



July 23rd, 2023

All-Church Worship

10:00 a.m.

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

Chorale Prelude on
"Rhosymedre"

Ralph Vaughan Williams

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Katherine A. Schofield

One: How awesome is this place, O God – this life, this city, this church!

Many: For this is none other than Your house.

One: Surely You are in the midst of us,

Many: and we are Your people – the flock of Your pasture

One: Teach us to build our lives upon the rock that You have shown us.

**Many: Found us again as a community of welcome and of hope,
a place of courage and of compassion.**

One: Does anyone light a lamp and then hide it under a basket?

Many: May our light shine, to give comfort to the world and glory to You!

* Indicates all who are able may stand

*HYMN 12

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

ELLACOMBE

WELCOME

ATTEND

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 7:24-29

Morgan Spaulding

ANTHEM

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

Camp Kirkland, *arr.*

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' love and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

*On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand.*

When darkness seems to hide his face, I rest on his unchanging grace;
in every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.

His oath, his covenant, his love support me in the whelming flood;
when all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.

When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found,
dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.

SERMON

Overview

Richard E. Spalding

HYMN 607

We Would be Building

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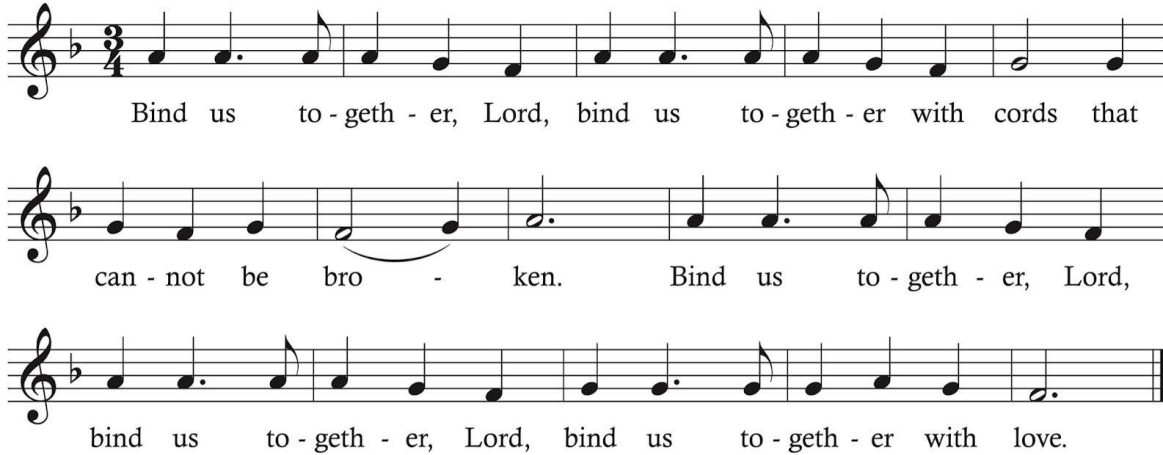
RESPOND

PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD AND ONE ANOTHER

Ashley J. Popperson

SUNG RESPONSE

Congregation: (*refrain*)



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.

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**)

OFFERING

Katherine A. Schofield

OFFERTORY

Unity

Moone & Washington,
Daniel M. Cason II, arr.

Behold, how good and pleasant it is for people to dwell together in unity.
Unity, unity; Lord, we pray for unity.

SUNG RESPONSE (AMEN!)

SHARING THE MEAL

PRAYING THE WORDS OF JESUS

Our Creator in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

ELLC Ecumenical Version (1988, alt.)

GODSPEED TO RICK SPALDING

Katherine A. Schofield
& Ashley J. Popperson

*HYMN

Standing on the Promises

PROMISES

Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of Christ my king,
Stand - ing on the prom - is - es I can - not fall,
through e - ter - nal a - ges let his prais - es ring;
lis - tening ev - ery mo - ment to the Spir - it's call,
glo - ry in the high - est, I will shout and sing,
rest - ing in my Sav - ior as my all in all,
stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.
Stand - ing, stand - ing, stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God my Sav - ior;
stand - ing, stand - ing, I'm stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.

Text: R. Kelso Carter, 1886
Tune: PROMISES, R. Kelso Carter, 1886

*BIDDING TO MISSION AND BENEDICTION

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Please greet those around you, offering “peace” or “the peace of Christ.”

POSTLUDE



Join us for Refreshments, Conversation, and Community
in the Portico following the Postlude.

The Flowers today are given
with loving gratitude to Rev. Rick Spalding, Interim Senior Minister,
for devoting his exceptional ministerial skill and whole heart
to our beloved Old South Church
during the transition to this blessed moment;
and to the ministerial and other staff
who were partners every step of the way to its new beginnings
by Vard Johnson and Ruth Purtilo.

Close-Up, a twenty minute tour of the Sanctuary
led by docent Stephanie LaShoto-Westfield,
begins immediately following worship
across the lobby in front of the Sanctuary.



Old South Church *in* Boston invites you
to its *Signature Services* during the coming year.

FIRST SERVICES LED BY THE 21st SENIOR MINISTER

September 7th at Jazz Worship & September 10th at First & Festival Worship

A new era in the 353-year history of Old South Church begins as John Edgerton leads services as our 21st Senior Minister.

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

HOLY WEEK 2024

Palm Sunday — March 24th | 9AM & 11AM

Maundy Thursday — March 28th | 7PM

Good Friday — March 29th | 12PM & 7PM

Easter Sunday — March 31st | 9AM & 11AM

MARATHON SUNDAY — April 14th, 2024 | 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 12th, 2024 | 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.

