

*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

John M. Edgerton

ANTHEM

To Sit and Dream
Leslie Amper, piano

Rosephanye Powell

*To sit and dream, to sit and read,
To sit and learn about the world
Outside our world of here and now --
our problem world --
To dream of vast horizons of the soul
Through dreams made whole,
Unfettered free -- help me!
All you who are dreamers, too,
Help me make our world anew.
I reach out my hands to you.*

—Langston Hughes, 1960s

LISTEN

READING *On the Death of the Rev. Dr. SEWELL 1769* Nancy S. Taylor
A poem and elegy by Phillis Wheatley on the death of our 4th minister,
Joseph Sewell, who served this church 1713-1769.

This portion of her poem was offered as an epitaph for his tombstone:

One: Lo, here a man, redeem'd by Jesus's blood, □
A sinner once, but now a saint with God;
All: **Behold ye rich, ye poor, ye fools, ye wise,
Nor let his monument your heart surprise;**

One: 'Twill tell you what this holy man has done,
Which gives him brighter luster than the sun.

**All: Listen, ye happy, from your seats above.
I speak sincerely, while I speak and love,**

One: He sought the paths of piety and truth,
By these made happy from his early youth!

**All: In blooming years that grace divine he felt, □
Which rescues sinners from the chains of guilt.**

One: Mourn him, ye indigent, whom he has fed,
And henceforth seek, like him, for living bread;

**All: Ev'n Christ, the bread descending from above,
And ask an int'rest in his saving love. □**

One: Mourn him, ye youth, to whom he oft has told
God's gracious wonders from the times of old.

**All: I, too have cause this mighty loss to mourn,
For he, my monitor, will not return.**

One: O when shall we to his blest state arrive?
When the same graces in our bosoms thrive.

*HYMN 462

Creating God, Your Fingers Trace
The choir sings v. 1. All may sing vv. 2-4.

Hancock

SERMON

“Imagination! who can sing thy force?” Nancy S. Taylor

(The sermon title is a line from
Phillis Wheatley's poem *On Imagination*)

SOLO

Songs for the People
from *Miss Wheatley's Garden*
Heather Gallagher, mezzo soprano
Leslie Amper, piano

Rosephanye Powell

*Let me make the songs for the people,
Songs for the old and young;
Songs to stir like a battle-cry
Wherever they are sung.*

*Let me sing for little children,
Before their footsteps stray,
Sweet anthems of love and duty,
To float o'er life's highway.*

*Let me make the songs for the weary,
Amid life's fever and fret,
Till hearts shall relax their tension,
And careworn brows forget.*

*Our world, so worn and weary,
Needs music, pure and strong,
To hush the jangle and discords
Of sorrow, pain, and wrong.*

*Not for the clashing of sabres,
For carnage nor for strife;
But songs to thrill the hearts of men
With more abundant life.*

*Music to soothe all its sorrow,
Till war and crime shall cease;
And the hearts of men grown tender
Girdle the world with peace.*

— Frances Ellen Watkins Harper, 1895, alt.

THE OPEN DOOR AWARD

PRESENTATION

Adrian Walker

June R. Cooper

**Columnist for *The Boston Globe* since 1998 and member of the
Spotlight Team that produced: *Boston. Race. Image. Reality.***

CALL TO PRAYER

Anthony T. Livolsi

One: God be with you.
Many: And also with you.
One: Lift up your hearts.
Many: We lift our hearts to God.
One: Let us pray.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND SILENT PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE There's a Wideness *St. Helena*
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CALL TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM The Dream Keeper Rollo Dilworth
Leslie Amper, piano

*Bring me all of your dreams,
You dreamers,
Bring me all of your
Heart melodies
That I may wrap them
In a blue cloud-cloth
Away from the too-rough fingers
Of the world.*

— Langston Hughes, 1932

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN 278 Creator God, Creating Still *St. Anne*

*BIDDING TO MISSION AND BENEDICTION Deb Washington

*POSTLUDE Alleluias Simon Preston

PHILLIS WHEATLEY'S CHURCH GOES ON PROMENADE

Following worship please join us as we go on
Promenade to the Women's Memorial on the Commonwealth Avenue Mall.
Once arrived at the statue of Phillis Wheatley, we will fete and celebrate her
on her birthday with poetry, cupcakes and song.

