



FAITHFUL BELONGING
Stewardship 2023

January 22nd, 2022

Third Sunday After the Epiphany

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

Jesus Calls Us

Emma Lou Diemer

*HYMN 504

You Walk along Our Shoreline

SALLEY GARDENS

*INVOCATION

Howard Cha-Young Kim

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

WELCOME

** Indicates all who are able may stand*

ANTHEM Serve the Lord with Gladness Kevin McChesney, *arr.*
 THE OLD SOUTH RINGERS
 Peter Coulombe, *director*

LISTEN

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Kate M. Nintcheu

SCRIPTURE Matthew 4:12-23 Laura Cook

*During the hymn, children that wish may meet childcare staff
in the back of the sanctuary and proceed to the 3rd floor.*

*HYMN 171 **Jesus Calls Us, o'er the Tumult** ST. ANDREW

REFLECTION Betsy and Bill Ragan

*HYMN 162 **In a Lowly Manger Born** MABUNE

RESPOND

*CALL TO PRAYER Katherine A. Schofield

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. *Please be seated.*

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Loving God, 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 O Savior, Let Me Walk With You

Harry Huff

O Savior, let me walk with you in earthly paths of service true;
tell me your secret, help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.

Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear, winning word of love.
Teach me the wayward feet to stay, and guide them in the homeward way.

Teach me your patience; let me be in closer, dearer company,
in work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in trust that triumphs over wrong.

In hope that sends a shining ray far down the future's broadening way,
in peace that only you can give, with you, O Savior, let me live.

CALL TO THE OFFERING

Richard E. Spalding



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scan the QR code with your smartphone camera.
You can also Text 44-321 and enter OSC to make a gift.

OFFERTORY

Ye Followers of the Lamb Edwin Earle Ferguson, *arr.*

O brethren ain't you happy,
O brethren ain't you happy,
O brethren ain't you happy,
ye followers of the Lamb.

*Sing on, dance on, followers of Emanuel,
sing on, dance on, ye followers of the Lamb.*

O sisters ain't you happy...
ye followers of the Lamb.

I'm glad I am a Christian...
ye followers of the Lamb.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN 575

O for a World

AZMON

*BIDDING TO MISSION AND BENEDICTION

Katherine A. Schofield

POSTLUDE

Tuba Tune

C. S. Lang



Join us for Refreshments & Fellowship
in the Gordon Chapel following the Postlude.

The flowers today are given by Melody Allen & family
in loving memory
of The Hon. W. Lloyd and Gertrude M. Allen.

Close-Up, a twenty minute tour of the Sanctuary,
begins immediately following worship at the front of the Sanctuary.
Led by docent David Story.



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*
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*

Mitchell Crawford, *Minister of Music*
George Sargeant, *Associate Organist & Choirmaster*
Tim Harbold, *Director, Gospel Choir* ❖ Peter Coulombe, *Director, Old South Ringers*
Willie Sordillo, *Director, Jazz Worship Music*

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

Helen McCrady, *Senior Church Administrator* ❖ John Braught, *Director of Operations*
Jamie Garuti, *Multimedia Director* ❖ Linda Van Praet, *Accounting & Human Resources*
Alex Pickering, *Administrative Assistant* ❖ Emily Ross, *Archivist*
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.



OLD
SOUTH
CHURCH
in BOSTON

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENIOR CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR TRANSITION

To read the full announcement go to
tinyurl.com/HMcCradyretirement

Our colleague, friend, and fellow church member Helen McCrady - Senior Administrator Extraordinaire and, in so many ways, weaver of the many-stranded, richly complex, ingeniously patterned tapestry that is the life of our church - has announced that she will step into a richly-deserved retirement at the threshold of this summer. Helen's last day in the office of which she has been such a superlative steward will be May 31st.



The Council has appointed Candace Kosturko to chair a Helen McCrady Celebration Committee - from whom you can expect to hear, soon about plans for our joyful, grateful acknowledgement of all that Helen's service and company have meant to us. Meanwhile, the Staff and the Council are already at work on a process that will lead, we hope by Eastertide, to identifying a new Church Administrator; please pray for us!



FAITHFUL BELONGING
Stewardship 2023

IT'S JANUARY. THINK STEWARDSHIP!

January begins with the ancient Christian feast of the Epiphany: the unveiling of God's love in the person of Jesus. At Old South we spend January thinking about how this church helps to unveil that love and puts it to work in our city and the world. Week by week we reflect on that work - in biblical stories of Jesus's stepping into his ministry, and fellow Old Southerners reflecting on how they, and all of us, step into *our* ministry. And as we

prepare to welcome a new Senior Minister, this is an especially important time for us to recommit to that work. Go to oldsouth.org/stewardship to learn more - and ask an usher for a pledge card if you don't have one.

PLEASE RSVP FOR THE CONSECRATION SUNDAY LUNCHEON

Go to tinyurl.com/OSC2023StewardshipLunch or sign up at the Front Desk

We'll gather all our pledges together at our regular services during the final week of January - and, on Sunday, January 29th, we'll conclude the month of Epiphany with a very contemporary Christian feast! Our Consecration Luncheon after Festival Worship will lift up our *Faithful Belonging to God and to Each Other*, and formally dedicate our financial commitments to our church's work. We can promise a great meal (at no charge), wonderful music, and joyful celebration! **Please let us know you're coming.**

OLD SOUTH FORUM

Sundays, 10 a.m., 2nd Floor Mary Norton Hall,

and on Zoom, at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86944345274> password: Community

This casual, no-commitment, come-when-you-can forum hosts series on a variety of topics. Clergy, congregation members, and special guests share in leading sessions.

