

June 17, 2017  
**Fourth Sunday  
after Pentecost**  
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?

## GATHER

PRELUDE *Prélude à 5 parties* Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens

\*HYMN 11 **Bring Many Names** WESTCHASE

\*CALL TO WORSHIP *adapted from Psalm 68* Nancy S. Taylor

One: Sing to God!  
**Many: Sing in praise of God's name!**  
One: Rejoice before the Holy One,  
**Many: Whose name is the LORD!**  
One: For the Lord is our God –  
**Many: A Father to the fatherless,**  
One: Guardian of the forsaken,  
**Many: The One in whom the lonely find a home.**  
One: Bless the LORD,  
**Many: The God who dwells with us in holiness.**

\* Indicates all who are able may stand

\*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

ANTHEM

*The Falconer*

Alfred V. Fedak

Rise, my song, and stretch your wings, delight and need to trace.  
Rise for those the gospel brings to seek a singing place.  
This will be our singing day, word and tune will both be true.  
Song, soar up, but not away— the falconer waits for you.

Rise, my song, and have no fear of soaring wide and high.  
Christ the falconer is near, wherever you may fly.  
See the human world below, showing scars and beauty too.  
In a closing circle go, the falconer waits for you.

Soar, my song, with wings wide fanned, delight and need to trace.  
Come to Christ's uplifted hand, and find a resting place.  
One day soaring song shall see everything made whole and new.  
Day of gladness, come to be! The falconer waits for you.

**THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

**Oliver Jonathan Hatfield**

Child of Cody and Brittany Hatfield

Godparents are Kellan and Courtney Lewis

INTRODUCTIONS AND PRESENTATION

Nancy S. Taylor

LITANY OF BAPTISM

One: We are gathered to present Oliver Jonathan Hatfield to the Church  
and to dedicate him to God. What can we affirm about him?

**Many: He is a child of God, made in God's image.**

One: As Oliver grows and matures, how will he know he is a child of  
God and how will he learn of the Christian story?

**Many:** We will tell him about Abraham and Sarah, the parents of our faith; about Moses and Miriam who led our ancestors out of bondage; about Mary and Joseph's openness to mystery; about the Savior, Jesus.

One: In turn, what will we expect of Oliver?

**Many:** We look forward to sitting with him at the Lord's Table, sharing with him the costs and joys of discipleship, learning and growing with him in the Christian pilgrimage, and declaring with one voice our faith in God and God's son, Jesus.

One: Do you, Cody and Brittany, parents, assume your primary responsibility for fulfilling these expectations by growing with Oliver in the Christian faith, helping him to become a faithful member of the church of Jesus Christ, and by offering him the nurture and support of the Christian church? And do you, Kellan and Courtney, Godparents, agree to guide Oliver into becoming an engaged and complete human being, teaching him about personal sacrifice for a greater good, about grace and reconciliation at times of human weakness, and the power of unconditional love for all people?

*Parents/Godparents: We happily and genuinely accept this serious duty.*

One: And Old South Church, do you pledge to maintain a nurturing and challenging Christian environment for Oliver?

**Many:** We do, for he belongs to us as well.

One: Then, may God be with us.

**Many:** God help us. Amen.

## THE PRAYER AND ACT OF BAPTISM

### CONGREGATIONAL WELCOME *unison*

Allen Gifford, Deacon

**We rejoice in God's empowering love, freely given to each and all. We welcome you, newly baptized, into the circle of love in Christ's church. We promise to pray for you, to seek the depths of faith with you, to support you, and to love you. We covenant with you to love God with all our hearts, minds, souls, and strength, and our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.**

HYMN 351 *seated* **I Was There To Hear Your Borning Cry** BORNING CRY

*Children may leave for childcare*

## LISTEN

SCRIPTURE Luke 15:11-31 Jan Monsma

SERMON Anthony T. Livolsi

\*HYMN 583 **Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us** AUSTIN

## RESPOND

\*CALL TO PRAYER John M. Edgerton

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. *You may be seated*

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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.**

CALL TO THE OFFERING

*In thanksgiving to God and giving witness to generous hearts,  
our financial gifts support ministries of mercy, justice, and beauty.*

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Come Ye Sinners*

David Ashley White

Come ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore;  
 Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love, and pow'r.

*Refrain:*

I will arise and go to Jesus, He will embrace me in His arms;  
 In the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.

