



## All-Church Worship

September 3rd, 2023 ❖ 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

Prière (from Suite Gothique)

Léon Boëllmann

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Ashley J. Popperson

One: Come, all who labor and are weighed down  
with responsibility, uncertainty, and worry.

**Many: We come, because the load we carry is heavier than we can bear alone.**

One: Come, all you who seek to relate work and worship, leisure and service,  
into a meaningful whole.

**Many: We gather for spiritual renewal and practical challenge,  
for help in making choices and carrying out our commitments.**

One: Come, with your failures and successes, your sorrows and joys,  
seeking compassion and thirsting for justice.

**Many: We respond to the Spirit's leading and open ourselves  
to receive God's gracious gifts.**

*\* Indicates all who are able may stand*

HYMN 575

**O for a World**

AZMON

WELCOME

Ashley J. Popperson

## **ATTEND**

SCRIPTURE

Ruth 2:1-13

Rory Razon

ANTHEM

With What Shall I Come Before the Lord

John Ness Beck

With what shall I come before the Lord,  
And bow myself before God on high?  
Shall I come before Her with burnt offerings,  
Shall I come before Her with yearling calves?

Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,  
With ten thousand rivers of oil?  
Shall I give my first-born for my transgressions,  
The fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

God has shown to you all,  
God has shown you what is good.  
And what does the Lord require of you  
But to do justice and to love kindness,  
And to walk humbly with your God?

- Micah 6: 6 - 8

SERMON

Labor Justice

Katherine A. Schofield

HYMN 448

**Take My Life, God, Let It Be**

VIENNA

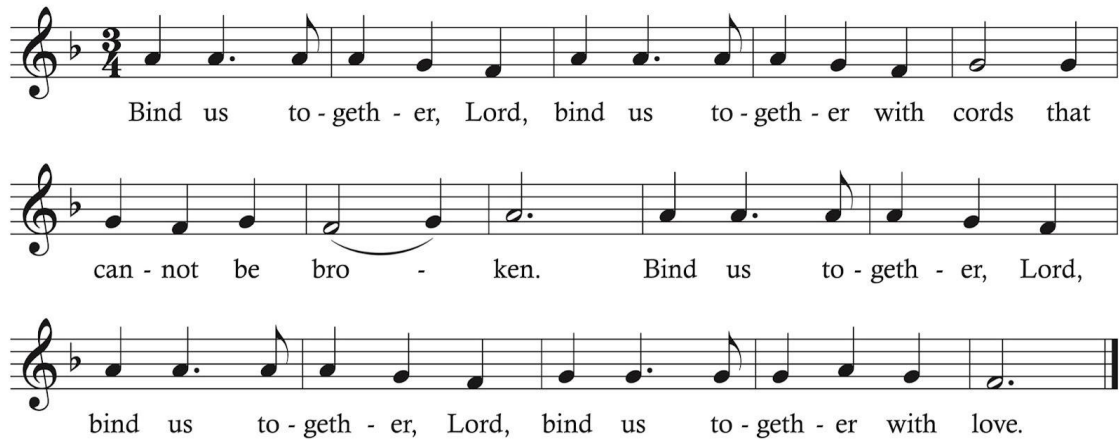
## **RESPOND**

PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD AND ONE ANOTHER

Ashley J. Popperson

SUNG RESPONSE

Bind Us Together



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.

OFFERING

Rachel J. Barton



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OFFERTORY

On God, and Not on Human Trust

Johann Pachelbel

On God, and not on human trust,  
My earthly stand I've taken;  
On Him who made me out of dust  
I build with faith unshaken;  
I trust God's hands, Who understands,  
For all that He bestoweth  
Is good, as He best knoweth.

- Christian Gellert, tr. W. G. Polack

SUNG RESPONSE (AMEN!)

# THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

**Landon Lewis Read**

Child of Logan and Tyler Read

Godchild of Loring Knott and Marshall Happ

## BLESSING OF THE WATER

### THE LITANY OF BAPTISM

Katherine A. Schofield

One: We are gathered to present Landon Lewis Read to the Church and to dedicate him to God. What can we affirm about him?

**Many: He is a child of God, made in God's image.**

One: As Landon grows and matures, how will he know he is a child of God and how will he learn of the Christian story?