Blessed or Cursed: A Celtic Perspective with Rev. Donald A. Wells

January 22nd

This Winter we'll hear from our clergy leaders and congregation members about their favorite theologians, how the study of theology shapes their ministry work, and what growing edges they're exploring in these areas. Join our Theologian in Residence for an exploration of theories of blessing and atonement: from original sin/original blessing, through the touchpoints of Celtic Christianity, "and goodness knows what else."

Religion and the War in Ukraine

January 29th

The war that began with the Russian invasion of Ukraine almost one year ago has shocked the world with its brutality. The role of religion as a factor in the war has received little attention in the media but is an important element in the conflict. This week, the Forum will explore both the religious ideologies at play in the conflict and ways that we as a church community can effectively respond.

WE START HERE: RESTORATIVE JUSTICE – A PRIMER

Monday, January 23rd, 6 p.m. online, register at sneucc-reg.brtapp.com/restorativejusticeprimer

Go to www.sneucc.org/eventdetail/17188069 to learn more

Restorative justice seeks to repair damage, restore relationships, and invite transformation by prioritizing individual and community healing rather than punishment; restitution rather than retribution. We'll start with an overview of the indigenous origins, principles and philosophy, key values, and concepts of the fascinating and challenging practices of restorative justice, which have so much potential for reducing violence and polarization and increasing understanding and forgiveness in our world.



MARTHA SCHICK'S ORDINATION!

Wednesday, February 15th, 7 p.m., in the Gordon Chapel

All are welcome to take part in joyful worship as our own Martha Schick is ordained to the ministry. She has been called to the Pastoral Residency Program at the Wellesley Village Church.

HEARD IT AT COUNCIL

Go to oldsouth.org/news/heard-it-council-january-2023 to read Church Historian Kate Silfen's article about the discussion and decisions made at the January Council meeting.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND SUPPORT

With the aid of many hands, the Congregational Care and Support Team reaches out with a pastoral ministry of prayers, love and support for members and friends of Old South Church in times of need. If you, or someone you know, could use a card, a meal, a ride, a prayer or a listening ear, don't hesitate to reach out to care@oldsouth.org.

SMALL GROUP SIGN UPS

Fill out the interest form at tinyurl.com/OSCSmallGroups2023

Do you seek to deepen your experience of community at Old South Church, cultivate spiritual friendships, and grow in your faith? We are currently forming groups for the spring season (Jan through May). Groups meet online, in-person, and hybrid.

THEOLOGICAL BOOK GROUP STUDYS 'THE UNIVERSAL CHRIST'

Beginning Monday, January 30th, attendees will be sent Zoom link and reading assignments

Email Don Wells at granwell@comcast.net to sign up.

The Theological Book Group will begin a new book: Richard Rohr's 'The Universal Christ'. Rohr, a Franciscan, and the author of several books on Christian spirituality, uses scripture, history and spiritual practice as he sets forth a view of Jesus Christ as a portrait of God's constant and unfolding work in the world. His life was meant to declare that humanity has never been separated from God. The group is limited to 18-20 participants to insure maximum time for discussion. An openness to the challenge of new ways to see theological concepts is an important part of the group process. Group members must purchase their own copy of the book.

THROUGH THE BIBLE

Thursdays, 7 p.m., 4th Floor Phillis Wheatley Room and on Zoom

Join us as we journey at a reflective and thorough pace through the Hebrew Bible. We are excited to welcome a new Bible Study Instructor to lead this group. Andrew Vosburgh, a student at Harvard Divinity School, has a deep appreciation of biblical hermeneutics and is well versed in ancient languages so will bring many gifts to the group.

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

Sundays, 10 a.m. 4th Floor Phillis Wheatley Room, and on Zoom

Delve into the day's scripture passage heard in worship. This no-homework Bible study delights in taking a scholarly look at ancient texts. Don't leave your questions at the door; we need them. For more information contact Katherine Schofield at katherine@oldsouth.org.

DONATE FLOWERS FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP

Go to tiny.oldsouth.org/Flowers2023 to sign up for a Sunday, dates are filling quickly

Would you like to give the flowers one Sunday - in memory or in honor of a special person or event? I find it quite meaningful every Sunday to read the flower message. The price is \$100. Please send you message along with your payment. You can drop it off, send a check, or go to tinyurl.com/DonateOSC and make your gift online. **Sundays April 30th and June 4th are still available among others.**

GREEN TIP: A Kid's Guide to Climate Change

Are you a kid — or do you know a kid — who is learning about climate change? It can be hard to know where to start. So NPR made a guide (including a cool comic) about how it's changing the planet and how to deal with the big feelings kids might have when they hear about it. www.npr.org/2023/01/17/1144849154/climate-change-kids-guide

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 5:30 p.m. via Zoom

Join us to end homelessness Sunday, February 12th	
	Sign up today! Visit Winterwalk.org #Endhomelessness #WinterWalk23



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scan the QR code with your smartphone camera.

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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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