

Old South Church Copley Square, Boston A Congregation of the United Church of Christ Gathered 1669

> May 1st, 2022 Third Sunday of Easter

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	Mors et resurrectio	Jean Langlais
*HYMN 386	The Church's One Foundation	AURELIA
*CALL TO V	WORSHIP	Shawn M. Fiedler
One:	We are met in the presence of God.	
Many:	And we do not meet alone.	
One:	With the angels in highest heaven,	
Many:	We gather to worship God.	
One:	With the saints of every age,	
Many:	We gather to worship God.	
One:	With the church throughout the world,	
Many:	We gather to worship God.	

* Indicates all who are able may stand

One: By children and babes at the breast,
Many: God's holy name is praised.
One: With drums, sitars and trumpets,
Many: God's holy name is praised.
One: In barrios and basilicas,
Many: God's holy name is praised.
One: And here, now, with our own hearts and voices.
Many: God's holy name is praised.
One: We are met in the presence of God.
Many: And we do not meet alone.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

WELCOME

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

John River Hinman

Child of Travis and Jody Hinman Godparents are Chris and Kate Hinman

Harriet Louise Nolan

Child of Charles and Sara Nolan Godparents are Gregory Morrison and Emma Hoffman-Davies

Jack Joseph Ryan

Child of Kelsey and Glen Ryan Brother to Nico and Patrick

THE LITANY OF BAPTISM

Nancy S. Taylor

One: We are gathered to present John River, Harriet Louise, and Jack Joseph to the Church and to dedicate them to God. What can we affirm about them?

Many: They are children of God, made in God's image.

- One: As these children grow and mature, how will they know they are children of God and how will they learn of the Christian story?
- Many: We will tell them about Abraham and Sarah, the parents of our faith; about Moses and Miriam who led our ancestors out of bondage; about Mary and Joseph's openness to mystery; about the Savior, Jesus.
- One: In turn, what will we expect of John, Hattie, and Jack?
- Many: We look forward to sitting with them at the Lord's Table, sharing with them the costs and joys of discipleship, learning and growing with them in the Christian pilgrimage, and declaring with one voice our faith in God and God's son, Jesus.
- One: Do you, Travis and Jody, Charlie and Sara, Kelsey and Glen, parents, assume your primary responsibility for fulfilling these expectations by growing with your children in the Christian faith, helping them to become faithful members of the church of Jesus Christ, and by offering them the nurture and support of the Christian church? And do you, Chris and Katie, Gregory and Emma, godparents, agree to guide your godchildren into becoming engaged and complete human beings, teaching them about personal sacrifice for a greater good, about grace and reconciliation at times of human weakness, and the power of unconditional love for all people?

Parents/Godparents: We happily and genuinely accept this serious duty.

One: And Old South Church, do you pledge to maintain a nurturing and challenging Christian environment for John, Hattie, and Jack?

Many: We do, for they belong to us as well.

One: Then, may God be with us.

Many: God help us. Amen.

BLESSING OF THE WATER

BAPTISM

CONGREGATIONAL WELCOME (unison) Jer Jurma, Baptism Deacon We rejoice in God's empowering love, freely given to each and all. We welcome you, newly baptized, into the circle of love in Christ's church. We promise to pray for you, to seek the depths of faith with you, to support you, and to love you. We covenant with you to love God with all our hearts, minds, souls, and strength, and our neighbors as ourselves. Amen. *HYMN 351

I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry

BORNING CRY

During the hymn, children who wish to may meet childcare staff in the back of the sanctuary and proceed to the 3^{rd} floor.

SCRIPTURE

"The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say,

'Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners." (Matthew 11.19)

SERMON	Open	Nancy S. Taylor
*HYMN	There's a Wideness In God's Mercy	ST. HELENA
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[₹]	1. There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy like the wide-ness 2. There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than 3. For the love of God is broad - er than the mea-sure	of the_ sea; up inheaven; of themind;
€ [#] # [#] # }	there's a kind-ness there is no place and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won-der - fu	lg- ment_given.
} [≇] ≢ [≢] ≢ ₹	There is plen - ti - ful re-demp-tion in the ble	gra-ces for the bod that has been lad - ly trust God's
she		al - ing in Christ's or - rows of the od-ness of our
	ad.	

