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“Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

LUKE 3: 21-22

All Church Worship **Old South Church *in Boston***

January 9th, 2022 ❖ 10:00 a.m.

Stepping Into the Waters of Baptism

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

Christ, unser Here, zum Jordan kam, BuxWV 180

Dietrich Buxtehude

Crashing Waters at Creation*Stanzas 1 and 3 only*

1 Crash - ing wat - ers at cre - a - tion or - dered by the spi - rit's breath,
 2 Part - ing wat - er stood and trem - bled as the cap - tives passed on through,
 3 Cleans - ing wat - er once at Jor - dan closed a - round the one fore - told,
 4 Liv - ing wat - er, nev - er end - ing, quence the thirst and flood the soul

First to wit - ness day's be - gin - ning from the bright - ness of night's death.
 Wash - ing off the chains of bond - age — chan - nel to a life made new.
 O - pened to re - veal the glo - ry ev - er new and ev - er old.
 Well - spring, source of life e - ter - nal drench our dry - ness, make us whole.

PASSING THE PEACE

Nancy S. Taylor

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

RESPONSE

Gathered in God's Name**Solo:** *Gathered in God's name 'round the living Word. Gathered as one family in the name of love.*

Congregation:

Gath - ered from near and far, gath - ered in this ho - ly place,
 gath - ered as stran - gers and friends, gath - ered and gift - ed by grace.
 Gath - ered in God's name, 'round the liv - ing Word.
 Gath - ered as one fam - ly in the name of love,
slowing
 in the name of love, in the name of love.

WELCOME

INVOCATION

CHILDRENS' MESSAGE

Shawn M. Fiedler and Kate Nintcheu

ATTEND

SCRIPTURE

Luke 3:21-22

REFLECTORS

Chuck and Ann Wildman

Today's reflectors, Anne and the Reverend Chuck Wildman, have been members of Old South Church since 2019. Chuck, from Chicago and Anne, from Toronto met at Lake Forest College (Ill.). They were married while Chuck was at Yale Divinity School. Chuck, an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ, went on to serve churches in Florida, Connecticut, Nebraska, and the District of Columbia. While Chuck was pastoring, Anne taught, grades 4-6. They are retired now, and living in Hingham.

CALL TO PRAYER

Howard Cha-Young Kim

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.

PASTORAL PRAYER

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

RESPOND

CALL TO THE OFFERING

Jessica Young Chang



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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*

OFFERTORY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Jessica Young Chang

What Ruler Wades in Murky Streams*Stanzas 1 and 3 only*

*We look forward to welcoming the composer of this hymn, Dr. David Hurd,
to Old South this coming February for a Festival celebrating his hymnody*



1 What rul - er wades through murk - y streams and bows be-neath the wave,
2 Christ gleams with wa - ter brown with clay from land the proph-ets trod.
3 Come bow be-neath the flow - ing wave. Christ stands here at your side



Ig - nor - ing how the world es-teems the pow - er - ful and brave?
A - bove while heav-en's clouds give way de-scends the dove of God.
and rais - es you as from the grave God raised the cru - ci - fied.



Refrain
Wa-ter, Riv-er, Spir-it, Grace, sweep o - ver me, sweep o - ver me!



Re - carve the depths your fing-ers traced in sculpt - ing me.

BIDDING TO MISSION AND BENEDICTION

Nancy S. Taylor

POSTLUDE

Christ, unser Herr, zum Jordan kam

Johann Pachelbel



The flowers today are given
in loving memory of Ben Coalter Crawford
by Jim and Linda Crawford.

Close-Up, a 20-minute tour of the Sanctuary,
begins following worship at the front of the Sanctuary.
Led by docent David Story.



INFORMATION ABOUT OLD SOUTH

Check out the church website at
www.oldsouth.org/Sundays for everything Sundays,
www.oldsouth.org/calendar for a calendar of virtual 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

Nancy S. Taylor, *Senior Minister* ❖ James W. Crawford, *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* ❖ Jessica Young Chang, *Seminarian*
David Story, *Wedding Minister* ❖ Ken Orth, *Healing Worship Minister*

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

Kate Nintcheu, *Director, Children & Family Ministries*
Martha Schick, *Youth & Young Adult Ministries Leader*
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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
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOURISH!

Starts Wednesday, January 12th, 7:30 p.m.

Nourish, a small group for women and femmes exploring the intersection of embodiment and reflection, starts next week! Join Seminarian jessica young chang for a weekly community of yoga practice, breathwork, meditation, as well as reflection, connection, and conversation. If you haven't yet planned to attend and are hoping to join, email jess@oldsouth.org for more info.

COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

Wednesday, January 19th, 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.



THROUGH THE BIBLE RETURNS

Thursdays, 7:30 p.m., 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.

