

# FIRST WORSHIP

OLD SOUTH CHURCH | DOORS OPEN TO ALL



**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Gather us in, the brokenhearted and the joyful.

**Many: Gather us in, the weak and the strong.**

One: Gather us in, the fearful and the brave.

**Many: Gather us in, the young and the old.**

One: Gather us in, to sing of God's works.

**Many: Gather us in, to speak the Good News of Christ.**

One: Gather us in, to worship and wonder.

**Many: Gather us in, to know and share the love of God.**

**\*OPENING SONG**



Let's sing un-to the Lord a hymn of glad re-joic-ing.  
Let's sing un-to the Lord a hymn of ad-o-ra-tion,



Let's sing a hymn of love, at the new day's fresh be-gin-ning.  
which shows our love and faith and the hope of all cre-a-tion.



God made the sky a-bove, the stars, the sun, the o-ceans;  
Through all that has been made, the Lord is praised for great-ness,



and God saw it was good, for those works were filled with beau-ty.  
and so we sing to God, who be-stows such love-ly bless-ings.

*Refrain / Estribillo*



¡Al - le - lu - ya! ¡Al - le - lu - ya!



Can - te - mos al Se - ñor. ¡Al - le - lu - ya!

Text: Carlos Rosas, 1976; English trans. Roberto Escamilla, Elise S. Eslinger,  
and George Lockwood, 1983; 1987

Tune: CANTEMOS AL SEÑOR, Carlos Rosas, 1976; arr. Raquel Mora Martinez, 1980

*\*Please stand if it is comfortable for you.*

WELCOME

READING FROM SCRIPTURE


REFLECTION

SPECIAL MUSIC


PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD AND ONE ANOTHER



God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to  
Walk - ing be - hind to hem my jour - ney, go - ing a - head to



move my voice; God, be the strength to now up - hold me:  
light my way, and from be - neath, a - bove, and all ways:



O Christ, sur - round me; O Christ, sur - round me.

Text: Richard Bruxvoort Colligan, 2004

Tune: GREEN TYLER, Richard Bruxvoort Colligan, 2004

OFFERING AND SUNG RESPONSE (AMEN!)



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era.*

SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER

PRAYING THE WORDS OF JESUS

**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.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

\*CLOSING SONG

\*BENEDICTION

Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of Christ my king,  
Stand - ing on the prom - is - es I can - not fall,  
through e - ter - nal a - ges let his prais - es ring;  
lis - tening ev - ery mo - ment to the Spir - it's call,  
glo - ry in the high - est, I will shout and sing,  
rest - ing in my Sav - ior as my all in all,  
stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.  
*Stand - ing, stand - ing, stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God my Sav - ior;*  
*stand - ing, stand - ing, I'm stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.*

Text: R. Kelso Carter, 1886  
Tune: PROMISES, R. Kelso Carter, 1886

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

**Mitchell Crawford**, Minister of Music ♦ **Richard E. Spalding**, Interim Senior Minister  
**Katherine A. Schofield**, Interim Associate Minister ♦ **Howard Cha-Young Kim**, Pastoral Resident

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## **DRAWING TOGETHER**

*See inside for more ways to get involved*

This Fall we're gathering in person and online to offer one another support, encouragement and challenge. And we're paying attention to God's ingenious designs for our lives, our work together, our community - we're being *drawn into* the new, beautiful things that God is up to. But we're also drawing the future together: dreaming about who we might become, what's next, and how we might build a church that'll be ready for what's coming next. It's an exciting season, a transforming liminal time, a time of co-creating. The Gospel of Luke will be our companion - with stories about preparation and surprise, perseverance and restoration.

## **WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY, October 2<sup>nd</sup>**

For this year's celebration of World Communion Sunday on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, Old South welcomes special guest Jorge Lockward to lead us in worship. A native of the Dominican Republic, Jorge currently lives in New York City where he works as Director of the Global Praise Program of the General Board of Global Ministries for The United Methodist Church, and lectures on worship at Union Theological Seminary. Through word, music, and in prayers and liturgy drawn from across the globe, Jorge will help us broaden our concept of World Communion Sunday to Communion with all that is — making the connection to the Christian construct of the Holy Trinity. Please join us for an incredible morning of worship!



## **NEIGHBORS IN NEED COLLECTION, October 2<sup>nd</sup>**

This Sunday our collection will be in support of **Neighbors in Need (NIN)**, a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. Neighbors in Need grants are awarded to UCC churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities. Here are the ways that you can give to this cause:

- Use the envelope included in bulletin
- Text 44-321 and type NIN
- Go to [OldSouth.org/donate](https://OldSouth.org/donate) and give through our giving portal

## **20's AND 30's AFTER JAZZ DINNER**

First Thursdays: Oct 6, Nov 3, Dec 1 following Jazz Worship

Join us for a casual young adult gathering following Jazz Worship on the first Thursday of the month. Meet in the chapel, get dinner in the area (let us know if money is a barrier), and break bread together in the 4th floor Tower Room! Newcomers and old friends welcome -- no monthly commitment required. Email Sarah Cowles or Abigail Smith with any questions.