RESPONSE

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

St. Helena

1. There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy like the wide-ness of the sea;
 2. There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heav'n.
 3. For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sure of the mind;



There's a kind ness in God's jus - tice, which is more than li - ber - ty.
 There is no place where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment - giv'n.
 And the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.



There is wel - come for the sin - ner, and more gra - ces for the
 There is plen - ti - ful re - demp - tion in the blood that has been
 If our love were but more faith - ful, we would glad - ly trust God's



good; There is mer - cy with the Sa - vior; There is heal - ing in Christ's blood.
 shed; There is joy for all the mem bers in the sor - rows of the Head.
 word; And our life would be thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of our God.

MUSIC NOTES: Today's choral and vocal anthems celebrate historical African-American poets, in settings by contemporary African-American composers. *Songs for the People*, with poetry by Frances Ellen Watkins Harper, comes from *Miss Wheatley's Garden*, an homage to Phillis Wheatley, in which Rosephanye Powell sets poetry of several African American women. Before the Civil War, Harper was active in the Underground Railroad, and after the war she continued to champion the rights of African Americans and women, through activism and poetry. Both choir anthems feature the poetry of Langston Hughes, a leading poet of the "Harlem Renaissance" of African-American culture in the 1920s. The musical settings are composed by Rosephanye Powell, a professor of voice at Auburn University, and Rollo Dilworth, Professor of Choral Music Education at Temple University. – Tim Harbold

PHILLIS WHEATLEY SUNDAY
May 13, 2018

2018 Open Door Award Recipient
MR. ADRIAN WALKER
Boston Globe metro columnist & member of the
Spotlight Team that produced:
Boston. Racism. Image. Reality.



Adrian Walker has been writing and reporting as a metro columnist for *The Boston Globe* since 1998. His columns appear on Mondays and Fridays in the Metro section. Mr. Walker contributed to *The Boston Globe's* coverage of the Boston Marathon bombings, for which the *Globe* won a Pulitzer Prize in 2014. Most recently, he served on the *Globe's* Spotlight Team that produced the important series: *Boston. Racism. Image. Reality*, about which all of Boston is talking.

Boston. Racism. Image. Reality. continues in 2018 the work singularly shouldered by Old South member Phillis Wheatley in the late 1700's.

(G)RACE Speaks, a standing committee of our Church Council, is Old South's undertaking to pry open, see, name, and address matters of race within the life of this church as a Christian exercise in building the Beloved Community. This is our charge.



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 loving memory of Faye Eleanor McInturff and Elizabeth Dunbar Roberts by the Roberts-McInturff 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, May 13	9:00 am	FIRST Worship, <i>Nancy S. Taylor preaching</i>
	9:00 am	Children's Choir Rehearsal
	9:45 am	Old South Café in Gordon Chapel
	10:00 am	Healing Worship
	10:00 am	Community Hour, <i>The Church and Sex</i>
	10:00 am	Church School and Childcare
	10:00 am	Festival Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am	Lectionary Bible Study
	10:30 am	Promenade to the Phillis Wheatley Memorial
	11:00 am	FESTIVAL Worship, <i>Nancy S. Taylor preaching</i>
	11:15 am	Children's Music
	12:15 pm	Promenade to the Phillis Wheatley Memorial
	12:15 pm	Fellowship Hour in Gordon Chapel
	12:30 pm	Connections Lunch
12:30 pm	Gospel Choir Rehearsal	
Monday, May 14	6:00 pm	Theological Book Group
	7:30 pm	Spiritual Classics
Tuesday, May 15	5:30 pm	Trustees
	5:30 pm	Membership Committee
	7:00 pm	Music Committee
	8:00 pm	Boston Handbell Festival
Wednesday, May 16	12:00 pm	Men's Lunch Hour Small Group
	6:15 pm	Young Adult Book Group, <i>'The Meaning of Jesus'</i>
	6:30 pm	Young Adult Group, <i>'Strengthening Our Marriages'</i>
Thursday, May 17	12:00 pm	Women's Lunch Hour Small Group
	5:00 pm	Gospel Choir Rehearsal
	6:00 pm	JAZZ Worship, <i>John M. Edgerton preaching</i>
	6:30 pm	Festival Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 pm	Young Adult Book Group, <i>'Mere Christianity'</i>
	7:00 pm	Young Women's Small Group, <i>'Learning to Walk in the Dark'</i>
	7:00 pm	'Through the Bible' Study, <i>The Book of Ruth</i>
Sunday, May 20		PENTECOST SUNDAY