**Many: We will tell him 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 Landon?

**Many: We look forward to sitting with him at the Lord's Table, sharing with him the costs and joys of discipleship, learning and growing with him in the Christian pilgrimage, and declaring with one voice our faith in God and God's son, Jesus.**

One: Do you, Logan and Tyler, parents, assume your primary responsibility for fulfilling these expectations by growing with Landon in the Christian faith, helping him to become a faithful member of the church of Jesus Christ, and by offering him the nurture and support of the Christian church? And do you, Loring and Marshall, godparents, agree to guide Landon into becoming an engaged and complete human being, teaching him 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 and 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 Landon?

**Many: We do, for he belongs to us as well.**

One: Then, may God be with us.

**Many: God help us. Amen.**

### BAPTISM

CONGREGATIONAL WELCOME *Unison*

*Kathy Hassinger, Baptismal 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.

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.

Ecumenical Version (1988)

\*HYMN

Somos el cuerpo/We are the body of Christ

*Refrain:*

So - mos el cuer - po del Cris - to. We are the bod - y of Christ.

So - mos el cuer - po del Cris - to: We come to bring the Good News to the world.

God is re - vealed when we love one an - oth - er.  
Stop - ping a - buse and re - liev - ing the hun - gry, *So - mos el cuer - po del Cris - to.*

Bring - ing the light of God's mer - cy to oth - ers;  
Serv - ing each oth - er we build up the king - dom; *We are the bod - y of Christ. (refrain)*

\*BIDDING TO MISSION AND BENEDICTION

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

POSTLUDE

Voluntary in D

William Boyce



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

The Flowers today are given in memory of Janet Butler by her family.

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



# 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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](http://www.oldsouth.org/your-first-visit) or see the front desk.

## LEARN MORE

Check out the church website at [www.oldsouth.org/calendar](http://www.oldsouth.org/calendar) for a calendar of events, and the general website [www.oldsouth.org](http://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

## DISASTER RELIEF: MAUI FIRES

To give visit [oldsouth.org/donate](https://oldsouth.org/donate)

The United Church of Christ Global H.O.P.E. team, in partnership with the Hawai'i Conference UCC, is launching an appeal to provide support for victims of the wildfires. As we send our prayers, Old South will also send 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.

## PEEK BEHIND THE CURTAIN: GODLY PLAY

Sunday Sept 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> floor 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 a sessions of Godly Play for adults (although children can come too) following All-Church Worship. All are welcome in the circle!

## WELCOME BACK SUNDAY

Sunday September 10<sup>th</sup>, see more at [oldsouth.org/welcome-back-sunday](https://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 that 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. Bring a **dish to share** to our 10:00 a.m. Potluck Brunch in Mary Norton Hall between services.

## COMMUNITY HOUR FORUM RETURNS

Sundays, 10 a.m. in Mary Norton Hall on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Zoom at [tinyurl.com/OSC23-24Forum](https://tinyurl.com/OSC23-24Forum)

- **September 10<sup>th</sup>** - Welcome Back Potluck Brunch and Program Overview.  
Join us for an informal potluck breakfast, plenty of fellowship, and a short orientation to church school / adult programs for Fall 2023. (bring food to share - something breakfast-y)
- **September 17<sup>th</sup>** - Meet Rachel: Our New Taylor Fellow and Youth and Young Adult Ministry Leader
- **September 24<sup>th</sup>** - Meet Madison: Our New Graduate Student Intern!

## **YOUNG ADULT AFTER JAZZ DINNER**

*Next dinner September 14<sup>th</sup>*

Join us for a casual hangout with other 20s and 30s Old Southerners. We meet in the chapel after Jazz service at 6:45 p.m. one Thursday every month. We grab take out food in the area or bring food from home and gather in the Tower room to catch up, meet new folks, and enjoy a meal together. Email Sarah Cowles with any questions.

## **CHANGING JUSTICE FROM THE GROUND UP:**

### **Addressing Urban Violence and its Root Causes**

### **Using the Principles and Values of Restorative Justice**

*Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 6 - 7 p.m. followed by Q&A*

*To register go to [sneucc-reg.brtaapp.com/changingjustice](https://sneucc-reg.brtaapp.com/changingjustice) or scan the QR code*



Want an end to trauma and the school to prison pipeline? Prevent violence in our communities? How do restorative and transformative justice address systemic harm and conflict? · Why are these more effective than the punitive discipline model? To find answers to these questions and more, attend this webinar presentation by Valleria Miranda-Ferrick, Executive Director of Unity Circles, and Tha Thai, Assistant Director of Roca Boston.

