

August 21st, 2022
Middle Passage
Sunday

*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

Elegy

William Grant Still

*HYMN 526

Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos' South African Song
*Alternating between Zulu and English stanzas,
we repeat the hymn until the procession has concluded.*

*CALL TO WORSHIP Katherine A. Schofield

One: Beautiful are the works of God.

Many: Beautiful also are the skins of God's people.

One: Beautiful is the mind of God.

Many: Beautiful also are the hopes of God's people.

One: Beautiful is the heart of God.

Many: Beautiful also are the souls of God's people.

One: God made the heavens and the earth.

Many: To God be the glory for the things God has done.

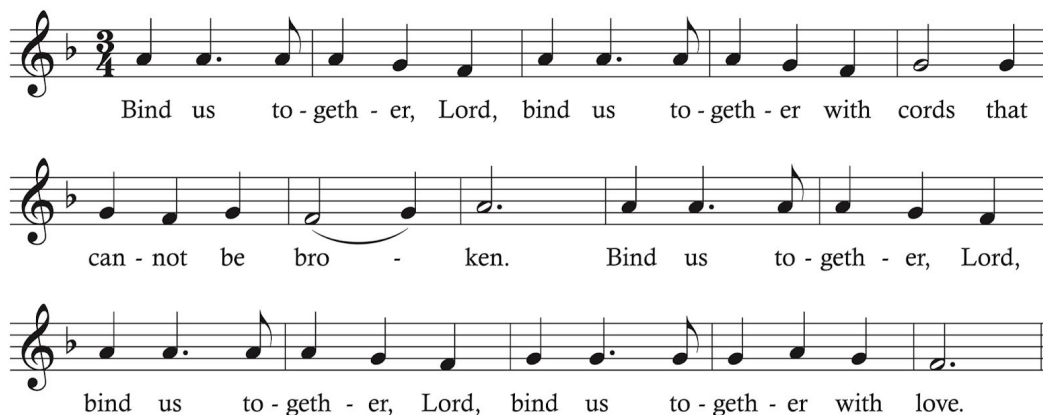
** Indicates all who are able may stand*

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Please greet those around you, offering "peace" or "the peace of Christ."

*SUNG RESPONSE

Congregation: (*refrain*)



Bind us to - geth - er, Lord, bind us to - geth - er with cords that
can - not be bro - ken. Bind us to - geth - er, Lord,
bind us to - geth - er, Lord, bind us to - geth - er with love.

Choir:

You are the family of God; you are the promise divine.
You are God's chosen desire; you are the glorious new wine. (**refrain**)

WELCOME

ATTEND

SCRIPTURE

Joshua 4: 1-9 Rob Gabler, *Clerk, OSC Council*

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

SERMON

Looking Back to Look Forward

June R. Cooper

*HYMN 547

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

NEW BRITAIN

CEREMONY OF REMEMBRANCE

READING THE NAMES

*The names on the bulletin insert are read by
Deb Washington and David O'Malley (Members of (G)race Speaks)*

MEMORIAL PRAYER

June R. Cooper

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Creator, 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

Have asked for Burleigh Spiritual from CF (solo)

RESPOND

CALL TO THE OFFERING

Shawn M. Fiedler

OFFERTORY

The Drinking Gourd

André J. Thomas, *arr.*

"The Drinking Gourd" is a map song used by Underground Railroad operatives to disseminate escape instructions. The many 'sing posts' encoded in the text enabled fleeing slaves to make their way north along the Ohio River to freedom. Taken at face value, the "drinking gourd" refers to the hollowed-out gourd used by slaves (and other rural Americans) as a water dipper. But here it is used as a code name for the Big Dipper star formation, which points to Polaris, the North Star.

Follow the drinking gourd, follow the drinking gourd,
for the old man is a-waitin' for to carry you to freedom,
if you follow the drinking gourd.

When the sun comes back and the first quail calls, follow the drinking gourd.
 The river bank will make a very good road,
 the dead trees will show you the way.
 Left foot, peg foot, traveling on, follow the drinking gourd.

