



## Old South Church

*Copley Square, Boston*

*A Congregation of the  
United Church of Christ*

*Gathered 1669*

June 30, 2024

# Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

11:00 a.m.

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

## GATHER

PRELUDE    Komm, Heiliger Geist, Herre Gott, BuxWV 199 Dietrich Buxtehude

\*HYMN 28                      For the Beauty of the Earth                      DIX

\*CALL TO WORSHIP                      Rachel J. Barton

The heavens are telling the glory of God,  
**And the firmament proclaims God's handiwork.**  
More precious than gold, even refined gold,  
**Sweeter than honey, even fresh honey:**  
God's law revives the soul.  
**The ways of the Lord make the heart rejoice!**  
The heavens are telling the glory of God,  
**Let us sing praise to the God of all creation!**

*\*Indicates all who are able may stand*

## \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

### SUNG RESPONSE

Tim Harbold, *composer*

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-am-ple, all are wel-come in this  
place. All are blest with heav'n-ly grace.

### WELCOME

ANTHEM

If I Can Stop One Heart from Breaking

Jean Berger

If I can stop one heart from breaking, I shall not live in vain;  
If I can ease one life the aching, or cool one pain,  
Or help one lonely person into happiness again, I shall not live in vain.

- Emily Dickinson

## ATTEND

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Kate M. Nintcheu

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 19: 1-10

Pam Roberts

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

SERMON

The Quotidian

Ashley J. Popperson

\*HYMN 476

**My Life Flows On in Endless Song**

ENDLESS SONG

## 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.**

## CALL TO THE OFFERING

Rachel J. Barton



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## OFFERTORY

Amazing Grace

Ed Lojeski

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
Was blind, but now I see.

‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares  
I have already come:  
‘Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,  
And grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years,  
Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we'd first begun.  
- John Newton

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*HYMN 474

Great is Your Faithfulness


FAITHFULNESS

\*BIDDING TO MISSION AND BENEDICTION

Ashley J. Popperson

## SUNG RESPONSE

*(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.

Text: Don Besig and Nancy Price, 1988

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

POSTLUDE

Komm, Gott Schpfer, Heiliger Geist, BWV 667

J.S. Bach



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

The flowers today are given by Candice Belanoff,  
in memory of all of her glorious  
queer, ancestors.

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



## SUMMER AT OLD SOUTH

### **July 7-September 1 | Summer Worship**

Worship at 9am and 11am. In order to escape the heat, both services will be in the air-conditioned chapel.

### **August 25 | Middle Passage Sunday**

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, who benefited from the forced enslavement and unpaid work of countless persons of African descent. We will honor the lives of our African members from the 1600s, 1700s, & early 1800s on Middle Passage Sunday.

# WELCOME TO OLD SOUTH CHURCH

For LARGE print bulletins or children's bulletins, please ask an Usher.

Restrooms are available. Just ask!

An accessible, single-use restroom is available near Reception.

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 21<sup>st</sup> century as a thriving church in the heart of Boston.

If you are interested in deepening your participation, or if you just love Old South, it's time to think about **membership**. For more information, contact Associate Minister Ashley Popperson at [ashley@oldsouth.org](mailto:ashley@oldsouth.org)

## HEARING ASSISTANCE

Our hearing loop works directly with devices equipped with a "T-Coil." The sound is best if you sit further inside the pews, away from the aisles. The loop does not work in the upper galleries. If you would like to borrow a device paired with our system, please ask an usher.

## 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). For more information check out [www.oldsouth.org/your-first-visit](http://www.oldsouth.org/your-first-visit) or see the front desk.

## LEARN MORE

Check out the church website at [www.oldsouth.org/calendar](http://www.oldsouth.org/calendar) for a calendar of events, and the general website [www.oldsouth.org](http://www.oldsouth.org) for more on the history and other information about this storied ship of faith!

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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, *Assistant Minister* & Nancy S. Taylor *Fellow*

Donald A. Wells, *Theologian in Residence* ❖ June R. Cooper, *Theologian in the City*  
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*  
George Sargeant, *Associate Organist* & *Choirmaster*  
Tim Harbold, *Director, Gospel Choir* ❖ Peter Coulombe, *Director, Old South Ringers*

Kate Nintcheu, *Director, Children & Family Ministries*  
Summer Marsh, *Director, Old South Preschool*  
Aislin Kate Anderson, *Children's Choir Director* ❖ Juniper Mai, *Children's Choir Accompanist*

Amelia Gerrard, *Church Administrator* ❖ Tim Claflin, *Director of Operations*  
Rémy Hatfield-Gardner, *Administrative Assistant* ❖ Kathleen Steen, *Staff Accountant*  
Emily Ross, *Archivist* ❖ Karen Hand, *Wedding Coordinator*

