



Old South Church

Copley Square, Boston

*A Congregation of the
United Church of Christ*

Gathered 1669

February 19th, 2023

Transfiguration Sunday

*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

Beautiful Savior

Dale Wood, arr.

*HYMN 182

We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding

HYFRYDOL

*INVOCATION

Katherine A. Schofield

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

** Indicates all who are able may stand*

ANTHEM

Sing of God Made Manifest

Bruce Neswick

Sing of God made manifest in a child robust and blest,
to whose home in Bethlehem where a star had guided them,
Magi came and gifts unbound, signs mysterious and profound:
Myrrh and frankincense and gold grave and God and king foretold.

Sing of God made manifest when at Jordan John confessed,
“I should be baptized by you, but your bidding I will do.”
Then from heaven a double sign — dove-like Spirit, voice divine —
hailed the true Anointed One: “This is my beloved Son.”

Sing of God made manifest when Christ came as wedding guest
and at Cana gave a sign, turning water into wine;
further still was love revealed as he taught, forgave and healed,
bringing light and life to all who would listen to God’s call.

Sing of God made manifest on the cloud-capped mountain’s crest,
where the law and prophets waned so that Christ alone remained:
glimpse of glory, pledge of grace, given as Jesus set his face
towards the waiting cross and grave, sign of hope that God would save.

WELCOME

LISTEN

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Kate M. Nintcheu

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 17:1-9

Manuel Navia

*During the hymn, children that wish may meet childcare staff
in the back of the sanctuary and proceed to the 3rd floor.*

*HYMN 184

O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair

DEO GRACIAS

SERMON

The Grandeur of God

Ashley J. Popperson

*HYMN 44

Beautiful Jesus

SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU

RESPOND

*CALL TO PRAYER

June R. Cooper

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 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.

PRAYER RESPONSE

I Want to Walk
as a Child of the Light

Sondra Tucker, *arr.*

THE OLD SOUTH RINGERS

Peter Coulombe, *director*

CALL TO THE OFFERING

Richard E. Spalding



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scan the QR code with your smartphone camera.
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OFFERTORY

Walk in the Light

André J. Thomas, arr.

*We'll walk in the light, beautiful light,
come where the dewdrops of mercy shine bright.
Shine all around us by day and by night, Jesus, the light of the world.*

Christ, by highest heaven adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord!

Light and life to all he brings,
risen with healing in his wings.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN 403

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

SOLID ROCK

*BIDDING TO MISSION AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Lucis Creator

Dorothy Papadakos



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

The flowers today are given by
Kevin Guy in loving memory
of Oliver and Gladys Mosteller.

Close-Up, a twenty minute tour of the Sanctuary,
begins immediately following worship at the front of the Sanctuary.
Led by docent Stephanie LaShoto-Westfield.



NOTES ON TODAY'S MUSIC

Dorothy J. Papadakos was the first woman to be appointed organist at the Episcopal Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York, the largest Gothic cathedral in the world, and held the position from 1990 through 2003. Since leaving the Cathedral she has pursued a career as a silent film accompanist, composer, playwright, and author.

Lucis Creator (O Blessed Creator of the Light) was written for the dedication of the Festival Trumpet stop at St. Matthew's Episcopal Cathedral in Dallas. It takes as its theme a Gregorian chant commonly sung at Vespers, though it is equally appropriate for Sundays during the season of Epiphany, which celebrates the ancient seers' visit to the infant Jesus and the revealing of Christ's light to the world. It is quite the romp; its rapidly shifting meters and jazzy rhythms and harmonies are far removed from the simplicity of plainsong!

—George Sargeant, *Associate Organist and Choirmaster*



Old South Church *in* Boston invites you
to its ***signature services*** during the coming year.

HOLY WEEK 2023

***Palm Sunday* — April 2nd, 2023 | 11AM**

***Maundy Thursday* — April 6th, 2023 | 7PM**

***Good Friday* — April 7th, 2023 | 12PM & 7PM**

***Easter Sunday* — April 9th, 2023 | 9AM & 11AM**

***Marathon Sunday* — April 16, 2023 | 9AM & 11AM**

Each year hundreds of marathoners join us for worship, where we pause to acknowledge the runners, their families, and volunteers in a special “Blessing of the Athletes.”