The little river ends between two hills,
 there's another river on the other side,
 where the great river meets the little river,
 follow the drinking gourd.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN 2

Glory, Glory Hallelujah

GLORY, GLORY

*BIDDING TO MISSION AND BENEDICTION June R. Cooper

*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

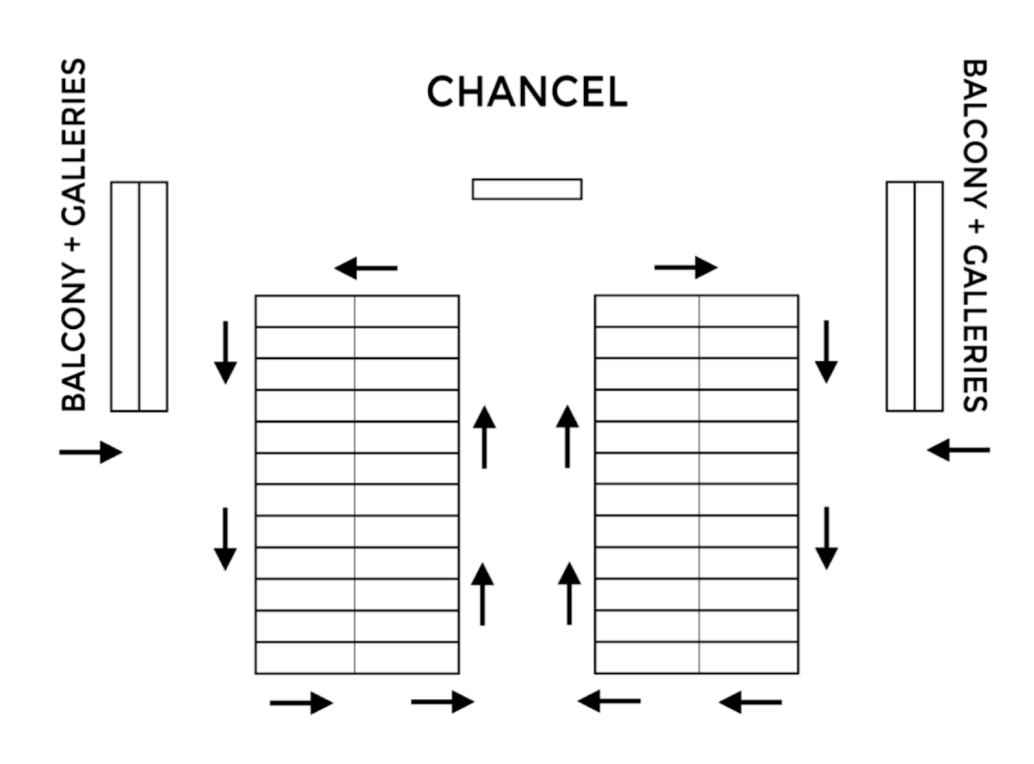
POSTLUDE

Toccata on “Great Day”

Adolphus Hailstork



CEREMONY OF REMEMBRANCE INSTRUCTIONS



When leaving your pew (with flower in hand) at the direction of the clergy,
please approach the chancel by the center aisle from wherever you are sitting,
walking a FULL CIRCLE to return to your pew.



Join us for Refreshments & Fellowship
outside under the Portico (weather permitting)
or in the Gordon Chapel following the Postlude.

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



Notes on Today's Music

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 21st 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**. Contact Interim Associate Minister Katherine Schofield at katherine@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** or see the front desk.

LEARN MORE

Check out the church website at **www.oldsouth.org/calendar** for a calendar of events, and the general website **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

Richard E. Spalding, *Interim Senior Minister*
James W. Crawford, *Senior Minister Emeritus* ❖ Nancy S. Taylor, *Senior Minister Emeritus*
Katherine A. Schofield, *Interim Associate Minister* ❖ Shawn M. Fiedler, *Acting Associate Minister*
Donald A. Wells, *Theologian in Residence* ❖ June R. Cooper, *Theologian in the City*
Howard Cha-Young Kim, *Pastoral Resident*
David Story, *Wedding Minister* ❖ Ken Orth, *Healing Worship Minister*