Jamie Garuti Sage, *Multimedia Director*  
Rémy Hatfield-Gardner & William Wei, *Livestream Production Assistants* ❖ Ava Welling, *Sound Technician*

Elias Perez, *Senior Sexton* ❖ Ozo Nwodo, Richard Serebour, & David Brode, *Sextons*  
Corey Spence, *Weekday Receptionist*  
Shirley Bivins, Shelia Randolph, & George Sargeant, *Evening & Weekend Receptionists*

Maren Batalden, *Moderator* ❖ Rob Gabler, *Clerk* ❖ Bill Bulkeley, *Treasurer*  
Debby Kuenstner, *Chair, Board of Trustees* ❖ Kate Silfen, *Historian*  
Christine Del Favero & Laurie Stickels, *Senior Deacons* ❖ Vicki Newman, *Pledge Secretary*

### 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

## ANNOUNCING OUR TWILIGHT WORSHIP CREATIVE DIRECTOR

We are thrilled to introduce Audrey Woodhams, our new Creative Director for Twilight Worship. Audrey brings many years of experience in music and worship leadership. Her songs have sold over a million and a half copies worldwide, and she has toured extensively in the US. In Zurich Switzerland, she founded international creative communities with artists from all over the world. Audrey brings a deep sense of leading worship through music as her ministry. We invite you to enjoy her musicianship at Twilight Worship on Thursdays beginning in August.



## YOGA & MEDITATION SESSION THIS SUNDAY

*Sunday, June 30 at 10am in Mary Norton Hall*

How are you? How is your physical body? Old South is a gentle space to nourish our spiritual body, but sometimes it's the physical body crying out or subtly seeking our attention. You, so beautifully knit together and fearfully wonderful, are invited to Yoga and Meditation, starting June 30 during the 10 o'clock hour in Mary Norton Hall. Journals and welcoming space provided, BYOM (...mat) or email [amyecoe@gmail.com](mailto:amyecoe@gmail.com) if you need one provided or have any questions.

## SUMMER CHOIR

Contact Mitchell Crawford at [mitchell@oldsouth.org](mailto:mitchell@oldsouth.org) for more information

Continuing through Labor Day, Festival Choir will suspend Thursday rehearsals, inviting all who wish to join us Sunday mornings at 10am to rehearse music for that day's 11am Festival Worship.

## SUMMER SUNDAYS FAMILY FUN | [OLDSOUTH.ORG/SUMMER](https://oldsouth.org/summer)



**June 30: Tie-Dye Extravaganza** on the 4th floor.

Anyone is welcome -- you can bring your own items to tie dye, or children might find a shirt that I already have that they could use. Age 12+ is welcome to attend alone, younger children

should be accompanied by an adult.

**July 7: Creative Coffee Hour:** Sidewalk Chalk, bubbles, and craft supplies available wherever coffee hour is served.

## OSC AT THE BALL GAME!

July 14, 2024, 1:35pm RSVP: <https://tinyurl.com/OSCBaseball>

Join us for a Summer Sunday Ball Game! Watch the Red Sox take on the Kansas City Royals with your favorite church buds. Tickets are \$50 for adults and free for kids. Got questions? Talk to Rachel ([rachel@oldsouth.org](mailto:rachel@oldsouth.org)).



**common cathedral**

**SUMMERTIME BOSTON WARM**

**TO MEET AT OLD SOUTH CHURCH**

*Fridays 8am-12 noon beginning June 7*

Continuing our long time partnership with *common cathedral*, we will host *Boston Warm* every Friday this summer in the Club Room. Our relationship with *common cathedral* spans many years as a regular beneficiary of our Christian Service and Outreach grants. Old South Church worked with a coalition of religious leaders to launch the "Boston Warm" daytime programs in late 2014, when the bridge to the Long Island Shelter was closed, abruptly halting access to the shelter and services. Boston Warm drop-in daytime program has been running for almost 10 years. Visit [commoncathedral.org/about](http://commoncathedral.org/about) to learn more!

## PILGRIMAGE TO SEARCH FOR TRUTH AND JUSTICE

*Montgomery and Selma, AL, October 14-17, Approx. cost \$800 (plus transportation & lodging).*

*Register at [tinyurl.com/2024SelmaPilgrimage](http://tinyurl.com/2024SelmaPilgrimage), for more info contact [junercooper@comcast.net](mailto:junercooper@comcast.net).*

Join Rev. June Cooper and Dr. Marrey Embers on a transformational experience to understand the Civil Rights Movement and ourselves. Pilgrimage highlights include: visits to the Equal Justice Initiative's sites including The Legacy Museum, the National Memorial for Peace and Justice, and the new Freedom Monument Sculpture Park; the Mothers of Gynecology Monument, and the More Up Campus; walking the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma; and daily reflection time with Pilgrimage facilitators.