Come ye weary, heavy laden, lost and ruined by the fall;  
 If you tarry till you're better, you will never come at all. *refrain*

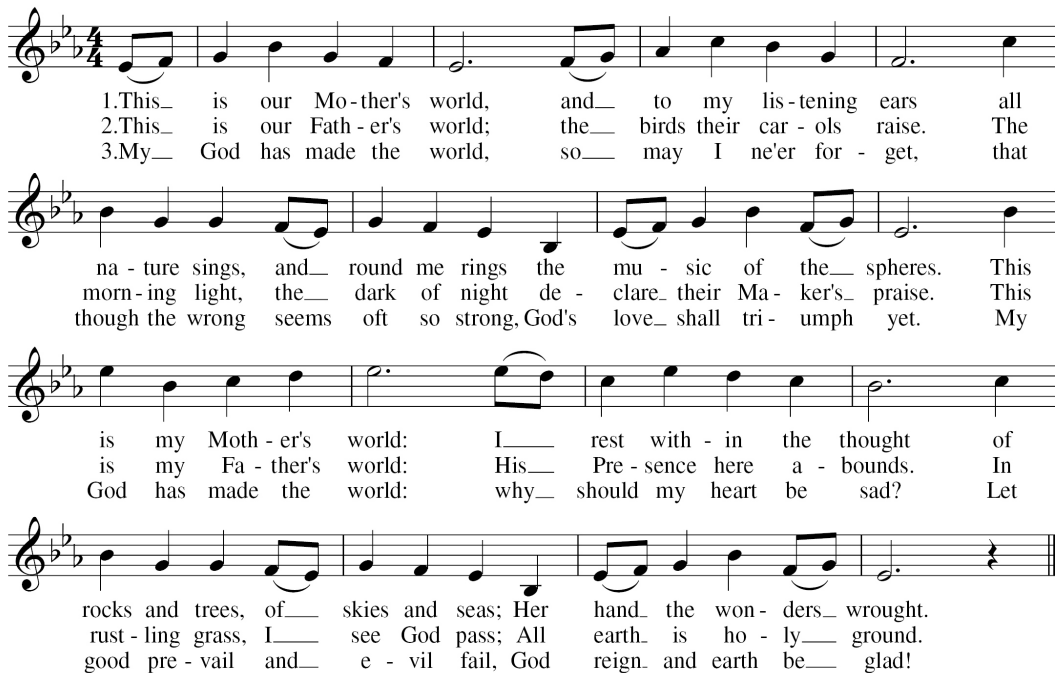
Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream;  
 All the fitness He requires is to feel your need of Him. *refrain*

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*HYMN

**This Is My Father's World**

TERRA BEATA



1. This\_ is our Mo - ther's world, and\_ to my lis - tening ears all  
 2. This\_ is our Fath - er's world; the\_ birds their car - ols raise. The  
 3. My\_ God has made the world, so\_ may I ne'er for - get, that

na - ture sings, and\_ round me rings the mu - sic of the\_ spheres. This  
 morn - ing light, the\_ dark of night de - clare\_ their Ma - ker's\_ praise. This  
 though the wrong seems oft so strong, God's love\_ shall tri - umph yet. My

is my Moth - er's world: I\_ rest with - in the thought of  
 is my Fa - ther's world: His\_ Pre - sence here a - bounds. In  
 God has made the world: why\_ should my heart be sad? Let

rocks and trees, of\_ skies and seas; Her hand\_ the won - ders\_ wrought.  
 rust - ling grass, I\_ see God pass; All earth\_ is ho - ly\_ ground.  
 good pre - vail and\_ e - vil fail, God reign and earth be\_ glad!

\*BIDDING TO MISSION AND BENEDICTION

Anthony T. Livolsi

POSTLUDE

*Fanfare*

Lemmens



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

## Notes on Today's Music

*from* MITCHELL CRAWFORD

Though music from the shape note tradition is increasingly commonplace in modern hymnals, few such melodies have become more ubiquitous than BEACH SPRING. Over 50 hymns have been set to it: texts as diverse as “Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters” (Baptism), “God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending” (Stewardship), and “Jesus, at Your Holy Table” (Communion). The buoyant tune was probably composed by Sacred Harp compiler **B. F. White** (1800–1879), and originally carried the text *Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy*. It is this configuration we encounter today, as arranged by University of Houston Professor **David Ashley White** (b. 1944). **While cohesive in its language, the change from the plural (“ye sinners”) of the verse to the singular (“I will arise...”) of the refrain suggests the pair did not originate together, but became merged at some later date. Indeed, most texts which use BEACH SPRING incorporate no refrain at all.**