## **ALL-CHURCH RETREAT**

*Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup> - Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, Craigville Retreat Center, Cape Cod*

*Go to [tinyurl.com/OSC2023Retreat](https://tinyurl.com/OSC2023Retreat) to register, go to [oldsouth.org/all-church-retreat](https://oldsouth.org/all-church-retreat) to learn more*

Get excited! It's time for the All-Church Retreat -- our yearly weekend on the Cape. This intergenerational opportunity to connect, relax, play, and learn together is unique - and we hope you will join in! This year we are ecstatic that our special guest will be Rev. Dr. Mary Luti, world-renowned author, professor and theologian - and long time member of Old South Church. Online registration is now open. 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 \$40. Scholarships are available - please reach out to Kate Nintcheu at [children@oldsouth.org](mailto:children@oldsouth.org).

## **SNEUCC JUSTICE SUMMIT: Trans and Nonbinary Belonging in the Church**

*Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 10am-5pm, in person at Old South and online*

*Go to [tinyurl.com/2023SNEUCCJustice](https://tinyurl.com/2023SNEUCCJustice) to register by September 16<sup>th</sup>,*

The Justice Summit on Trans & Nonbinary Belonging in the Church is a chance for worship, learning, and connection for people on all stages of their journey of trans-affirmation. These conversations will help us explore how we can deepen our Open & Affirming commitments as a church and bring those values into our wider communities. Youth & Adults welcome!

## **SMALL GROUP SIGN UPS**

Fill out the interest form at [oldsouth.org/seasonal-small-groups](https://oldsouth.org/seasonal-small-groups)

Do you seek to deepen your experience of community at Old South Church, cultivate spiritual friendships, and grow in your faith? Consider joining a Small Group! We are currently forming groups for the fall season (September through December). Some groups are meeting online while others meet in person (or a mix of both).

## **DONATE FLOWERS FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP**

Go to [tinyurl.com/2023OSCFowers](https://tinyurl.com/2023OSCFowers) to sign up

Sundays October 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>, and November 26<sup>th</sup> are available

Would you like to give the flowers one Sunday - in memory or in honor of a special person or event? The price is \$100. Please send you message along with your payment. You can drop it off, send a check, or click here and make your gift online.

## **HOSPITALITY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Scan the QR code with your phone camera to sign up

Fall 2023 is almost upon us, and we are looking forward to all the activity at OSC. Our church's open door is a big part of who we are, and we are looking for Ushers, Welcomers and Coffee Hour Volunteers to swing it open wide. Thank you in advance for signing up to assist with hospitality at one or more Sunday or Thursday services! We are looking forward to seeing you this fall!

Christine Del Favero and Tony Rich, Co-Senior Deacons



## **IN MEMORIAM**

### **REV. DAVID KING MEMORIAL SERVICE**

*Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, 11 a.m.*

David started attending Old South in 1948 and became Assistant for Student Work from 1949-52. To read his obituary go to [tinyurl.com/DavidKingobit](https://tinyurl.com/DavidKingobit).

### **NANCY MARTTILA MEMORIAL SERVICE**

*Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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](https://tinyurl.com/MarttilaObituary).

## BACK TO SCHOOL GREEN TIP: Buy Reused Tech

If you need a new computer, phone, or iPad consider buying refurbished. It's a great way to buy high-quality electronics without breaking the bank. You will also help to reduce landfill waste and decrease pollution.

### WILLIE SORDILLO'S LAST SERVICE AND PURSE

*Save the Date: September 7<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m., go to [oldsouth.org/jazz-worship-news](https://oldsouth.org/jazz-worship-news) to donate and learn more*

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**. To donate online, visit [oldsouth.org/donate](https://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 before September 7<sup>th</sup> — 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. Go to [oldsouth.org/jazz-worship-news](https://oldsouth.org/jazz-worship-news) to learn more about the future of Thursday Worship at Old South Church. Questions? Email [ashley@oldsouth.org](mailto:ashley@oldsouth.org).

### 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** 2<sup>nd</sup> 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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