RESPOND

CALL TO THE OFFERING

Shawn M. Fiedler



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OFFERTORY

Stay With Us

Walter Pelz

Stay with us, till night has come: Our praise to you this day be sung. Bless our bread, open our eyes: Jesus, be our great surprise.

Walk with us, our spirits sigh: Hear when our weary spirits cry, feel again our loss, our pain: Jesus, take us to your side.

Walk with us, the road will bend: Make all our weeping, wailing end. Wipe our tears, forgive our fears: Jesus lift the heavy cross.

Talk with us, till we behold a joyful life you will unfold: Heal our eyes to see the prize: Jesus, take us to the light.

Stay with us, till day is done: No tears nor dark shall dim the sun. Cheer the heart, your grace impart: Jesus, bring eternal life.

- Herbert F. Brokering

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

SHARING THE STORY

Nancy S. Taylor

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.

COMMUNION MUSIC	Sarabande Agita Arista, <i>flute</i>	Gabriel Fauré			
	Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether	Harold W. Friedell			
Draw us in the Spirit's tether; for when humbly in Your name, two or three are met together, You are in the midst of them: Alleluia! Alleluia! Touch we now Your garment's hem.					
As disciples used to gather in the name of Christ to sup, then with thanks to God our Maker, Break the bread and bless the cup, Alleluia! Alleluia! So bind now our friendship up.					
All our meals and all our living make us sacraments of You, that by caring, helping, giving, we may be disciples true. Alleluia. Alleluia! We will serve with faith anew.					
		– Percy Dearmer			
PRAYER OF THANKSGI	PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING				
*HYMN 347 Le	t Us Talents and Tongues Employ	Jamaican Folk Song			
*BIDDING TO MISSION	*BIDDING TO MISSION AND BENEDICTION				
TAYLOR TRAILERS Quinn Caldwell		Jim Antal, Dan Prinzing			
POSTLUDE I	et Us Talents and Tongues Employ.	John A. Behnke			

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

The flowers today are given in honor of the baptism of Harriet Louise Nolan by her grandparents, Janet and Ed Nolan and her aunt, Ginny Nolan.

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

COMMUNION INSTRUCTIONS



From wherever you are sitting approach the chancel by the center aisle and walk a FULL CIRCLE to return to your pew.

NOTES ON TODAY'S MUSIC

Twentieth-century French composer Jean Langlais began his musical studies during his teen years as an organ student of André Marchal. Later, at the Paris Conservatory, he studied composition with Marcel Dupré and Paul Dukas and improvisation with Charles Tournemire. The latter became one of the most lasting influence on Langlais' compositional style and he later succeeded him as organist of the Church of St. Clotilde in Paris. *Mors et resurrectio (Death and Resurrection)* is a musical meditation on 1 Corinthians 15:55 (Death, where is your victory?) It combines two themes, the plainchant introit from the Roman Catholic Requiem Mass and an original one that begins in the lowest registers of the organ and working its way to the very top by the end, thus illustrating Christ's (and our) rising from the grave and ascent into Heaven.

Walter Pelz lives in Lindsborg, Kansas, where he continues to compose following his retirement from the music faculty of Bethany College and as organist of Messiah Lutheran Church. *Stay With Us* is a warm, folk-like setting of a recent hymn text that paraphrases the story of the Road to Emmaus (Luke 24: 13 - 35). It features an obbligato part for flute.

Today we welcome back flautist Agita Arista, who will offer Gabriel Fauré's *Sarabande* during Communion. The simplicity of the accompaniment belies the florid, expansive solo part.

