

OLD
SOUTH
CHURCH
in BOSTON

July 8, 2018
**Seventh 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 *The Woman at the Well* James Biery

*HYMN 3 **Many and Great, O God, Are your Works** LACQUIPARLE

*The choir proclaims each verse in Dakotan;
The congregation responds with the corresponding English verse.*

** Indicates all who are able may stand*

*CALL TO CONFESSION (*adapted from Psalm 51*) John M. Edgerton

One: O faithful God, have mercy on your servant here:

All: In your love, remember not my sins.

One: In the waters of your grace, wash me clean of all disgrace:

All: Raise me up to life from death and fear.

One: I know my deeds, I know my faults and feelings well;

All: I have sinned and broken faith with you.

One: Create in me a clean and righteous heart O God: put a willing spirit in my soul.

All: Let me sing with joy anew the salvation found in you, singing praise to you who made me whole.

*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

Lay Me Low

Kevin Siegfried, *arr.*

Lay me low:

Where the Lord can find me,

Where the Lord can own me,

Where the Lord can bless me.

LISTEN

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 5:33-37 and James 5:12

One: Jesus said, "You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.'

All: But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King.

One: And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black.

All: Let your word be 'Yes, Yes' or 'No, No'; anything more than this comes from the evil one.

One: Likewise, James, in his letter writes: Above all, my beloved, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath,
All: **but let your “Yes” be yes and your “No” be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation.**

*HYMN 315

O Word of God Incarnate

MUNICH

Children may leave for choir and childcare.

SERMON

The Most Amazing Uproar (July 8, 1677) Nancy S. Taylor

RESPOND

*HYMN 449

Softly and Tenderly

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*CALL TO PRAYER

Anthony T. Livolsi

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.

PRAYER RESPONSE

“There Is a Spirit That Delights to Do No Evil...” Ned Rorem
from *A Quaker Reader*

CALL TO THE OFFERING

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

Notes on Today's Music
from MITCHELL CRAWFORD

Though often confused, there is no conflating Quakers and Shakers in matters of music for the “Divine Service”: from the outset, Quakers rejected music in worship outright as lacking in spontaneity, and because they wished to make a quite decisive break with the practices of the Anglican Church. On the other hand, Shakers (the “United Society of Believers in Christ's Second Appearing,” to be exact), despite their roots in the Quaker movement, were embracing of both music and dance — in worship and communal life. Thousands of songs were written by Shakers during the 18th and 19th centuries, many of which were informed by Quaker thought and theology, or were settings of texts by well known Quaker poets. One such song, *Lay Me Low*, appeared in New Lebanon, New York, in or around 1838, the work of Sister **Addah Z. Potter**. The arrangement by **Kevin Siegfried** (b. 1969) heard today is lush, with the initial line of text serving as an expansive refrain. Siegfried is Coordinator of Theory, *Theatre Division*, at The Boston Conservatory (Berklee).

As one of the most celebrated Quaker poets, the verse of **John Greenleaf Whittier** (1807–1892) was often set to song by Shaker (and, for that matter, non-Shaker) composers. The Whittier text, *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind*, sung today to the adapted, inclusive text found in the *New Century Hymnal*, is one portion of a much longer poem, *The Brewing of Soma*, from 1872. In it, Whittier compares the intoxicating effect of Soma to some Christians' use of “music, incense, vigils drear, and trance” in pursuit of encounters with the divine. For Whittier, such intermediaries were anathema; his continual entreaty is to stillness, quiet, and calm. The version sung by the choir incorporates Hubert Parry's tune REPTON, which has its origins in an aria for contralto from his oratorio, *Judith*.

Today's Prayer Response is from *A Quaker Reader*, a set of 11 organ pieces by American composer **Ned Rorem** (b. 1923). Each movement of the suite takes as a point of departure words of, or about, a Quaker. The 4th movement, *There Is a Spirit That Delights to Do No Evil*, are from the dying words of **James Naylor** (1616–1660), an early leader within the English Quaker movement who notably condemned the practice of enclosure and slave trading.

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 remembrance of Anne Elizabeth Flaherty O'Donnell by Jim O'Donnell.

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 8	9:00 am	FIRST Worship, <i>Nancy S. Taylor preaching</i>
	9:45 am	Old South Café in Gordon Chapel
	10:00 am	HEALING Worship
	10:00 am	Lectionary Bible Study
	10:00 am	Summer Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am	Summer Church School
	10:00 am	Climate Discussion Group
	11:00 am	FESTIVAL Worship, <i>Nancy S. Taylor preaching</i>
	12:15 pm	Fellowship Hour in Gordon Chapel
	12:30 pm	Concise Encyclopedia Research Party
Monday, July 9	7:00 pm	Christian Service and Outreach
Tuesday, July 10	11:00 am	Long-Term Caregivers Group
Thursday, July 12	6:00 pm	Jazz Worship, <i>Anthony T. Livolsi preaching</i>
	7:00 pm	Young Adult Book Group
Saturday, July 14	11:00 am	MEMORIAL Service for Scott Palmer
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	10:00 am	OSC Outdoors at Blue Hills Reservation
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	12:15 pm	Fellowship Hour in Gordon Chapel
	12:15 pm	Connections Lunch
Tuesday, July 17	5:30 pm	Board of Trustees
Thursday, July 12	6:00 pm	Jazz Worship, <i>Anthony T. Livolsi preaching</i>
	7:00 pm	Young Adult Book Group

**OLD SOUTH CHURCH IN BOSTON
MINISTERS, OFFICERS AND STAFF**

Nancy S. Taylor, Senior Minister
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James W. Crawford, Senior Minister Emeritus
Mitchell Crawford, Minister of Music
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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.

