

July 15, 2018
**Eighth 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 Rhapsody in D-Flat Major, Op. 17 Herbert Howells

*HYMN 407 **How Firm A Foundation** FOUNDATION

*CALL TO WORSHIP (*Psalms 100*) John M. Edgerton

One: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

**Many: Worship the Lord with gladness, and come into God's
 presence with singing.**

One: Know that the Lord is God.

Many: It is God who made us, and we are God's own –

One: We are God's people,

Many: And the sheep of God's pasture.

** Indicates all who are able may stand*

One: Enter God's gates with thanksgiving,
and God's courts with praise.
Many: Give thanks to God and bless God's name.
One: For the Lord is good;
**Many: God's steadfast love endures forever,
and God's faithfulness to all generations.**

*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 O Be Joyful in the Lord All Ye Lands Derek Bourgeois
THE PAULINA VOICES OF ST PAUL'S GIRL'S SCHOOL, LONDON

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands:
Serve the Lord with gladness,
and come before his presence with a song.
Be ye sure that the Lord he is God;
it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves;
We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving,
and into his courts with praise;
Be thankful unto him, and speak good of his Name.
For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting;
And his truth endureth from generation to generation.

LISTEN

SCRIPTURE Ephesians 1:3-14 John M. Edgerton

*HYMN 459 **Come, O Fount of Every Blessing** NETTLETON

Children may leave for childcare

SERMON Anthony T. Livolsi

RESPOND

*HYMN 547 **Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound** NEW BRITAIN

*CALL TO PRAYER Nancy S. Taylor

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 *in 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.

ANTHEM Festive Alleluia Lyn Williams
THE PAULINA VOICES OF ST PAUL'S GIRL'S SCHOOL, LONDON

Alleluia.

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 A Hymn for St. Cecilia Howells

Sing for the morning's joy, Cecilia, sing, in words of youth and praises of the Spring,
walk the bright colonnades by fountains' spray, and sing as sunlight fills the waking day;
till angels, voyaging in upper air, pause on a wing and gather the clear sound
into celestial joy, wound and unwound, a silver chain, or golden as your hair.

Sing for your loves of heaven and of earth, in words of music, and each word a truth;
marriage of heart and longings that aspire, a bond of roses, and a ring of fire.
Your summertime grows short and fades away, terror must gather to a martyr's death;
but never tremble, the last indrawn breath remembers music as an echo may.

Through the cold aftermath of centuries, Cecilia's music dances in the skies;
lend us a fragment of the immortal air, that with your choiring angels we may share,
a word to light us thro' time-fettered night, water of life, or rose of paradise,
so from the earth another song shall rise to meet your own in heaven's long delight.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION		John M. Edgerton
*HYMN 408	All My Hope On God Is Founded	MICHAEL
*BIDDING TO MISSION AND BENEDICTION		Anthony T. Livolsi
POSTLUDE	Carillon	Herbert Murrill



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

This week Old South welcomes to Festival Worship the **Paulina Voices** of the **St Paul's Girls' School, London**. The choir — 19 girls ranging from 15 to 18 years old — are in Boston this week to participate in the season opening concert of the Boston Landmarks Orchestra, and will also perform a separate concert at Old South on Monday, July 16 at 7:30PM. The School is well known in the UK for its forward-thinking curriculum and rigorous academics, but they have an incredible musical heritage as well: British composers **Ralph Vaughan Williams**, **Gustav Holst**, and **Herbert Howells** all had ties to St Pauls, with both Holst and Howells serving as Director of Music.