OLD SOUTH MICRO COMMUNITIES

Sign up at <https://forms.gle/SSF88ecoqoHPQykR8>

In an effort to help our community stay well connected, build new friendships, and weather the isolation of the winter season, we are once again creating groups of 4-5 people who each week will have a question to discuss over text or email. This year our discussion topics will be more spiritually based and groups will be encouraged to gather (in person or online) for an initial "getting to know you" session. We'll kick this off the week of January 16th and run through April 9th, the beginning of Holy Week. Once you have signed up, you will hear from us the second week of January introducing you to your micro community!

THE MAGI HAVE ARRIVED!

Our annual **Stewardship campaign** to fuel Old South's 2022 ministries of mercy, justice, and beauty has begun! Together we join the three kings in presenting our very best to God and God's future. The theme for 2022 is *Stepping Into God's Future*—quite apt as we walk together into times of transition, challenges and the unknown!



Join us as we

- listen to inspiring reflections by Old Southerners during worship in January
- consider prayerfully what contribution you can make in 2022.
- prepare to celebrate our congregation's steadfast generosity at hybrid celebrations on Thursday, January 27 and Sunday, January 30.

A 2022 Commitment Card will be arriving in the mail soon, along with your 2021 Giving Statement. You can also pledge online by going to tinyurl.com/OSCGiving2022.

Giving Envelopes for 2022 are now available at the Church. If you would like envelopes contact Helen McCrady, helen@oldsouth.org.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY HOUR FORUMS

Sundays, following All-Church Worship, on Zoom at tinyurl.com/OSCForum

January 16th, Old South Church Enslavers and Enslaved. Archivist Emily Ross has delved into the records of Old South and the archives of 17th and 18th century Boston newspapers to explore the depth of slave holding by members of Old South. She will present a snapshot of her findings.

January 23rd, Meet Our New Pastoral Resident: Howard Cha-Young Kim. Welcome Howard, who is beginning his two-year residency at OSC this January through the Urban Pastoral Ministry Program (funded by the Lilly Endowment, in partnership with City Mission). Howard is a 2020 graduate of Duke Divinity School and is on the ordination track with his home church, The Way, LA. Howard has many years of church and non-profit experience, and is passionate about organizing and building solidarity between marginalized communities.

COVID PRECAUTIONS

As we are all aware, COVID has not gone away. We need to be extra cautious through January. Between now and then the virus will be relentless. Here's our thinking at Old South Church, although we reserve the right to pivot on a dime, depending on the virus:



- We will remain open daily for visitors.
- Masking is mandated, as is social distancing.
Do upgrade any cloth masks to at least a three-ply surgical mask.
- If you have so much as a sniffle, do not enter the building.
- We encourage you to get tested as often as possible, or as often as necessary, considering your circumstances and the availability of tests.
- We are suspending ensemble singing and congregational singing through mid-February.

JAZZ WORSHIP – *Thursdays at 6 p.m.*

We will continue to be hybrid (both in person and remote; masking and social distancing; congregational singing will be curtailed).

ALL CHURCH WORSHIP – *Sundays at 10 a.m.*

We will continue to be hybrid (both in person and remote; masking and social distancing; congregational singing will be curtailed, as will the presence of vocal ensembles).

OTHER PROGRAMING AND MEETINGS

We expect most of our other programming (meetings, classes, small groups) to go remote for the month of January. Church School families should check their Friday newsletter from Kate for details on children's classes. Stay tuned. Stay safe.

BIBLE STUDY

Sundays at 9:00 a.m., Sam Johnson Room on the fourth floor, and Zoom

Delve into the day's scripture passage heard in worship. Led by our ministerial staff, 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 jess@oldsouth.org.

GREEN TIP

Alternatives for Community and Environment

For over 25 years ACE has been working in the community on issues of environmental justice, ending displacement, improving public health and transit, and empowering youth leadership. OSC's Community Service and Outreach Committee recently awarded ACE a 20K grant to help support their Roxbury Environmental Empowerment Program.

THE CAREGIVERS' SUPPORT GROUP

The Caregivers' Support Group is a gathering for sharing and support, open to members and friends of Old South serving as caregivers to others. This group is facilitated by Rev. Dr. Frankie Doolittle, Old South Member, Counselor and ordained UCC Minister. If you are interested in attending please contact Rev. Katherine Schofield at katherine@oldsouth.org.

DONATE FLOWERS FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP—

Sunday January 30th is available, sign up now to get a date that is meaningful to you

The church is open for worship on Sunday mornings and we have beautiful flowers in front of the pulpit again! Would you like to give the flowers one Sunday in memory or honor of a special person or event?

Go to tinyurl.com/SundayFlowers2022 to sign up for a Sunday or contact Helen McCrady, helen@oldsouth.org. Due to the COVID economy the price has gone up to \$100. Please send your message along with your payment. You can drop it off, send a check, or go to www.oldsouth.org/donate and make your gift online.

WEEKLY WORSHIP

Join us for worship in person and on Vimeo.

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

ALL-CHURCH Worship, Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

Our monthly **HEALING Worship** is held the second Sunday at 12:30 p.m. via Zoom

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.
