



Old South Church

Copley Square, Boston

*A Congregation of the
United Church of Christ*

Gathered 1669

August 28th, 2022

Godspeed

Shawn M. Fiedler

*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

Be Now My Vision

Healey Willan

*HYMN 7

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

OLD HUNDREDTH

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Richard E. Spalding

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, offering "peace" or "the peace of Christ."

*SUNG RESPONSE

Bind us to - geth - er, Lord, bind us to - geth - er with cords that
 can - not be bro - ken. Bind us to - geth - er, Lord,
 bind us to - geth - er, Lord, bind us to - geth - er with love.

Congregation: *(refrain)*

Choir:

You are the family of God; you are the promise divine.
 You are God's chosen desire; you are the glorious new wine. **(refrain)**

WELCOME

ATTEND

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Shawn M. Fiedler

SCRIPTURE Hebrews 10:19-25 Donald A. Wells

*Following the reading, children who wish to may meet childcare staff
in the back of the sanctuary and proceed to the 3rd floor.*

SERMON The Fine Print Shawn M. Fiedler

*HYMN 400 **Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation** REGENT SQUARE

*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

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 *Nunc dimittis* Geoffrey Burgon

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;
to be a light to lighten the Gentiles and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

RESPOND

CALL TO THE OFFERING

Richard E. Spalding

OFFERTORY

Magnificat in C minor

Sir George Dyson

My soul doth magnify the Lord and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior,
for he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed,
for he that is mighty hath magnified me, and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him, throughout all generations.

He hath showed strength with his arm;
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat,
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He, remembering his mercy, hath holpen his servant Israel,
as he promised to our forefathers — Abraham and his seed — for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen.

*Though often ascribed masculine or feminine pronouns in prose and poetry,
God is unbound by human concepts of gender.*

SERVICE OF GODSPEED

GREETING

Phil Stern, *Church Moderator*

THANKSGIVING AND VOWS OF RELEASE

Phil: Shawn, three years ago you arrived at Old South and began to minister with and among us. Thank you and bless you for the gift that you have been to the Old South Church.

Shawn: *I thank Old South Church in Boston, its members and friends, for the love, kindness and support shown me these past three years. I ask forgiveness for the mistakes I have made. I am grateful for the ways my leadership has been accepted. As I leave, I carry with me all I have learned here.*

People: We receive your thankfulness, offer forgiveness, and accept that you now leave to minister elsewhere. We express our gratitude for your time among us. We ask your forgiveness for our mistakes. Your influence on our faith and faithfulness will not leave us at your departure.

Shawn: *I forgive you and accept your gratitude, trusting that our time together, and our parting, are pleasing to God.*

Phil: Do you, the members and friends of Old South, release Shawn Fiedler from the duties of Associate Minister?

People: We do, with the help of God.

Phil: Shawn, do you release this local church from depending on you and turning to you?

Shawn: *I do, with the help of God.*

Phil: Do you offer encouragement for the continued ministry here and on the relationship with another who will come to serve?

Shawn: *I do, with the help of God.*

PRAYER

Deb Washington

*HYMN

O God, Beyond All Praising

THAXTED

1. O God be-yond all prai - sing we wor-ship you to - day and
2. Then hear, O gra-cious Sav - ior, ac - cept the love we bring, that

sing the love a - ma - zing that songs can - not re - pay; for
we who know your fa - vor may serve you as our King; and

we can on - ly won - der at ev - ery gift you send, at
whe - ther our to - mor - rows be filled with good or ill, we'll

bles - sings with - out num - ber and mer - cies with - out end: we
tri - umph through our sor - rows and rise to bless you still: to

lift our hearts be - fore you and wait up - on your Word, we
mar - vel at your beau - ty and glo - ry in your ways, and

ho - nor and a - dore you, our great and migh - ty Lord.
make a joy - ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice of praise.

*BIDDING TO MISSION AND BENEDICTION

Shawn M. Fiedler

*SUNG RESPONSE

(Introduction)

Go now in peace, ne - ver be a - fraid;
God will go with you each hour of ev - 'ry day. Go now in faith,
stead - fast, strong and true, know God will guide you in all you
do. A - men, a - men, a - men.