Harold W. Friedell lived most of his life in New York City, where he served as organist for several churches, including St. Bartholomew's Church on Park Avenue. He also taught at the Julliard School and Union Seminary. He composed the choral setting *Draw us in the Spirits Tether* in 1957 to a text by Percy Dearmer. This anthem was later adapted as a hymn for congregational use and can be found at #337 in the *New Century Hymnal*.

John Behnke is a frequent organ recitalist, handbell clinician, and festival director with nearly 450 handbell, choral, and organ compositions in print. Professionally, he served for 13 years as the director of the Milwaukee Handbell Ensemble and 29 years as Organist and Choir Director at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in downtown Milwaukee. He is currently Emeritus Professor of Music at Concordia University in Mequon, Wisconsin where he taught organ, graduate handbell courses, and directed The Alleluia Ringers, Concordia's touring handbell choir. His organ and percussion setting of *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ* comes from a collection entitled *Three Global Songs* and is fashioned after both the Italian Baroque ritornello form and the Jamaican calypso style from which the hymn itself is adapted. The fusion of styles from different lands and eras makes it a truly global expression of the joyfulness of Communion, of which the text speaks.

WELCOME TO OLD SOUTH CHURCH

For LARGE print bulletins or children's bulletins, please ask an Usher. The Chapel has full audio of the service if you need to stretch your legs. 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.

Name tags facilitate community and help newcomers feel welcomed. If you don't see a tag with your name on it, let us know-there will be one waiting for your next Sunday!

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 <u>katherine@oldsouth.org</u>

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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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 * Week of May 1st, 2022

PHILLIS WHEATLEY SUNDAY

Sunday, May 8th

Join us as we celebrate this extraordinary young woman (who was baptized into the church on August 18, 1771). The Museum of Science has commissioned an IMAX Film which tells the story of Boston, starting 5000 years ago and through to today. Old South members Phillis Wheatley and Paula Hammond will be featured, as will Old South Church. Don your Sunday best, come to church and join us as we go on promenade to the Boston Women's Memorial to fete Phillis Wheatley on the occasion of her birthday.

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT SUNDAY

Sunday, May 15th, at Festival Worship

We will celebrate our Youth leadership as we are led in worship by members of our Youth Group and welcome into membership 13 students through the Rite of Confirmation. This group of students represent 4 grade levels and two separate Confirmation Classes; 4 members of the 2019-2020 class, and 9 members of the 2021-2022 class.



MAY 22nd - NANCY'S FINAL DAY

Join us for this bittersweet occasion as we celebrate and honor Rev. Nancy Taylor on her last Sunday as the Senior Minister of Old South Church in Boston.

Nancy's Final Thursday: May 19th

6 p.m. Jazz Worship, Nancy preaching

Nancy's Final Sunday: May 22nd

10 a.m. Worship, Nancy preaching 11 a.m. Light lunch 12 p.m. Celebration Ceremony

UPCOMING COMMUNITY HOUR FORUMS

A LABOR OF LOVE: Adulting when it comes to Wills, Healthcare Proxies (for you and your loved ones), and What to Do When Someone Is Sick

Sunday, May 1st , 10 a.m., 2nd Floor or Zoom

Your Planned Giving Committee cares about you (you of all ages) and is eager to help you think about some important and very personal matters. We will have OSC experts to present briefly on each topic with time for Q & A. Some 70% of Americans die without a will. Don't be one of those. You're smarter than that! And, while you're at it, if you want to name Old South Church in your planned giving, that would make us happy, too, but our greatest happiness will be in knowing you are planning ahead with your head and your heart.

