:15pm

Calling all April birthdays and lovers of birthday cake! We are bringing back our monthly birthday celebrations, starting this Sunday! Join us for birthday cake in the Gordon Chapel on Sunday, April 29th during Fellowship Hour.

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.

ADDITIONAL UPCOMING EVENTS

DEBTORS ANONYMOUS ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Saturday, May 5th, 12:30pm-5:30pm at Old South Church

Debtors Anonymous will hold their Annual Spring Conference on May 5th at Old South Church. The event will feature speakers and worships to help attendees find a way of living that offers recovery from compulsive debting and hope for a healthier, happier, more prosperous life. Suggested donation is \$20 at the door; no one will be turned away.

BOSTON HANDBELL FESTIVAL

Tuesday, May 15th, 8pm at Old South Church

The Boston Handbell Festival brings together local community handbell ensembles - the Back Bay Ringers, Merrimack Valley Ringers, New England Ringers, and Old South Ringers – and an invited guest choir, for an evening of massed and solo ringing in Old South's sanctuary. The concert is free and open to the public.

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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