Text: *Don Besig and Nancy Price, 1988*
Tune: *Don Besig, 1988*
Adapt. Mitchell Crawford, 2022

POSTLUDE

Toccata on "Deo Gracias"

John Eggert



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

The flowers today are given
by Betty and Elizabeth Pitcher
in loving memory of those who have gone before.

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



NOTES ON TODAY'S MUSIC

Healey Willan was born in England in 1880 and emigrated to Canada in 1913. He settled in Toronto and served first music director of St. Paul's Church, Bloor Street, and later and more famously at the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, where he stayed until shortly before his death in 1968. He also taught music theory at Toronto's Royal Conservatory of Music. His chorale prelude on *Slane (Be Now My Vision)* is his last published composition. The hymn melody can be heard plainly against a gentle accompaniment, alternating between the French horn stop in the tenor and harmonic flute in the soprano.

John Eggert has been a member of the music faculty at Concordia University, Saint Paul, MN since 1978 and teaches organ, music theory, composition, service playing, improvisation, and organ literature there. His Toccata on "Deo Gracias" is based upon The Agincourt Hymn, an English folk song written some time in the early 15th century to recount the 1415 battle of Agincourt in which the English army defeated that of the French. Hymn texts for nearly every season of the church year have been set to the tune.

—George Sargeant, , *Associate Organist and Choirmaster*

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* ❖ 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*
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*
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 & Part-time Bookkeeper*
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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GODSPEED SHAWN M. FIEDLER

Acting Associate Minister Shawn Fiedler has accepted a new position at the Fourth Presbyterian Church in Chicago, Illinois. We will have the opportunity to fete, thank and celebrate Shawn for his three years of ministry with us on his final Thursday, August 25th and final Sunday, August 28th. You can show your appreciation of Shawn by participating in a (tax deductible) purse. Make your gift by:



- Dropping checks at the Front Desk or mail them, attn.: Helen McCrady, Old South Church, 645 Boylston Street, Boston MA 02116 *with Shawn on the memo line.*
- Making an online gift to tiny.oldsouth.org/shawn
- Giving through our giving portal at www.oldsouth.org/donate

WELCOME BACK SUNDAY

Sunday, September 11th



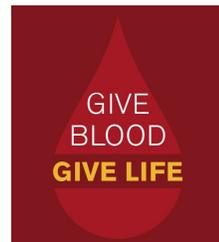
We're swinging the doors wide open as we mark the beginning of the school year and kick-off our Fall programming. Join us for worship at 9am and 11am as we celebrate the Seasons of Life with reflections from our congregation members. We'll also have a Blessing of the Backpacks for all those headed to school, so bring them with you to worship! In the 10 o'clock Community Hour, join us in Mary Norton Hall for a Welcome Back Brunch and program reviewing our Fall plans for Children and Family Ministries and the OSC

Forum. You're invited to bring a brunch dish to share! Following Festival Worship we'll cap things off with an ice cream social!

COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

Wednesday, September 14th,
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) for an appointment.



OPEN NEWBURY STREET RETURNS

Newbury Street closed to traffic through Sunday, September 25th

Open Newbury Street is returning for 2022 on six consecutive Sundays: . Newbury St. will be free of cars from Berkeley St. to Mass. Ave. The intersections of Exeter, Fairfield, Gloucester, and Hereford Streets with Newbury Street will also be car-free from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on each of those Sundays. To learn about parking garage options, go to oldsouth.org/your-first-visit, click on *Getting Here*, and then *Parking*.

JAZZ WORSHIP

Thursdays, 6:00 p.m. in the Gordon Chapel or at oldsouth.org/jazz

Join us on in 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 if you'd like a hard copy of the song titles, credits, and hymns to print in advance.

