



All-Church Worship

10:00 a.m. ❖ August 20th, 2023

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

Invocation

Isadore Freed

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Ashley J. Popperson

One: Day by day, God leads us:

**Many: To the deep, deep pools of peace,
To the green, lush lawns of grace.**

One: Day by day, Jesus calls us:

**Many: To pour out ourselves in service,
To anoint the stranger with hope.**

One: Day by day, the Holy Spirit shows us:

**Many: The community we could be,
The family we are called to become.**

** Indicates all who are able may stand*

HYMN 476 **My Life Flows on in Endless Song** ENDLESS SONG

WELCOME

ATTEND

SCRIPTURE Exodus 35:20-29 Rachel Barton

ANTHEM Come to Us, Creative Spirit Richard Proulx

Come to us, creative Spirit, in this holy house;
every human talent hallow, hidden skills arouse,
that within your earthly temple, wise and simple may rejoice.

Poet, painter, music-maker, all your treasures bring;
craftsman, actor, graceful dancer, make your offering;
join your hands in celebration: let creation shout and sing!

Word from God eternal springing, fill our minds, we pray;
and in all artistic vision give integrity:
may the flame within us burning kindle yearning day by day.

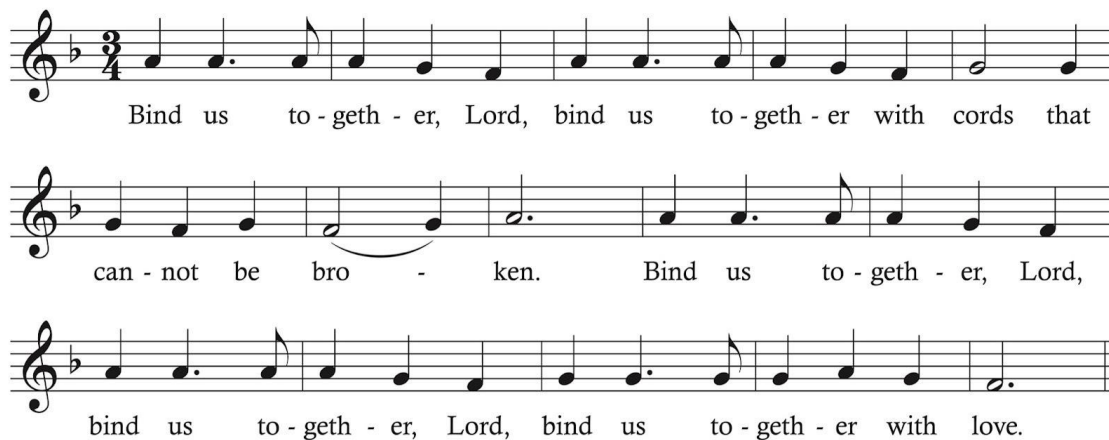
In all places and forever glory be expressed
to the Son, with God the Father and the Spirit blest:
in our worship and our living keep us striving for the best.

SERMON What's In Our Hands Katherine A. Schofield

HYMN 30 **Colorful Creator** HOUGHTON

RESPOND

PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD AND ONE ANOTHER Ashley J. Popperson



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.

SUNG RESPONSE Bind Us Together

OFFERING



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.

OFFERTORY *Ubi Caritas* Bob Moore

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.

Where there is charity, where there is love, God is there.

SUNG RESPONSE (AMEN!)

SHARING THE MEAL Katherine A. Schofield

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)

*HYMN

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

AZMON'S GHOST

O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my great Re - deem - er's praise,
Je - sus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sor - rows cease;
Glo - ry to God, and love and praise, be ev - er, ev - er giv'n

the glo - ries ev - er e - cho - ing, the
'tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'tis
by all the saints in ev - 'ry age, the

tri - umphs of God's grace, the tri - umphs of God's grace!
life, and health, and peace, 'tis life, and health, and peace.
church in earth and heav'n, the church in earth and heav'n.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1739

Tune: AZMON'S GHOST, Mark A. Miller, 2000

*BIDDING TO MISSION AND BENEDICTION Katherine A. Schofield

*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 by Suzanne Bacon
in loving memory of her mother Geraldine Fillmore Bacon.