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Tim Harbold, *Director, Gospel Choir* ❖ Willie Sordillo, *Director, Jazz Worship Music*
Peter Coulombe, *Director, Old South Ringers*

Kate Nintcheu, *Director, Children & Family Ministries*
Summer Marsh, *Director, Old South Preschool*

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Jamie Garuti, *Multimedia Director* ❖ Linda Van Praet, *Accounting & Human Resources*
Alex Pickering, *Administrative Assistant* ❖ Emily Ross, *Archivist & Part-time Bookkeeper*
Ralph Watson, *Snowden Partnership Coordinator* ❖ Karen Hand, *Wedding Coordinator*
Rémy Hatfield-Gardner and William Wei, *Livestream Production Assistants*

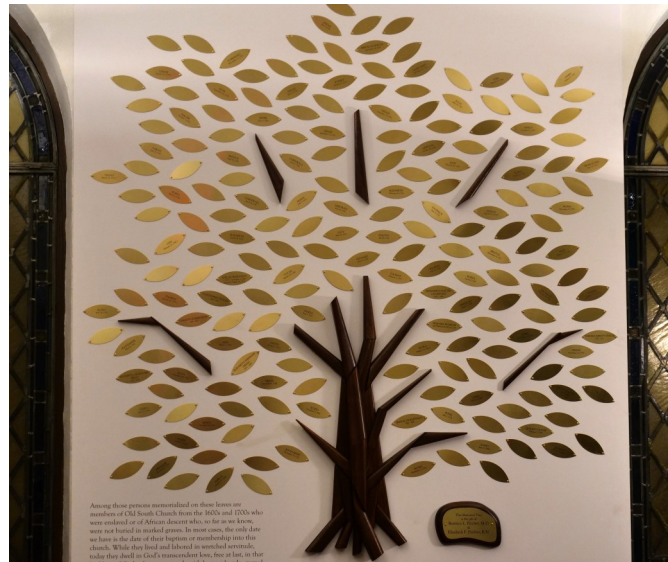
Elias Perez, *Senior Sexton* ❖ Ozo Nwodo, Richard Serebour, and David Brode, *Sextons*
Corey Spence, *Weekday Receptionist*
Shirley Bivins, Shelia Randolph, and George Sargeant, *Evening & Weekend Receptionists*

Phil Stern, *Moderator* ❖ Rob Gabler, *Clerk* ❖ Bill Bulkeley, *Treasurer*
Kristi Geary, *Chair, Board of Trustees* ❖ Kate Silfen, *Historian*
Paul Brouillette & Susan Navia, *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.

**“As long as you speak my name,
I shall live forever.” — *African Proverb***



Memorial Tree, Old South Columbarium

The following people, all of African descent — most of them enslaved —
were either baptized or admitted into membership (or both)
at Old South Church between the years 1696 and 1783.
They are listed in the chronological order of the date of their membership or baptism.
Families are grouped together. Children’s names are in parenthesis.

Lydia
Juno, Essex (Essex Jr. and Toby)
Sarah
Margaret
Thomas
Ebenezer
Toby, Patience (Patience Jr,
Grace, Essex, and Ruth)
Jane, Onesimus (and William)

Mingo
Elizabeth (Pompey and Abigail)
Worcester
Deborah
Phylisia
John Myat
Robert Due
Towerhill
Argalus

Cornwall
Brill
Maria
Lucy Manwill Basset
Richard and Maria
Titus
Scipio
James
Margaret
Rose
Ann
Phillis (Jane and Ann)
Simon
Julia
Maria, Richard (and George)
Scipio
Dinah
Flora
Katherine
Lucy
Pompey
Thomas
Cato
Lucy
Baker
James Bow
Phillis
Katherine
Boston
Flora (Scipio, Nancy, and Jane)
Patience (and Patience Jr)
Bristol (and James)
Judith
Venus (Dinah, and Peter)
Hagar
Juba
Lucas