MIDDLE PASSAGE REMEMBRANCE INSTALLATION

In the Portico for the month of August

Go to tinyurl.com/OSCMiddlePassageRemembrance to learn more

Go to tinyurl.com/OSCMiddlePassageVideo for an introduction to the Middle Passage

The Middle Passage Installation of Remembrance, in Old South's portico, presents a large banner (17' x 5') featuring the image of human persons packed as cargo into a ship. Juxtaposed to this cruel, dehumanizing practice, are bold images -- faces and families -- of those who might



be the descendants of enslaved persons, or what these persons might have looked like before having been enslaved. The United Nations has designated August 23rd the International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition. “The slave trade is not merely a thing of the past -- it has shaped the world we live in, it has molded the face of modern societies, creating indissoluble ties between peoples,

irreversibly transforming economies, cultures and customs across the world,” said UNESCO Director-General Irina Bokova. “The slave trade concerns not only people of African descent but the whole of humanity.”

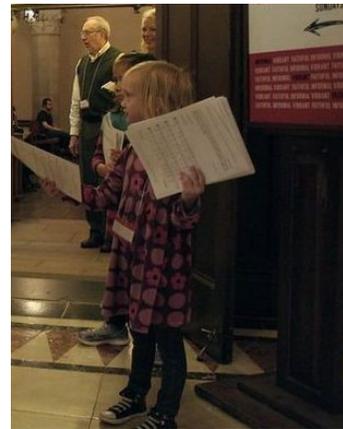
KENTUCKY FLOOD RELIEF

Following the devastating floods that killed 39 people and decimated the community, the Christian Service and Outreach Committee just approved a \$1,000 matching grant to support disaster relief in Eastern Kentucky. The funds are being given through Team Eastern and the state fund to support short-term needs and long-term rebuilding. To be part of the match, please mark checks or cash with "Hurricane relief", give through the church giving portal at tinyurl.com/osc-online-giving, or text 44-321 and enter the code FLOO.

HELP US CREATE AN EXTRAVAGANT WELCOME

Go to tinyurl.com/OSCFallHospSignUp to volunteer by September 14th

Change is certainly in the air! We've welcomed Rick Spalding as Interim Senior Minister, even as we bid a tearful farewell to Acting Associate Minister Shawn Fiedler. Days are getting shorter, and (thankfully) noticeably cooler! BUT - one thing is constant - and that is our commitment to being outrageously welcoming to everyone coming through our doors or joining us online. Once again the call is out - please make our welcome possible by signing up for Hospitality for Thursdays and Sundays in October, November, and December. If you've never served before - please consider giving one or two Thursdays or Sundays a try. We've lost many regulars and need new volunteers to help fill the ranks. Planning ahead isn't easy - but it would be very helpful if you would fill out the form now. If changes need to be made later on that is fine.



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!

WORSHIP ON YOUTUBE LIVE

Not a fan of Vimeo? Simply visit our YouTube page once we go live - youtube.com/oldsouthchurch - and the service will be the first video on your screen. You can also subscribe to us to receive notifications of when we're live.

ALL-CHURCH RETREAT

Fri Sept 30th - Sun Oct 2nd, Craigville Retreat Center, Cape Cod

Register online at tinyurl.com/OSCRetreat2022

The All-Church Retreat returns to our weekend-long format this year and we want you to be there! This intergenerational opportunity to connect, relax, play, and learn together is unique - and we hope you will plan to join in. We are excited to announce that our Facilitator will be Stephanie Paulsell, Professor of the Practice of Christian Studies at Harvard Divinity School. Rev. Dr. Paulsell's work focuses on religion and literature, Christian spirituality, and the spiritually formative dimensions of the practices of reading and writing. You won't want to miss this, so register today! Adult price for the weekend is \$190 - which includes 2 nights lodging, 5 meals, and the program. Teens and children are free. Day visitors may join in for \$35. Scholarships are available - please reach out to Kate Nintcheu at children@oldsouth.org.

GREEN TIP: TIME TO RETHINK YOUR LAWN

Lawns may seem like a trivial place to focus your eco-energies, but they cover about 40 million acres of the United States. To keep all this grass green, Americans use about 59 million pounds of pesticides on their lawns and gardens each year, according to the Environmental Protection Agency, and an astonishing 9 billion gallons of water outdoors each day. If your lawn has suffered with the recent drought, go to tinyurl.com/RethinkLawns to learn about some alternatives.

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



*To give via ApplePay, GooglePay, 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.

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.