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

Nancy S. Taylor, Senior Minister
John M. Edgerton, Associate Minister ❖ Anthony T. Livolsi, Associate Minister
James W. Crawford, Senior Minister Emeritus
Kate Nintcheu, Director, Children and Family Ministries
Donald A. Wells, Theologian in Residence ❖ June R. Cooper, Theologian in the City
Calvin Genzel, Wedding Outreach Minister ❖ Ken Orth, Healing Worship Minister
Carrie Swayne-Gerrish, Youth Leader ❖ Rebecca Bowler, Seminarian Intern
Carolyn Davis, Director, Old South Preschool ❖ Emma Brewer-Wallin, Ministry Intern
George Sargeant, Associate Organist and Choirmaster
Willie Sordillo, Director, Jazz Worship Music
Peter Coulombe, Director, Old South Ringers ❖ Amy Budka, Children's Music Leader
Tim Harbold, Director, Gospel & Festival Choirs
Deb Washington, Moderator ❖ Rob Gabler, Clerk ❖ Bill Bulkeley, Treasurer
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Corey Spence, Rubia Reyes and Carrie Swayne-Gerrish, Receptionists
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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.

THIS SUNDAY AT OLD SOUTH

PHILLIS WHEATLEY CELEBRATION

For Children:

10:00 am Children will have a special story about Phillis Wheatley in their regular church school classrooms (4th flr)

10:30 am Procession to the Boston Women's Memorial on Comm Ave.

All Ages:

11:00 am Boston Globe's Adrian Walker receives the *Open Door* award

12:15 pm Procession to the Boston Women's Memorial on Comm Ave.

10AM COMMUNITY HOUR

The Church and Sex, May 13, 20, and 27 at 10am

We know what we don't believe, but what values, wisdom and theological commitments do progressive Christians have to draw upon in our thinking about intimacy? How do we live morally as sexual beings?

This three-week series, led by Rev. Anthony Livolsi, and jointly sponsored by the Christian Service and Outreach and the Christian Formation Committees, hopes to stimulate holy, searching conversation on questions that matter to us all, single and partnered alike – questions society poses and with which the Church must engage.

CONNECTIONS LUNCH

Sunday, May 13th 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.

NEXT SUNDAY: PENTECOST

Join us next Sunday, May 20th, as we celebrate Pentecost. Sometimes called "the birthday of the church", Pentecost celebrates God's power to break down all barriers between people. This beloved service includes our not-to-be-missed shower of rose petals at Festival Worship, dramatically symbolizing the Holy Spirit blessing the earliest Christians.

ADULT EDUCATION

CLIMATE CHURCH, CLIMATE WORLD BOOK GROUP

Sundays at 12:30, May 27 - June 17

Join in the conversation about our faith response to climate change while reading Jim Antal's new book. Margaret Bush will facilitate. Contact Emma Brewer-Wallin (ebrewerw@gmail.com) with questions or to sign up.