***Phillis Wheatley Sunday* — May 14th, 2023 | 9AM & 11AM**

Old South honors and learns from one of the saints of this church who was stolen from Africa, suffered the Middle Passage, was sold into slavery, and triumphed through her awesome wit and the mighty power of her pen.

***All Saints Sunday* — November 5th, 2023 | 11AM**

In a solemn service of sacred music, we gather to name and remember our own beloved dead who now rest from their labors in the arms of God.

***Meeting House Sunday* — November 19th, 2023 | 11AM**

We return to our ancestral home, the Old South Meeting House at Washington & Milk Streets, to give thanks for God's many blessings and the rich history of our faith.

CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS EVE — December 24th, 2023

***Family Service with Impromptu Pageant* | 5PM**

***Lessons and Carols* | 8PM**

***Carols and Communion* | 11PM**

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*

Ashley J. Popperson, *Associate Minister* ♦ Katherine A. Schofield, *Interim 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* ♦ Peter Coulombe, *Director, Old South Ringers*

Willie Sordillo, *Director, Jazz Worship Music*

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*

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*

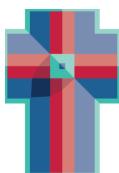
Phil Stern, *Moderator* ♦ Rob Gabler, *Clerk* ♦ Bill Bulkeley, *Treasurer*

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.



OLD
SOUTH
CHURCH
in BOSTON

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Old South Church in Boston ♦ Week of February 12th, 2023



GODSPEED HOWARD!

Howard Cha-Young Kim joined our Staff last January as a part-time Pastoral Resident, under the auspices of the Urban Ministry Pastoral Residency Program at City Mission. In these 13 months he has helped to lead worship, preached, supported our community of young adults, and led many hours of Bible Study. Since Shawn Fiedler's departure, Howard has coordinated our weekly Jazz Worship, and helped us through this time of transition in so many other ways. Now, as City Mission begins to phase out the Residency Program, Howard will be moving on to another ministry setting at the end of this month. Join us to express our gratitude and wish him Godspeed at Jazz Worship Thursday, February 23rd & Sunday services February 26th. **Thank you Howard!**



ASH WEDNESDAY

February 22nd, services at noon and 6 p.m.

Ashes available under the portico from 9 a.m.—6 p.m.

Simple services of prayer, silence, confession, and the imposition of ashes. Pastoral resident Howard Cha-Young Kim preaches.



353rd ANNUAL MEETING OF OLD SOUTH CHURCH IN BOSTON

Sunday, March 5th, 12:15pm, Mary Norton Hall

tinyurl.com/OSC2023AnnualMeeting for the Zoom link

The 353rd Annual Meeting of Old South Church in Boston includes lunch and the following agenda:

- Act of Memorial of Members who Have Died
- Acceptance of the minutes of the 352nd Annual Meeting
- Receipt of the Annual Report
- Reports of the Treasurer and Board of Trustees
- Report of the Leadership Committee & Elections
- Farewell to & Installation of Officers & Leaders
- Any other business as may properly come before the Membership.

For more information, the proposed slate of officers, and to read the annual report, Go to oldsouth.org/annual-meeting.

OLD SOUTH FORUM

*Sundays, 10 a.m., 2nd Floor Mary Norton Hall,
and on Zoom, at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86944345274> password: Community*

This casual, no-commitment, come-when-you-can forum hosts series on a variety of topics. Clergy, congregation members, and special guests share in leading sessions. This Black History Month, we're celebrating our six Black-led partner organizations making history every day through incredible and impactful work in their communities. Learn more at oldsouth.org/black-history-month.

Mattapan Food and Fitness Coalition *February 19th*



Mattapan Food and Fitness Coalition is OSC's newest grantee and works to promote health, wellness, and an active lifestyle for the Mattapan community.