## DONATE FLOWERS FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP

Go to [tinyurl.com/2024FlowersOSC](http://tinyurl.com/2024FlowersOSC) to sign up for a Sunday.

*August 11, September 8, and more available*

Would you like to give the flowers one Sunday - in memory or in honor of a special person or event? Donate \$100 with a message, and your dedication will be included in our Sunday bulletin. Use the link above to sign up and contact Amelia Gerrard at [amelia@oldsouth.org](mailto:amelia@oldsouth.org) with any questions.

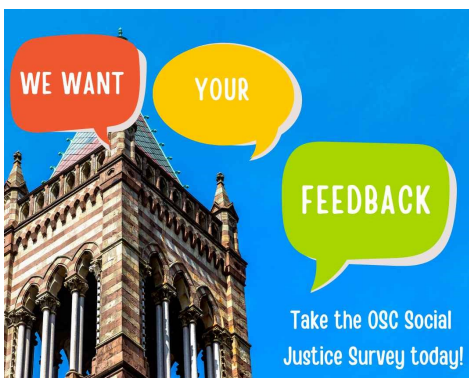
## WELCOMING NEW NEIGHBORS

The flow of immigrants to Massachusetts continues to strain the state Emergency Shelter system and people are sleeping at Logan Airport and being transported back and forth daily to Welcome/Day centers and supporting congregations. **The Old South New Neighbors Task Force is organizing to help.** There are two ways to support this effort:



**1) Donate blankets or roller suitcases:** We will be collecting blankets (new or gently used but clean, twin or double) for overnight use, and midsize roller suitcases in good condition to move personal items back and forth. A drop-off box will be available in the Narthex on Sundays and in the coat room next to the Gordon Chapel entry on weekdays. We also need assistance delivering donations to Quincy. If you can help or have questions, please contact Margaret Sablove [mfsablove@gmail.com](mailto:mfsablove@gmail.com).

**2) Starting July 27 we will be hosting families one Saturday a month.** There will be all day programming for adults and children that will include English lessons, cooking, play, crafts, excursions. This is an opportunity to be involved with neighbors from different cultures and make them feel welcome. If you'd like to join us, contact Carol Boggs [clboggs1@gmail.com](mailto:clboggs1@gmail.com).



## TAKE THE OLD SOUTH SOCIAL JUSTICE SURVEY

Go to <https://bit.ly/OldSouthSurvey>



The Christian Service & Outreach Committee is leading a rethink of how we pursue social justice as a congregation. Help us love and serve our city by sharing what you think and how you want to serve. The survey will take 5-10 minutes to complete.

## VOLUNTEER TO READ SCRIPTURE

Go to [tinyurl.com/Jun-AugReadersOSC](https://tinyurl.com/Jun-AugReadersOSC) to sign up

Reading the Bible in community is an essential Christian spiritual practice. Each week at Festival Worship a volunteer reads scripture before the sermon. People of all ages are encouraged to volunteer! Questions? Email [ashley@oldsouth.org](mailto:ashley@oldsouth.org).

## **VESPERS HEALING WORSHIP:**

*Next service Sunday, July 14, 5 p.m. on Zoom, [tinyurl.com/OSCHealing](https://tinyurl.com/OSCHealing) to join*

Please join us to take a moment for rest and renewal in the presence of God and other spiritual companions gathering by Zoom. All are welcome to share this quiet space and lift up our concerns, our losses, our hurts, and our celebrations in the Healing Presence of God and one another.

## **TWILIGHT WORSHIP CURRENT SERIES:**

### **STICK AROUND AND STAY: PARABLES, PSALMS AND PROPHETS**

*Thursdays, 6pm, in the Gordon Chapel*

Disciples most often got in on the gospel by sticking around and asking questions. Join us for a series digging into some of the more curious and confusing parts of the Bible.

## **JOIN OUR USHER TEAM**

Looking to meet more people at Old South? Wondering how you can contribute to our wide open door? Think about serving as an usher, welcomer, or coffee hour host. Joining the hospitality team is an easy way to get more involved at Old South. Everyone is welcome and training is provided. Email [hospitality@oldsouth.org](mailto:hospitality@oldsouth.org) for info.

## **WEEKLY WORSHIP**

**Join us in person, on Vimeo, Facebook, and YouTube**

**TWILIGHT Worship**, 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**, the second Sunday at 5:00 p.m. via Zoom



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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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