OSC CLIMATE CRISIS TASK FORCE: Building the Movement

Sunday, May 15th, 10 a.m., 2nd Floor or zoom

Our faith calls us to take direct action to fight the climate crisis. How do we make real change in our city, state and nation? Come celebrate the Climate Crisis' Task Force's accomplishments over the last three years and hear more about some exciting upcoming projects and partnerships

UKRANIAN REFUGEE SUPPORT

Donate at http://tinyurl.com/OSC-online-giving or reach out to Helen@oldsouth.org

Old South launched a matching campaign to support Ukranian refugees. We are partnering with Marborough UCC and the Diakonia of the Lutheran Church in Poland (www.diakonia.org.pl). They are helping both refugees that fled to Poland (mainly women and children) and the Diakonia of the German Lutheran Church in Ukraine, centered in Kharkiv that is being bombed as we speak. Help is given by Diakonia to all people. The Outreach Committee donated \$2000 and we are mobilizing your support as well.

BIBLE STUDY

Sundays at 10:00 a.m., 4th floor and on tinyurl.com/OSCBibleStudy

Delve into the day's scripture passage heard in worship. Led by our ministerial staff, this nohomework 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*.

THROUGH THE BIBLE

Thursdays, 7:30 p.m., on Zoom at tinyurl.com/OSCThroughBible

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@oldsouth.org*.

PASTORAL TRANSITION TEAMS

Please keep the whole process of finding and calling a new Senior Minister in your prayers.

The following members are defining what the bridge between Nancy's leadership and a new leadership will look like, serving as the **INTERIM Team**:

Randy Billings, *co-chair* Christine Del Favero David Duong Kristi Geary, *co-chair* Ashton Goodfield Eliette Hilaire Nancy Kukulan Stephanie LaShoto-Westfield Pam Roberts

The **CELEBRATION Team** is commemorating Nancy's tenure and her departure:

Bill Adams Marilyn Jackson Adams June Cooper Rob Gabler Diane Gaucher Priscilla Geigis Karen Hand, *chair* Helen McCrady

Caroline Murray Kate Silfen Deb Washington

With input from the congregation the **TRANSITION Team** is drafting Old South Church's Local Church Profile, outlining what the church is looking for in its next senior minister:

Bill Bulkeley	Paul Kuenstner	Rory Razon
Anne Dearing, convener	Lisa Loveland	Martha Schick
Tom Grant	Helen McCrady, staff liaison	

The Senior Minister SEARCH Committee:

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COVID PRECAUTIONS

- Masking is OPTIONAL (except for Church School teachers and children in classrooms)
- Masks are available at the front desk for those who choose to wear one
- We strongly encourage everyone to be fully vaxxed and boosted, to attend to handwashing, and to refrain from entering the building if you have so much as a sniffle.

BE A GUEST OF MASTERWORKS CHORALE

Sunday, May 15th, 3 p.m., visit masterworks.org and enter code OSC upon checkout. Limit two tickets per order Masterworks Chorale invites you to a concert of remembrance and reflection. Conductor Kevin Leong has chosen the angelic Faure Requiem and works of William Grant Still in an illuminating pairing. Come worship in the morning, and then come back to hear 50 splendid voices honor those lost to the pandemic and celebrate the living, in works of simple, heartfelt beauty.

BOSTON HANDBELL FESTIVAL

Tuesday, May 17th, 7:30 p.m., in the Sanctuary, free admission

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 beautiful sanctuary.

PRIDE AT OLD SOUTH CHURCH CELEBRATING THE LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY

LGBTQ HISTORY WALKING TOUR

Sunday, June 5th, 12:30 p.m., 15 spots available, RSVP to Shawn@oldsouth.org With Boston By Foot as our guides, we will follow the paths of Boston's LGBTQ+ community from the 1840s to the 1980s, from Thoreau's walks along the Common and Charlotte Cushman's cross-dressing roles, to the World War II bars and baths, to the AIDS Action Committee and the AIDS memorial quilt project. The tour lasts 90 minutes and covers 2 miles.

PRIDE AT THE RED SOX

Wednesday, June 15th, 7 p.m., only 20 spots available, RSVP with Shawn@oldsouth.org Join Old South members and friends for the annual Pride Night at Fenway Park as the Red Sox take on the Oakland Athletics. Tickets are \$35 each; only 20 spots available! Financial assistance is available. RSVP with shawn@oldsouth.org

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

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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