Newton Prince
James
Fidelia, Peter (Scipio, Margaret, and Katherine)
Thomas
Phillis Wheatley
David
Scipio Gunney
Moses, (Moses Jr., Juda, and Paul)
Thomas
Quickly Oliver
Richard Stanley
Lucas and Phillis Taylor
John Domorett
Elizabeth Tillinghast
(Anne Elizabeth Tillinghast
and Sarah Anne Brown)
Charlotte Rowe
Haly Pippins Rogers
Hester Hedge
Patience Tyler
Sarah and John Wilson
(Sara Anne Elizabeth
and Charlotte Arington Wilson)
George Hart
Hannah Capen
Sophia Miler Francis
Sarah
James, Ann, and their three children
Simon and Pegg Hammond
Scipio
Deborah

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MIDDLE PASSAGE REMEMBRANCE CEREMONIES

Jazz Worship August 18th and First and Festival Worship on August 21st

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, and early 1800s on Middle Passage Sunday.

MIDDLE PASSAGE REMEMBRANCE INSTALLATION

In the Portico for the month of August

Go to tinyurl.com/OSCMiddlePassageRemembrance to learn more

Go to tinyurl.com/OSCMiddlePassageVideo for an introduction to the Middle Passage

The Middle Passage Installation of Remembrance, in Old South's portico, presents a large banner (17' x 5') featuring the image of human persons packed as cargo into a ship. Juxtaposed to this cruel, dehumanizing practice, are bold images -- faces and families -- of those who might be the descendants of enslaved persons, or what these persons might have looked like before having been enslaved. The United Nations has designated August 23^d the International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition. "The slave trade is not merely a thing of the past -- it has shaped the world we live in, it has molded the face of modern societies, creating indissoluble ties between peoples, irreversibly transforming economies, cultures and customs across the world," said UNESCO Director-General Irina Bokova. "The slave trade concerns not only people of African descent but the whole of humanity."



KENTUCKY FLOOD RELIEF

Following the devastating floods that killed 39 people and decimated the community, the Christian Service and Outreach Committee just approved a \$1,000 matching grant to support disaster relief in Eastern Kentucky. The funds are being given through Team Eastern and the state fund to support short-term needs and long-term rebuilding. To be part of the match, please mark checks or cash with "Hurricane relief", give through the church giving portal at tinyurl.com/osc-online-giving, or text 44-321 and enter the code FLOO.

ALL-CHURCH RETREAT

Fri Sept 30th - Sun Oct 2nd, Craigville Retreat Center, Cape Cod

Register online at tinyurl.com/OSCRetreat2022

The All-Church Retreat returns to our weekend-long format this year and we want you to be there! This intergenerational opportunity to connect, relax, play, and learn together is unique - and we hope you will plan to join in.

We are excited to announce that our Facilitator will be Stephanie Paulsell, Professor of the Practice of Christian Studies at Harvard Divinity School. Rev. Dr. Paulsell's work focuses on religion and literature, Christian spirituality, and the spiritually formative dimensions of the practices of reading and writing. You won't want to miss this, so register today! Adult price for the weekend is \$190 - which includes 2 nights lodging, 5 meals, and the program. Teens and children are free. Day visitors may join in for \$35. Scholarships are available - please reach out to Kate Nintcheu at children@oldsouth.org.

JAZZ WORSHIP

Thursdays, 6:00 p.m. in the Gordon Chapel or at oldsouth.org/jazz

Join us on in Gordon Chapel on Thursday evening for Jazz Worship! You don't have to be a jazz aficionado to feel at home - just someone who wants to immerse yourself in soulful music, inspiring words, and creative liturgy. It's intimate and it's welcoming. We start preludes shortly before 6:00 pm. Go to tinyurl.com/OSCJazzMaterials if you'd like a hard copy of the song titles, credits, and hymns to print in advance.

WORSHIP ON YOUTUBE LIVE

Not a fan of Vimeo? Simply visit our YouTube page once we go live - youtube.com/oldsouthchurch - and the service will be the first video on your screen. You can also subscribe to us to receive notifications of when we're live.

MASKED SECTIONS OF THE SANCTUARY AND CHAPEL

Did you know that we have masked sections in the Sanctuary and Chapel? We do! It's in the left transept (under the balcony) of the Sanctuary. In the Gordon Chapel, the Columbarium is the designated section. In both sections, masks are required. If you still aren't sure how to get to either section, ask an usher!