In our selections today, George and I hope to pay homage to the special relationship between St Paul's and, especially, **Herbert Howells** (1892–1983). Howells joined the staff of the School in 1925, having begun his teaching career at the **Royal College of Music** some five years before. As a composer, Howells never achieved the international acclaim ascribed to, for example, Vaughan Williams and Benjamin Britten. Despite this, Howells remained a seminal figure within British music for much of the 20th century. Perhaps unfairly pigeon-holed as a “choral” composer, and associated increasingly throughout his career with music written for the Anglican church, Howells was nevertheless an extraordinary musical craftsman with a distinct and highly sophisticated compositional voice. By the time of his death in the early 1980s, his choral music was universally acclaimed; appreciation for his symphonic and chamber music has grown in recent years, a testament to the many fine recordings by first-rate performers that have become available in the intervening years.

The *Rhapsody in D-flat, Op. 17*, which opens the service today is an early work of Howells, dating from his time as a student at the Royal College. It follows a plan typical in his organ works of the period: a quiet beginning leading to a stormy climax, followed by an ebbing return to the mood and material of the outset. The *Hymn for St. Cecilia*, in which the Old South Summer Choir will be joined by the Paulina Voices, was commissioned by the **Livery Club of the Worshipful Company of Musicians** to mark Howells's Mastership of the Company in 1960. It sets a text by Ursula Vaughan Williams — wife of Ralph Vaughan Williams — full of mystical and fantastical references to Cecilia, patron saint of Music. Our closing hymn, *All My Hope on God Is Founded*, is one of Howells's most celebrated tunes. In its few bars are all the hallmarks of his style: elegant melodic shapes, ‘bluesy’ harmony, and a general sophistication in construction.

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 Betty Pitcher and Elizabeth Pitcher to celebrate Betty's 83 birthday on March 17, Elizabeth's 81 birthday on July 12, and their joy at being part of the Old South Family.

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, July 15	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
	12:15 pm	Connections Lunch
	12:30 pm	350th Anniversary Committee Conference Call
Tuesday, July 17	5:30 pm	Board of Trustees
Wednesday, July 18	6:15 pm	Young Adult Book Group
Thursday, July 19	6:00 pm	Jazz Worship, <i>John M. Edgerton preaching</i>
	7:00 pm	Young Adult Book Group
Sunday, July 22	9:00 am	FIRST Worship, <i>John M. Edgerton 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	GBIO Small Groups
	10:30 am	Nancy S Taylor preaching at the historic Watch Hill Chapel, RI
	11:00 am	FESTIVAL Worship, <i>John M. Edgerton preaching</i>
	12:15 pm	Fellowship Hour in Gordon Chapel
12:30 pm	GBIO Small Groups	
Monday, July 23	11:30 am	Columbarium Committee
Wednesday, July 25	6:15 pm	Young Adult Book Group
Thursday, July 26	6:00 pm	Jazz Worship, <i>Nancy S. Taylor preaching</i>
	7:00 pm	Young Adult Book 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
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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

SERVICE + FAITH INTO ACTION

PUBLIC FAITH IN THE FACE OF MORAL CRISIS

Sunday, July 22 at 10 a.m. or 12:30 p.m.

Searching for a way to get more engaged in public life, but not sure where to begin? Do you wish you could see tangible progress come out of your engagement with public officials? We need 100 people from Old South to participate in small group conversations, geared toward finding people in the church who want to make a difference in public life. If that sounds like you, these small groups are a first step. Presented in conjunction with the Greater Boston Interfaith Organization. Email John@oldsouth.org to RSVP.

COMMON CATHEDRAL LUNCH VOLUNTEERING

Sunday, July 29th at 8 a.m.

The Christian Service and Outreach Committee is assembling a team of volunteers to prepare lunches in the Old South Church kitchen and serve them to the *common cathedral* homeless congregation on the Boston Common. Prep work for making 150+ sandwich lunches begins at 8:00 AM. We'll transport them to the Common by 12:00 noon, and serve to guests at 12:30. The *common cathedral* service begins at 1:00.

Please contact Paul Brouillette (brouillettepaul@gmail.com) with your commitment to this powerful service opportunity, or if you have any questions.