Close-Up, a twenty minute tour of the Sanctuary
led by docent Kate Silfen,
begins immediately following worship at the front of the Sanctuary.

After Worship you are invited to head
to the Boston Public Garden for a picnic.
Pick up some food on the way and join in!
More info on the Announcements page.



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

FIRST SERVICES LED BY THE 21st SENIOR MINISTER

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

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*

Rachel Barton, *Nancy S. Taylor Fellow and Youth & Young Adult Leader*

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

FAMILY PICNICS (ALL-CHURCH)

Sunday August 20th,

Questions? [Kate Nintcheu children@Oldsouth.org](mailto:Kate.Nintcheu.children@Oldsouth.org)

This summer we're attempting to host some low-key, no-frills, bring-your-own-food-and-blankets get togethers for our church families and any other Old Southerners who would like to join us following worship once a month. Our August picnic will take place on Sunday August 20th, weather-permitting. Plan on bringing your own food, or ordering for pick up, and gathering in the Public Garden around 11:30/11:40. You will find Kate Nintcheu and families on the Beacon Street side of the garden.

MIDDLE PASSAGE REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY

All-Church Worship at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, August 27th

Gathered in 1669, Old South Church in Boston continues to research, name and account for a history which includes radical abolitionists and the first anti-slavery tract on this soil (1700) AND many early ministers and members who were enslavers, who benefited from the forced enslavement and unpaid work of countless persons of African descent. We will honor the lives of our African members from the 1600s, 1700s, and early 1800s on Middle Passage Sunday.

MIDDLE PASSAGE REMEMBRANCE INSTALLATION

In the Portico, 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 MALAGA SPEAKS:

VOYAGE THROUGH DEATH TO LIFE UPON THESE SHORES

Wednesday, August 23rd, 7 p.m.

Sign up for free at tinyurl.com/2023MiddlePassageSeminar

The Middle Passage Ceremonies and Port Markers Project (MPCMP) invites you to a webinar with performing artist Antonio Rocha in observance of the UNESCO-designated International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and Its Abolition. The program will be on Zoom, and you can register for free here.

PEEK BEHIND THE CURTAIN: GODLY PLAY

Sunday August 27th, Tower Room, 11:15 a.m.

Sunday Sept 3rd, Guild Room, 11:15 a.m.

Have you ever wondered what Godly Play is? Ever wanted to experience how our young children learn Bible stories -- or wondered how Old South's church school differs from your experience growing up? Godly Play storyteller Kathleen Simone will host 2 sessions of Godly Play for adults (although children can come too) on Sunday August 27 and Sept 3 at 11:15 following All-Church Worship. We'll tell a different story each week, so you can come to one or come to all - all are welcome in the circle!



CHURCH-WIDE ART PROJECT: CARE OF CREATION BANNERS

Sundays, August 27th at 11 a.m.



Select Sundays in August, following worship, church members and friends of all ages are invited to join in painting banners that celebrate Old South's calling to care for the earth. No artistic skills required. Simply join us in Mary Norton Hall (2nd Floor) and we'll show you what to do. This is a great way to really engage in our summer theme focused on the arts and our commitment to eco-justice.

WELCOME BACK SUNDAY

Sunday September 10th, see more at oldsouth.org/welcome-back-sunday

Join us as we kick off the program year! We're excited to welcome back familiar faces and extend a warm greeting to our new Senior Minister, Rev. John Edgerton. At both the **9 a.m. First Worship** and **11 a.m. Festival Worship** services, we'll hear compelling tales of homecoming from Old Southerners of all walks of life. From long-awaited returns to students finding their way post-COVID, from those rediscovering faith to triumphs over adversity, these stories resonate with the spirit of coming home. The service will also feature the **Blessing of the Backpacks**, a touching tradition that encompasses the hopes and aspirations of students and all who carry life's journey with them. If you are or have a student in your life, be sure to bring a backpack. Embrace a year of connection, growth, and shared experiences with us. Welcome home.