'FUN-AND-NOT-SCARY, AT-A-SNAIL'S-PACE READ THROUGH OF THE WHOLE BIBLE' STUDY: *Thursdays at 7pm*. Journey through the Book of Ruth with us. Reading the Bible chapter by chapter, book by book opens us up to new allusions, parallels, and rich insights. To join in, email Rev. Anthony Livolsi at anthony@oldsouth.org.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

CELEBRATION POTLUCK BRUNCH

Saturday June 3 at 10am

Join us as we celebrate the end of another program year with food, fellowship, and song! We will be celebrating someone in particular this year as well - watch for more details to emerge.

CRADLES TO CRAYONS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Saturday June 16th, 10am - 12pm

Join other families in a service project at Cradles to Crayons' warehouse in Brighton as we help to sort donations of school supplies, toys, and other materials! We're also looking for an adult to help run this event. Contact Kate at children@oldsouth.org to register/volunteer.

SUNDAYS

CHILDCARE: Infants through grade 2 are welcome in our childcare ministries beginning at 8:40 am. Care is available uninterrupted all morning through Festival Worship.

CHURCH SCHOOL: Children age 3 through 4th grade are invited to our Montessori-style Godly Play program, and 5th-6th graders are invited to our *Meet the Ancestors* Bible study.

YOUTH GROUP: Students in grades 7-12 explore issues of life and faith on Sundays.

COMMUNITY LIFE

OLD SOUTH OUTDOORS

This summer Old South has planned a series of group hikes and excursions. We will deepen our experiences of community and discover God in the beauty and majesty of the natural world. Immediately following First Worship, at 10am, we will depart, carpooling from the church. Join us in this quest! Send questions and RSVPs to organizer Anne Dickinson Meltz of the Membership Committee at annedickinsonmeltz@gmail.com.

Summer Schedule:

Middlesex Fells Reservation - June 10

Mount Monadnock - June 24

Blue Hills Reservation - July 15

Hammond Park Reservation - August 5

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

AIDS WALK BOSTON

On June 3rd, Old South Church will participate in **AIDS Walk Boston & 5k Run** continuing our long tradition as the Walk's longest standing church team. This year, we ask YOU to join us in whatever way you can, whether it's walking, running, fundraising, or holding us in your prayers. Email williamweimian@gmail.com to learn more.

PRAYER VIGIL AT ICE DETENTION CENTER

Sunday, June 3, 2pm at 20 Bradston St., Boston

Join us as we come together as a visible symbol to our siblings in detention to show them that they are not forgotten. For more information please contact Alliea Group - aegroupp@aol.com, (617) 435-4220 or Carrie Swayne-Gerrish - carrie@oldsouth.org, (617) 785-8522.

MONTHLY CAREGIVING SUPPORT GROUP

Meets the second Tuesday of every month, 11am, 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 AT OLD SOUTH

MINISTER OF MUSIC TRANSITIONS

Tim Harbold

Our extraordinary Interim Choir Director Tim Harbold will turn over the baton following Festival Worship on Pentecost Sunday, May 20th. We will celebrate Tim and thank him for his amazing leadership as a musician, administrator, budget watcher, colleague, choral conductor, music chooser, worship leader, overseer of the Choral Fellows, and more. Thank you, Tim, and bless you for the gift that you are to our life together.

Mitchell Crawford

Our new Minister of Music, Mitchell Crawford, has arrived in Boston and is currently settling in. Mitchell begins officially on Monday, May 21st, but you might catch sight of him here and there before then.

BOSTON HANDBELL FESTIVAL

Tuesday, May 15th, 8pm at Old South Church

The Boston Handbell Festival brings together local community handbell ensembles - the Back Bay Ringers, Merrimack Valley Ringers, New England Ringers, and Old South Ringers – and an invited guest choir, for an evening of massed and solo ringing in Old South's sanctuary. The concert is free and open to the public.

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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