## **I WILL LIFT MY EYES UNTO THE THE MOUNTAINS:**

### **A MUSICAL EXPLORATION OF THE PSALMS**

*Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2:00 p.m., 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Guild Room*

Experience the psalms in a unique and memorable way! Join OSC member Del Case, Professor of Music at Wheaton College, for a unique event that uses live musical performances as a springboard for discussion about Scripture and faith. Participants gather to hear world-premiere performances of brand-new musical compositions inspired by the psalms, then join each other in conversation about the ways these pieces help foster experience and understand the Bible. No musical experience is necessary!

## **CITY STRINGS UNITED BENEFIT CONCERT**

*Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 3:00 p.m.*

City Strings United's mission is to inspire and challenge children from underserved communities to develop leadership and life skills and a passion for excellence through the discipline of a music ensemble.

## **SMALL GROUPS**

Some groups read books, others go to movies, meals, or museums. Email [Katherine@oldsouth.org](mailto:Katherine@oldsouth.org) to find out more about the Small Groups Old South has to offer.

## **WOMEN'S LUNCH SMALL GROUP SEEKING NEW MEMBERS**

Thursdays at noon via zoom

The Women's Lunch Small Group is beginning to read and discuss "Active Hope: How to Face the Mess We're in with Unexpected Resilience and Creative Power" by Joanna Macy and Chris Johnstone and would like to invite any women who are interested to join them. For more information contact [katherine@oldsouth.org](mailto:katherine@oldsouth.org).

## **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!

## GET DRAWN TOGETHER

### OLD SOUTH FORUM—RESUMES OCTOBER 9<sup>th</sup>

*Sundays at 10:00 a.m., 2nd Floor and online, go to [tinyurl.com/OSCForums](https://tinyurl.com/OSCForums) for Zoom link*

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

### OCTOBER 9<sup>th</sup>- WORDS FOR WORSHIP: LANGUAGE, MEANING AND INCLUSION

How we speak about God, and our calling as disciples, makes a big impact on our theology and how we live out our faith. Join us for a discussion of language in worship, particularly related to prayers and the Lord's Prayer. How can our language choices be both deeply meaningful and welcoming to a diverse community?

### OCTOBER 16<sup>th</sup>- SERVICE AND OUTREACH ACTIVITY FAIR

Want to learn more about how Old South is working for justice and positive change in our community and the wider world? Ready to roll up your sleeves and join a service project? Want to learn more about the organizations we support with grant funding? This is the Forum for you!

### SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

*Sundays at 10 am in the Phillis Wheatley Room and via 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@oldsouth.org](mailto:katherine@oldsouth.org).

### MAKE MUSIC!

Festival Choir (weekly rehearsals on Thursday evenings weekly performances on Sundays at 11am). Contact [mitchell@oldsouth.org](mailto:mitchell@oldsouth.org) for more info. Our Gospel Choir rehearses and performs once a month. Contact [tim@oldsouth.org](mailto:tim@oldsouth.org) for more info. The Old South Ringers rehearse on Tuesdays and perform in worship once a month. Contact Peter Coulombe at [handbells@oldsouth.org](mailto:handbells@oldsouth.org) for more info.

### THROUGH THE BIBLE

*Thursdays, 7:00 p.m., 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Phillis Wheatley Room and on Zoom*

Join us as we journey at a reflective and thorough pace through the Hebrew Bible. We're currently reading through Psalms. For more information and the Zoom link, email Howard Cha-Young Kim at [howard@oldsouth.org](mailto:howard@oldsouth.org).

## HEARD IT AT COUNCIL

Go to [oldsouth.org/news/heard-it-council-september-2022](https://oldsouth.org/news/heard-it-council-september-2022) and find out about the latest Council meeting.

## UPDATE FROM THE SENIOR MINISTER SEARCH COMMITTEE

The Senior Minister Search Committee has begun their important work and will report to the Congregation regularly. Go to [oldsouth.org/senior-minister-search](https://oldsouth.org/senior-minister-search) to read the most recent update.

## SEARCH FOR A NEW ASSOCIATE MINISTER

Some of the best recruiting happens by word-of-mouth - so if you know anyone who should apply (or know anyone who might be in a position to encourage good candidates to apply), please feel free to refer them to the Old South website - where the Profile is now also posted, along with instructions for submitting materials. Go to [oldsouth.org/news/associate-minister-search-updates](https://oldsouth.org/news/associate-minister-search-updates) to learn more.

## JAZZ WORSHIP

Thursdays, 6:00 p.m. in the Gordon Chapel or at [oldsouth.org/jazz](https://oldsouth.org/jazz)

Join us in the 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](https://tinyurl.com/OSCJazzMaterials) if you'd like a hard copy of the song titles, credits, and hymns to print in advance.

## GREEN TIP

As we continue in a time of local drought, check out [tinyurl.com/cut-water-use](https://tinyurl.com/cut-water-use) and learn how to cut your water use in half from Consumer Reports.

## 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



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

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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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