On Being the Object of Protest and Righteous Anger

In the 1600's Quakers were a sorely oppressed even, banned religion.
On Sunday, July 8, 1677 Old South was accused of bigotry by a Quaker, Margaret Brewster,
in one of the most dramatic and effective protests in American history.

(Her protest inspired John Greenleaf Whittier's poetic imagination. See back)

Samuel Sewall writes in his diary about Quaker Margaret Brewster who orchestrates a protest in our Meetinghouse: "July 8, 1677 - In Sermon time, there came in a female Quaker, in a Canvas Frock, her hair disshevelled and loose like a Periwigg, her face as black as ink, led by two other Quakers, and two other followed. It occasioned the greatest and most amazing uproar that I ever saw." All five were arrested.

The next day, Gov Bradstreet (also an Old South member) issued an order which began: "Whereas there was one man and four women, Quakers, committed to prison yesterday, being the Lord's day, for making an horrible disturbance, and affrighting the people in the South Church in Boston, in the time of the public dispensing of the Word..."

For her protest, Brewster was sentenced to be whipped with twenty lashes while being hauled through the town on a cart.



Old South member, judge and diarist, **Samuel Sewall**

Thomas Thacher

1620-1678

1st minister of this church, 1669-1678

Thacher was preaching when Margaret Brewster interrupted the sermon



Our minister took a hard view of Quakers. Cotton Mather wrote of Mr. Thacher: "He was very watchful over the souls of his people, and careful to preserve them from errors as well as vices: but of all errors, he discovered an antipathy unto none more than that sink of all errors, Quakerism. ...When he heard of any books left by Quakers in any houses of his neighborhood, he would presently repair to the houses, and obtain those venomous pamphlets from them ..."

New England: Boston, Mass, In the Old South Church

Poem by John Greenleaf Whittier

1677

She came and stood in the Old South Church
A wonder and a sign,
With a look the old-sibyls wore,
Half-crazed and half-divine.

Save the mournful sackcloth about her wound,
Unclothed as the primal mother,
With limbs that trembled, and eyes that blazed
With a fire she dare not smother.

Loose on her shoulder fell her hair,
With sprinkled ashes gray;
She stood in the broad aisle, strange and weird
As a soul at the judgment day.

And the minister paused in his sermon's midst,
And the people held their breath,
For these were the words the maiden said
Through lips as pale as death: --

"Thus saith the Lord: 'With equal feet
All men my courts shall tread,
And priest and ruler no more shall eat
My people up like bread!'

"Repent, repent! – ere the Lord shall speak
In thunder, and breaking seals!
Let all souls worship him in the way
His light within reveals!"

She shook the dust from her naked feet,
And her sackcloth closely drew,
And into the porch of the awe-hushed church
She passed like a ghost from view.

They whipped her away at the tail o' the cart;
(Small blame to the angry town!)
But the words she uttered that day nor fire
Could burn nor water drown.

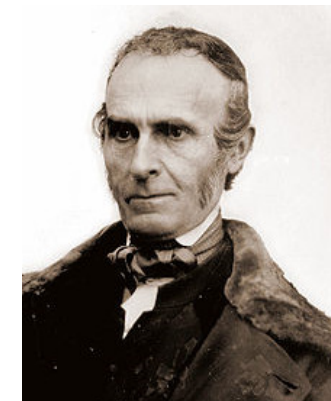
For now the aisles of the ancient church
By equal feet are trod;
And the bell that swings in its belfry rings
Freedom to worship God!

And now, whenever a wrong is done,
It thrills the conscious walls;
The stone from the basement cries aloud,
And the beam from the timber calls!

There are steeple-houses on every hand,
And pulpits that bless and ban;
And the Lord will not grudge the single church
That is set apart for man.

For in two commandments are all the law
And the prophets under the sun;
And the first is last, and the last is first,
And the twain are verily one.

So long as Boston shall Boston be,
And her bay-tides rise and fall,
Shall freedom stand in the Old South Church,
And plead for the rights of all.



John Greenleaf Whittier

1807-1892

Poet
Editor
Quaker
Abolitionist

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SERVICE + FAITH INTO ACTION

CLIMATE CHANGE WORKING GROUP

Sunday, July 8th at 10am in the Sam Johnson 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.

PUBLIC FAITH IN THE FACE OF MORAL CRISIS

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

Are you 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 help prepare lunches in the Old South Church kitchen and serve them to the *common cathedral* homeless congregation on the Boston Common. The prep work for making 150+ sandwich lunches will begin at 8:00 AM, transported to the Common by 12:00 noon, and served 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.

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

OLD SOUTH ENCYCLOPEDIA RESEARCH PARTY

Sunday, July 8th at 12:30 p.m. in Mary Norton Hall

To celebrate our upcoming 350th anniversary, we're writing our own encyclopedia, titled "Concise Encyclopedia: Theological, Historical & Whimsical of Old South Church". We need volunteers to do research and write entries! Gather over sandwiches with the Tell the Story Task Force to discuss topics of research, sources, methods, and answer your questions.

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!)

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR SCOTT PALMER

Saturday, July 14th at 11am at Old South Church

A memorial service for longtime Old South member Scott Palmer will be held on Saturday, July 14th. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Old South Church - www.oldsouth.org or to the Chijnaya Foundation - www.chijnaya.org. (The foundation works with communities in the highlands of Peru to alleviate poverty through various community-led projects. Scott was a member of the Board of Directors.)

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 Serse
I Could Have Danced All Night (adapted for organ)
Hymn: Love One Another (To be led by Rev. Jonas Lind Aase)
Bach's Bach, Liebster Jesu
Widor's Fifth Organ Symphony(full)

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.

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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