CLIMATE CHANGE WORKING GROUP

Sunday, July 29th at 12:30 p.m. in the Tower Room

Climate change is one of the most pressing moral crises of our time, and Old South is gearing up to tackle it head on. Get in on the ground floor as we begin to build a team of Old Southerners ready to help our congregation take bold action on climate. Rev. Anthony Livolsi will help facilitate the meeting. Please RSVP to Mary Ann Lape at malape70@gmail.com.

LEARNING & FAITH

CONNECTIONS LUNCH

Sunday, July 15th at 12:30pm

Interested in church membership? Connections Lunch invites you to explore Christianity, the United Church of Christ, our rich history and offerings, and to consider your own place at Old South Church. RSVP to Anthony Livolsi at anthony@oldsouth.org.

SUMMER FUN READING & SEPTEMBER MEET UP

You are invited! Our Monday evening Spiritual Classics small group is taking a summer break from weekly meetings -- but not from reading! We have chosen a wonderful book, Elizabeth Strout's *Abide With Me*, to read this summer, and we are inviting all of Old South to read it with us! If you love reading (and talking about what are you reading with others!) but can't make the typical 12-week commitment to a small group, join us: we will read the novel over the summer months, and then gather once in September to discuss it together. For more information, contact David Becker david.becker@mac.com or Karen Hand kshand@mac.com to sign on!

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

PARENT MEETUP: WIGGLER'S EDITION

July 29 and August 26 at 10 a.m.

Who: Parents and Babies
What: Breakfast and Fellowship
Where: Red Room on Third Floor

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 "wigglers" (infants and toddlers) for food and fellowship. Drop in anytime between worship services, and feel free to bring strollers and diaper bags.

COMMUNITY LIFE

YOUNG ADULT TRIVIA NIGHT

Tuesday, July 17th, 6:15 p.m. - 9 p.m. at The Friendly Toast, 35 Stanhope St., Boston

Join Old South 20 and 30 somethings as we test our trivia skills and have some fun. We've got some church-related team names already cooking - Altar Egos, The Tenth Plague, The Knowledge of Good and Evil - and we want your ideas too! Feel free to bring significant others, non-church pals, and anyone else who might have a good time, we'll split into teams when we arrive. They have great food and drinks, so come hungry! RSVP to martha@oldsouth.org.

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 10 a.m., we will depart, carpooling from the church. Send questions and RSVPs to Rev. Anthony Livolsi at anthony@oldsouth.org.

Summer Schedule:

Blue Hills Reservation - August 5

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

MONTHLY CAREGIVING SUPPORT GROUP

Meets the second Tuesday of every month, 11 a.m., 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.

MUSIC PERFORMANCES

THE CHOIR OF SIDNEY SUSSEX COLLEGE

Sunday, July 15th at 4 p.m. at Old South Church

The Choir of Sidney Sussex College in Cambridge, England, is on tour in the US and they're stopping at Old South! Join us for this **free concert** directed by David Skinner.

ST. PAUL GIRL'S SCHOOL CHORAL CONCERT

Monday, July 16th, 7:30 p.m. at Old South Church

The choir of St. Paul's Girls' School in London, England is coming to Old South! The program includes *The Choral Hymns from Rig Veda* by Gustav Holst, *Tall Tales* by Julian Grant, *O Be Joyful in the Lord All Ye Lands* by Derek Bourgeois, and *Tundra* by Ola Gjeilo. **Admission is free!**

ORGAN CONCERT IN MEMORY OF HARRY LYN HUFF

Thursday, July 19th at Oslo Cathedral, Oslo, Norway

Touched and inspired by our beloved Harry Lyn Huff's musical genius, Lyell Cadet, Jr. is sponsoring a public organ concert in Harry's memory. The program will include:

Bach, Toccata & Fugue in D Minor, "Dorian" (BWV 538)
Handel, Largo from Sereses
I Could Have Danced All Night (adapted for organ)
Hymn: Love One Another
Bach's Bach, Liebster Jesu
Widor's Fifth Organ Symphony (full)

Let us know if you manage to make it to Oslo for the concert!

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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