GBIO Housing Justice Teach In! *February 26th*

This past Fall, the Greater Boston Interfaith Organization (GBIO) adopted a multi-faceted, statewide Housing Justice Campaign focused on public housing, affordable rental and homeownership opportunity, and housing access. We define Housing Justice as the ability for all people to have safe, healthy, and clean places to live in their communities. We are seeking to improve housing access and quality for groups that have been unfairly denied it and to support financing, zoning, and ownership policies that help to close racial and class disparities in the housing market.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMON CATHEDRAL LUNCH



Sunday, March 26th, 8 a.m.—2:30 p.m., stay as long as you can

*Contact Carolyn Clark at carolynelClark@comcast.net
with your commitment to any part of the day or for more info*

The Christian Service and Outreach Committee is assembling a team of volunteers to help prepare lunches in the Old South Church kitchen and serve them to the common cathedral homeless congregation on the Boston Common. The prep work for making 120+ sandwich lunches will begin at 8:30 AM, transported to the Boston Common by 12:00 noon, and served to guests at 12:30. The Common Cathedral service begins at 1:00 and lasts until around 2:30. See commoncathedral.org for more about this organization's work. common cathedral is one of Old South's annual grantees.

GREEN TIP: Creation Caring Lent

Join the Climate Crisis Task Force in observing a Creation-Caring Lent, by fasting from overconsumption and living more simply. We've created commitment cards (fill yours out online at tinyurl.com/CreationCommitLent2023) to serve as a reminder as you work to build greener habits this season.

HEALING WORSHIP

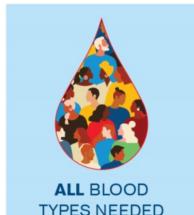
Note new date: Sunday, February 19th, 5pm on Zoom, go to tinyurl.com/OSCHealing to join

Please join us to take a moment for rest and renewal in the presence of God and other spiritual companions gathering by Zoom. All are welcome to share this quiet space and lift up our concerns, our losses, our hurts, and our celebrations in the Healing Presence of God and one another.

EARTHQUAKE RELIEF

To donate visit oldsouth.org/donate

We are deeply moved by the suffering from the recent earthquake in Turkey. Many of those impacted are Syrian refugees who have gone through so much for over a decade. As we send our prayers, we also are sending funds to support the relief and recovery efforts. The Christian Service and Outreach Committee will match any donations up to \$2,000 to support relief efforts in the area.



COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

Wednesday, March 15th, 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? All blood types needed! Donate blood to help end the critical shortage. Go to <https://tinyurl.com/BloodDriveOldSouth> or call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) for an appointment.

REMEMBERING ELINOR YEO

A Memorial Service for the Rev. Elinor Yeo will be held in the Sanctuary on Sunday, March 26th at 2 p.m., followed by a reception and an opportunity to greet Dick and the Yeo family.



SENIOR MINISTER SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

Go to tinyurl.com/OSCFebSearchUpdate to learn more

After months of preparation and diligent review of profiles and letters of interest, the Search Committee has spent the last six weeks in the joyful work of meeting candidates in virtual interviews. We have had the privilege of engaging a group of deeply committed, experienced ministers and exploring their perspectives on worship, community building, leadership, and faith-based social action. We have invited them to imagine with us Old South's future and given them a chance to ask their questions about our congregation. Committee members have also had the opportunity to review recorded sermons from each candidate and sample correspondence candidates have prepared for their congregations in the past. Now we begin the difficult work of discerning – with God's help – a smaller group of candidates that we will invite to Boston this spring for deeper mutual exploration. We hope to be ready to extend invitations for in-person interviews to a small group of candidates by the end of February.

LENT AND HOLY WEEK 2023

Ash Wednesday — February 22nd, 2023 | 12PM & 6PM Simple services of prayer, silence, confession, and the imposition of ashes. Pastoral resident Howard Cha-Young Kim preaches. Imposition of ashes available under the Portico from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Palm Sunday — April 2nd, 2023 | 11AM We mark Jesus' triumphal entrance into Jerusalem as our shouts of Hosanna fade to the drama of the coming week.

Maundy Thursday — April 6th, 2023 | 7PM This service of Tenebrae (Latin for Shadows) tells the story of Jesus' last days. Led by the Willie Sordillo Ensemble, we journey from the Communion Table to the Cross as the light around us dims.

Good Friday — April 7th, 2023 | 12PM & 7PM On the most somber day of the Christian year, we gather in prayer and song to reflect on the last hours of Christ, and mourn the death that changed the world.

Easter Sunday — April 9th, 2023 | 9AM & 11AM The triumph of the Christian story of resurrection informs a service of worship that is characterized by joyous celebration. This year's Easter service coincides with Marathon Sunday, for double the celebration and grandeur.

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 5:30 p.m. via Zoom



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scan the QR code with your smartphone camera.
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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.