PASTORAL TRANSITION NEWS

UPDATE FROM THE SEARCH COMMITTEE

The Senior Minister Search Committee has begun their important work and will report to the Congregation regularly. Go to tinyurl.com/OSCSearchUpdate to read the August 2022 update.

GODSPEED REV. SHAWN!



Acting Associate Minister Shawn Fiedler has accepted a new position at the Fourth Presbyterian Church in Chicago, Illinois. Click [here](#) to read Shawn's letter to the congregation, along with a letter from Rick Spalding and the lay leadership of the congregation. We will have the opportunity to fete, thank and celebrate Shawn for his three years of ministry with us on his final Thursday, August 25th and final Sunday, August 28th. You can show your appreciation of Shawn by participating in a (tax deductible) purse. Make your gift by:

- Dropping checks at the Front Desk or mail them, attn.: Helen McCrady, Old South Church, 645 Boylston Street, Boston MA 02116 *with Shawn on the memo line.*
- Making an online gift to tiny.oldsouth.org/shawn
- Giving through our giving portal at www.oldsouth.org/donate

SEARCH FOR A NEW ASSOCIATE MINISTER

As Old South prepares to celebrate Shawn Fiedler's prodigious ministry among us, we've also begun the journey to name his successor. In July the Church Council appointed a small working group, selected by the Leadership Committee, to join Interim Senior Minister Rick Spalding in finding a candidate to bring our staff back up to full strength after Shawn steps away. Thanks to Randy Billings, Sarah Cowles, and Eliette Hilaire for answering this call! Working closely with Associate Conference Minister Alex Shea Will, they'll begin by drafting a fresh position description for an Associate Minister - probably to serve for a specific, limited term that would extend into the tenure of a new settled Senior Minister to give some continuity. Then they'll seek and interview candidates - hoping to find a finalist who could be appointed by Council by mid- to late fall. Meanwhile, all members of the current staff will be working shoulder-to-shoulder to keep all the many dimensions of Old South's life and work at full strength. Watch this space for news as the process continues - and thanks for your prayers along the way!

OPEN NEWBURY STREET RETURNS FOR SIX WEEKS

Newbury Street closed to traffic Sunday August 21st through Sunday, September 25th

Open Newbury Street is returning for 2022 on six consecutive Sundays: . Newbury St. will be free of cars from Berkeley St. to Mass. Ave. The intersections of Exeter St., Fairfield St., Gloucester S., and Hereford St. will also be car-free from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on each of those Sundays. To learn about parking garage options, go to oldsouth.org/your-first-visit, click on *Getting Here* and then *Parking*.

COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

Wednesday, September 14th, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., 2nd floor Mary Norton Hall

The Red Cross continues to experience a severe blood shortage. Want to help out? Donate blood to help end the critical shortage status with the Red Cross. Visit tinyurl.com/BloodDriveOSC or call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) to schedule an appointment.

ALL-CHURCH PICNIC PICTURES

Many thanks to those who made our Church Picnic possible—especially Kate Nintcheu and Katherine Schofield. To catch a glimpse of the good time had, go to tinyurl.com/2022OSCPicnicPics.

GREEN TIP: BUY ME SOME PEANUTS...

While you might think of them as a snack best suited to air travel or a ball game, the humble peanut is surprisingly nutritious. But that's not all. It's a sustainable, zero-waste crop with a low carbon footprint. Maybe it's time to give peanuts another look. Go to tinyurl.com/OSCGreenTip-Peanuts to learn more.

WEEKLY WORSHIP

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

JAZZ Worship, Thursdays at 6:00 p.m.

FIRST Worship Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

FESTIVAL Worship Sundays at 11:00 a.m.

HEALING Worship, the second Sunday at 12:30 p.m. via Zoom



*To give via ApplePay, GooglePay, or with a Credit Card,
scan the QR code with your smartphone camera.*

You can also Text 44-321 and enter OSC to make a gift.

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.