The tune composed by **Alfred Fedak** (b. 1953) for *The Falconer* certainly emulates the early American folk music tradition of which BEACH SPRING is an outgrowth, though the affect is different. Fedak was inspired by the poetry of **Richard Leach**, who in turn based “The Falconer” on a text by mid-18th century clergyman **Robert Seagrave**. Fedak says of the poetry, “*I was moved by the text's word-pictures: for me the falcon soaring in ever tighter circles, and Christ as Falconer with uplifted arm, were compelling.*”

Organ voluntaries are by Belgian composer and pedagogue **Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens** (1823–1881), who seems to have taught an entire generation of gifted pupils — most notably Parisian *titulars* **Alexandre Guilmant** and **Charles-Marie Widor**. In fact, the oft-performed *Toccata* from Widor's Fifth Symphony is said to be modeled on the *Fanfare* of Lemmens, which was intended by the latter as an etude for developing a well-regulated *staccato* touch.

## 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.

Today's flowers are given by Ruth Edens & David Zimmer in love and gratitude for Old South Church.

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

<b>Sunday June 17</b>	9:00 am	FIRST Worship, <i>Anthony T. Livolsi preaching</i>
	9:45 am	Old South Café in Gordon Chapel
	10:00 am	Lectionary Bible Study
	10:00 am	Summer Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am	Summer Church School
	11:00 am	FESTIVAL Worship, <i>Anthony T. Livolsi preaching</i>
	12:15 pm	Fellowship Hour in Gordon Chapel
	12:30 pm	Climate Change Book Group
Monday, June 18	7:00 pm	Spiritual Classics Small Group
Tuesday, June 19	5:30 pm	Board of Trustees
	7:00 pm	Music Committee
Wednesday, June 20	6:15 pm	Young Adult Book Group
	6:30 pm	Young Adult Group
Thursday, June 21	6:00 pm	JAZZ Worship, <i>Nancy S. Taylor preaching</i>
	7:00 pm	Young Adult Book Group
	8:00 pm	The Church and Social Change Discussion Group
<b>Sunday June 24</b>	9:00 am	FIRST Worship, <i>Traci Blackmon preaching</i>
	9:45 am	Old South Café in Gordon Chapel
	10:00 am	Lectionary Bible Study
	10:00 am	Summer Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am	Summer Church School
	10:00 am	OSC Outdoors at Mount Monadnock, NH
	11:00 am	FESTIVAL Worship, <i>Traci Blackmon preaching</i>
	12:15 pm	Fellowship Hour in Gordon Chapel
Tuesday, June 26	6:00 pm	Board of Ministers and Deacons (offsite)
Wednesday, June 27	6:15 pm	Young Adult Book Group
	6:30 pm	Young Adult Group
Thursday, June 28	5:00 pm	Operations Committee
	6:00 pm	Jazz Worship, <i>Nancy S. Taylor preaching</i>
	8:00 pm	The Church and Social Change Discussion Group

**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  
Mitchell Crawford, Minister of Music  
Kate Nintcheu, Director, Children & 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  
Martha Schick, Youth & Young Adult Ministries Leader ❖ Rebecca Bowler, Seminarian Intern  
Carolyn Davis, Director, Old South Preschool  
George Sargeant, Associate Organist & Choirmaster  
Tim Harbold, Director, Gospel Choir ❖ Willie Sordillo, Director, Jazz Worship Music  
Peter Coulombe, Director, Old South Ringers ❖ Amy Budka, Children's Music Leader  
Deb Washington, Moderator ❖ Rob Gabler, Clerk ❖ Bill Bulkeley, Treasurer  
Randy Billings, Chair, Board of Trustees ❖ Emily Click, Historian  
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Allison Albaugh, Wedding Coordinator ❖ Lena Rojas, Administrative Assistant  
Emily Ross, Archivist  
Elias Perez, Senior Sexton ❖ Ozo Nwodo, Oppong Serebour, & David Brode Sextons  
Corey Spence, Rubia Reyes & Carrie Swayne-Gerrish, 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.

## COMMUNITY LIFE

### YOUNG ADULT FACEBOOK GROUP

Are you a 20- or 30-something who wants to stay engaged with the Old South Young Adult community? Join the Old South Church Young Adults group on Facebook! The Facebook group will be a hub for upcoming events, announcements, prayer requests, social gatherings, and more! To join, search for "Old South Church Young Adults" on Facebook, or email [martha@oldsouth.org](mailto:martha@oldsouth.org) for an invite.