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*
Ashley J. Popperson, *Associate Minister* ❖ Katherine A. Schofield, *Interim Associate Minister*
Donald A. Wells, *Theologian in Residence* ❖ June R. Cooper, *Theologian in the City*
David Story, *Wedding Minister* ❖ Ken Orth, *Healing Worship Minister*
James W. Crawford, *Senior Minister Emeritus* ❖ Nancy S. Taylor, *Senior Minister Emeritus*
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*
Aislin Kate Anderson, *Children's Choir Director*
Amelia Gerrard, *Church Administrator* ❖ John Braught, *Director of Operations*
Alex Pickering, *Administrative Assistant* ❖ Kathleen Steen, *Staff Accountant*
Emily Ross, *Archivist* ❖ Karen Hand, *Wedding Coordinator*
Jamie Garuti, *Multimedia Director*
Rémy Hatfield-Gardner and William Wei, *Livestream Production Assistants* ❖ Ava Welling, *Sound Technician*
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*
Debby Kuenstner, *Chair, Board of Trustees* ❖ Kate Silfen, *Historian*
Christine Del Favero and Tony Rich, *Senior Deacons* ❖ Vicki Newman, *Pledge Secretary*

A NOTE ON THE INCLUSIVE DIMENSIONS OF GOD'S GRACE

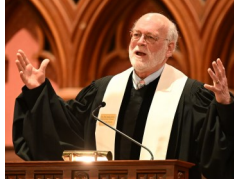
Old South Church in Boston, in the name of its host, Jesus Christ, and in the spirit of Christ's invitation carved into the stone of this church's portico, "Behold I Set Before You an Open Door," welcomes all who seek to know God. Following the One who we believe is Sovereign and Savior, we affirm that 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

GODSPEED RICK SPALDING



After fourteen months of service as our Interim Senior Minister, Rick Spalding will step into retirement at the end of July. His final services with us will be Summertime Jazz on July 20th and Sunday Worship on July 23rd. Please join us to say Thank you and Godspeed to Rick at the festive fellowship hour following both services.

PASTORAL STAFFING THIS SUMMER

With summer blooming around us, the pastoral staff will begin to take the next steps toward welcoming Senior Minister-elect **John Edgerton** on September 5. (John's first Sunday at Old South will be September 10.)

Through the month of August and on into the fall, Associate Ministers **Katherine Schofield** and **Ashley Popperson** will continue to offer their pastoral care and worship leadership - including Summertime Jazz each Thursday evening at 6:00 and the Sunday sermon series focused on the arts. Please feel free to call on Katherine and Ashley as needed - and remember to offer them your thanks and prayers as they continue to lead us on into Old South's next chapter!

SUMMER SUNDAYS

Sundays through Sept. 3rd, in the Gordon Chapel

Inspired by the words of William Carlos Williams - *In summer, the song sings itself* - our summer sermon series will focus on the sacred in the arts, particularly the artistic offerings of Boston. **All-Church Worship** will be in the Chapel at 10 a.m. for July and August (yay air conditioning!) and will include communion.

And don't forget our amazing **Summer Choir**, which anyone can join for rehearsal at 9 a.m. Following worship we will have coffee hour on the front porch, where we can enjoy one another's company and the beautiful summer weather.

Children are always welcome to worship with their families, but we also have childcare available on the 3rd floor for ages birth through 5th grade every Sunday from 8:50 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. Families choosing care have the option for children to join worship in time for communion with parents, like we normally do in First Worship.

HEARD IT AT COUNCIL

Go to oldsouth.org/news/heard-it-council-july-2023 to get an update on Council discussions that include staffing, leadership, and giving thanks to Rick Spalding for his service as Interim Senior Minister.

JOIN THE MARY NORTON SOCIETY

Every one of us, no matter our age or financial circumstances, needs a plan for what will happen to our resources after we pass on. Many members and friends of Old South have included the church in their estate plans - "a way to support Old South from heaven." Here's how six year member Christine Del Favero describes her reasons for joining the society:



"The invitation and grace of our Open Door is powerful. I know this firsthand, having drifted in almost unknowingly on my way to the supermarket just a few years ago. Old South was to me, in that moment, the precise place I needed for ease and openness to a new chapter and relationship with God and God's people. Almost weekly, I hear something similar from someone else who finds themselves in our church home. This happenstance brush with grace is only possible because our door is both figuratively and literally open. And that literal opening requires staff, electricity, and more. With my planned gift, I want to contribute to keeping our doors and our hearts open, that we may foster more hearts opening to God and God's people."

Those who provide for Old South in their estate plans become members of the Mary Norton Society. Won't you join them, as a way of insuring that the things that have mattered most to you will be here for coming generations? Contact cathryngriffith@mac.com for more information.

SUMMER GREEN TIP: Pet Care

Avoiding plastic when it comes to picking up dog poo might seem like a challenge that's too difficult, but there are alternatives. The same goes for plastic free pet food products. Go to tinyurl.com/GreenTipPetCare for more ideas!

WEEKLY WORSHIP

Join us in person, on Vimeo,
Facebook, and YouTube

All-Church Worship Sundays at 10 a.m.

Summertime Jazz Thursdays at 6 p.m. with communion

Vespers Healing Worship 2nd Sundays at 5 p.m.



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.

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