NANCY MARTTILA MEMORIAL SERVICE

Saturday, September 23rd, 12 p.m. in the Chapel

Nancy was a regular at First Worship and was known for her quick wit and friendliness. To read her obituary go to tinyurl.com/MarttilaObituary.

INTRODUCING RACHEL BARTON

We're excited to announce Rachel Barton -- who began work this week as Old South's Youth & Young Adult Leader, and who will also serve as our first Nancy S. Taylor Fellow, beginning in September! Rachel grew up in Wayland, MA before moving to Toronto to pursue her undergraduate and first master's degree at the University of Toronto. She spent twelve years in public service leading and supporting transformative work in archives, data, digital, and open government before returning to Massachusetts in 2020. With her Master's in Divinity from the Boston University School of Theology, Rachel brings more than a decade's worth of campus, camp, and church ministry to Old South where she works with Youth and Young Adults, as well as serving as the inaugural Nancy S. Taylor Fellow. When not working, Rachel enjoys running, playing guitar badly, and having deep life chats over coffee.



JAZZ TRANSITION

Go to oldsouth.org/jazz-worship-news for more info



WILLIE SORDILLO'S LAST SERVICE AND PURSE

Save the Date: September 7th at 6 p.m.

Celebrate the ministry of Willie Sordillo at his final Jazz Worship. After gracing us with eighteen years of soulful saxophone and worship leadership, Willie is retiring. Following the service, we'll celebrate in grand fashion with food and fellowship!

In keeping with Old South tradition, we'll honor Willie's service with a **purse** so he can kick off his retirement in style — and at his discretion! To donate online, visit oldsouth.org/donate to add your contribution. Checks (made out to Old South, with "Willie's retirement" in the memo) may be mailed to the church or dropped by the reception desk. Gifts may be made anytime between now and September 7th — and will be processed to ensure tax deductibility for contributors.

WHAT'S NEXT FOR JAZZ WORSHIP

Following Willie's retirement, Zoë Krohne will lead the newly formed Copley Corner Quartet at Jazz Worship through the Fall. We are blessed and grateful for her velvet voice and faithful leadership. We believe the need for a dynamic, non-traditional service is still very much alive, though what that looks like in this new era at Old South may be different than it has for the past eighteen years. Beginning in mid-September, we'll gather a team of dreamers to listen to God, our congregation, and the wider city of Boston about where God is calling us next. Together with our new Senior Minister, the Rev. John Edgerton, we look to engage in a collaborative process throughout the Fall — including listening sessions with the congregation — and hope to launch a new service in the new year. Questions? Email ashley@oldsouth.org.

BACK TO SCHOOL GREEN TIP: Am I Really Going to Use It?

Ask the question—am I really going to use it? Before you buy a new lunchbox or that 12-pack of glue sticks on sale, ask yourself if you are going to be committed to bringing a lunch to school this year, or if your child is really going to make 12 glue sticks-worth of art projects. Being realistic about back to school needs will help reduce waste and unnecessary spending.

WE ARE HIRING

SEEKING ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

See full posting at [Linked In](https://www.linkedin.com/company/oldsouthchurch) tinyurl.com/OSCAAdminAssist

Old South Church in Boston is seeking a full-time Administrative Assistant to coordinate and support the administrative life of this active congregation. Our next Administrative Assistant will be a people-person who enjoys being a “face of Old South” for members and the public. We seek a multi-tasking self-starter who looks forward to being a part of a team of talented, committed and supportive colleagues.

LOOKING FOR PART-TIME CHILDCARE STAFF MEMBER

See full posting at oldsouth.org/careers

We have a long-time staff that operates flexibly within an ever-changing landscape of church school classes and events. Our children are infants through middle schoolers, but most often grouped in age groups that span 3 years.

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.



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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.

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