### 'CLIMATE CHURCH, CLIMATE WORLD' BOOK GROUP

*Sunday, June 17 at 12:30*

Join in the conversation about our faith response to climate change while reading Jim Antal's new book. Margaret Bush will facilitate.

### OLD SOUTH OUTDOORS

This summer Old South has planned a series of group hikes and excursions. We'll deepen our experiences of community and discover God in the beauty and majesty of the natural world. Immediately following First Worship, at 10am, we will depart, carpooling from the church. Send questions and RSVPs to organizer Anne Dickinson Meltz of the Membership Committee at [annedickinsonmeltz@gmail.com](mailto:annedickinsonmeltz@gmail.com).

#### **Summer Schedule:**

Mount Monadnock - June 24

Blue Hills Reservation - July 15

Hammond Park Reservation - August 5

Church of the Woods - August 26 (for their afternoon service!)

### COLUMBARIUM DEDICATION

*Sunday, July 1 at 12:30pm*

The Robert & Coley Elder Memorial Columbarium will be dedicated after Festival Worship on July 1st.

# CHILDREN & FAMILIES

## SUMMER CHURCH SCHOOL

Summer Church School is now in full swing! Children ages 4-14 are welcome to join us at 10am on Sundays on the 4th floor. Children's Choirs are finished for the summer and will resume in September.

## PARENT MEETUP: WIGGLER'S EDITION

*Sunday, June 24th at 10am*

Who: Parents and Babies

What: Breakfast and Fellowship

Where: Blue Room on Third Floor (Behind Nursery)

New parents know how difficult it can be to connect with others who are also experiencing the joys and challenges of new parenthood. It can be even harder to form friendships with fellow church-goers when you are working your time at church around nap times and feedings. To help solve this problem, Old South is hosting its Family Meet-up: Wiggler's Edition! You're invited to join other families with "wrigglers" (infants and toddlers) for food and fellowship. Drop in anytime between worship services, and feel free to bring strollers and diaper bags.

## SERVICE + FAITH INTO ACTION

### SANCTUARY MOVEMENT VOLUNTEER TRAINING

*Wednesday, June 20th at 6:30pm at Bethel AME Church in Jamaica Plain*

Our guest entered sanctuary in August 2017 and has been supported by many volunteers over the past year who have purchased groceries, provided educational opportunities, or been regular visitors.

We are looking for volunteers who would be available occasionally to cover overnight shifts of between 4 and 10 hours per shift. Training will be held on Wednesday, June 20th at 6:30pm. To participate in the training, please contact Alliea Group at [aegroupp@aol.com](mailto:aegroupp@aol.com).

# OLD SOUTH ENCYCLOPEDIA

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO RESEARCH & WRITE ENTRIES

To celebrate our upcoming 350th anniversary, we are writing our very own encyclopedia, titled “Concise Encyclopedia: Theological, Historical & Whimsical of Old South Church in Boston”. **We need volunteers to do research and write entries for the encyclopedia!**

**To participate, please visit [www.oldsouth.org/encyclopedia](http://www.oldsouth.org/encyclopedia).** There you’ll find a list of topics to choose from, guidelines for writing, and instructions for submitting.

If you do not have access to the internet, you can still participate — simply pick up the submission form and instructions at the Front Desk.

## CONCISE ENCYCLOPEDIA RESEARCH PARTY

*Sunday, July 8th at 12:30pm*

Gather over sandwiches with the Tell the Story Task Force of the 350th Anniversary Committee to discuss topics of research, sources, methods, and answer all your questions. Bring your laptop and get started on your entry!

## REV. STEPHEN RAY JR. AT JAZZ WORSHIP

*Thursday, July 5th at 6pm*

Join us for a special Jazz Worship service featuring guest preacher Rev. Dr. Stephen Ray Jr., President of Chicago Theological Seminary. A renowned theologian and scholar, Ray earned his MDiv and PhD from Yale. He has served on many faculties, including Garrett-Evangelical Theological and Lutheran Theological Seminary. A celebrated writer, Ray published one book, *Do No Harm: Social Sin and Christian Responsibility*, and co-authored another, *Black Church Studies: An Introduction*.

# MONTHLY CAREGIVING SUPPORT GROUP

*Meets the second Tuesday of every month, 11am, at Old South*

Are you providing care for others and find the emotional burden to be sometimes overwhelming? 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. For more information, contact [anthony@oldsouth.org](mailto:anthony@oldsouth.org).

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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 in the Sanctuary, for any length of time.

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