



June 2, 2024 ❖ 11:00 a.m.

Confirmation & Youth Sunday

Take heart: it is not too late to build a better world.

GATHER

PRELUDE

Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown arr. J. Bruce Ashton

Come, O thou traveler unknown, whom still I hold, but cannot see!
My company before is gone, and I am left alone with thee.
With thee all night I mean to stay and wrestle till the break of day.
I need not tell thee who I am, my misery and sin declare.
Thyself has called me by my name; look on thy hands and read it there.
But who, I ask thee, who art thou? Tell me thy name, and tell me now.
In vain thou strugglest to get free, I never will unloose my hold.

Art thou the man who died for me? The secret of thy love unfold.
Wrestling I will not let thee go, till I thy name, thy nature know.
My strength is gone, my nature dies, I sink beneath thy mighty hand.
Faint to revive, and fall to rise, I fail, and yet by faith I stand.
I stand and will not let thee go, till I thy name, thy nature know.
'Tis love! 'Tis love! Thou diedst for me, I hear thy whisper in my heart.
The morning breaks, the shadows flee, pure universeal love thou art.
To me, to all, thy mercies move, thy nature, and thy name is love.

Text: Charles Wesley

Charity and Love

Sarah T. Tullock

Where charity and love are grown, the face of God is known.
The love of Christ has made us one. Rejoice and praise the Three in One.
Where charity and love are grown, the face of God is known.
Make space for All and train our Souls to turn from hatred healed and whole,
Where charity and love are grown, the face of God is known.

Text based on the *Ubi Caritas*

Notre Père

Maurice Duruflé

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Text: Matthew 6:9-13

Sing Me to Heaven

Daniel E. Gawthrop

In my heart's sequestered chambers lie truths stripped of poet's gloss.
Words alone are vain and vacant and my heart is mute.
In response to aching silence memory summons half-heard voices,
and my soul finds primal eloquence and wraps me in song.
If you would comfort me, sing me a lullaby.
If you would win my heart, sing me a love song.
If you would mourn me and bring me to God,
sing me a requiem, sing me to heaven.
Touch in me all love and passion, pain and pleasure, grief and comfort.
Sing me a lullaby, a love song, a requiem.
Love me, comfort me, bring me to God:
Sing me a love song, sing me to heaven.

Text by Jane Griner

THE CHURCH STREET UMC PARISH YOUTH CHOIR

Tim Ward, *director* ❖ Edie Johnson, *accompanist* ❖ Erin Johnson, *choral assistant*

*HYMN 350

Now in the Days of Youth

DIADEMATA

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Cole G.

Make a joyful noise to our God, all the earth

Serve God with gladness, come into their presence with singing

It is God who has made us, and we are theirs

We are God's people and the sheep of their pasture

Enter the gates with thanksgiving, and God's courts with praise

Give thanks to God, for their steadfast love endures forever

WELCOME

**Indicates all who are able may stand*

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

ANTHEM

All God’s Children

Baker Lawrimore

For Children all, a sense of welcome.
For Children all, a belly fed.
For Children all, strong minds that wonder.
For Children all, a loving friend.
For we’re a world of diverse people,
and all our needs here on earth are broad.
So look around, see the beauty in difference,
and work to love all the children of God.
And work to love all the children of God.

For those ignored, and those alone, a sense of welcome
For those ignored, and those alone, a belly fed.
For those ignored, and those alone, strong minds that wonder.
For those ignored, and those alone, a loving friend.

For enemies, a sense of welcome.
For enemies, a belly fed.
For enemies, strong minds that wonder.
For enemies, a loving friend.

THE OLD SOUTH CHILDREN’S CHOIR
Aislin Kate Anderson, *director* ❖ Juniper Mai, *accompanist*

ATTEND

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Mark S.

THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION

Julia Marie Boros
Declan Seamus Grant
Paul Edward Murray (b)
Lee Utech Jacobs (*to be confirmed June 23rd*)

INTRODUCTION

Kate M. Nintcheu

BAPTISM

LITANY OF INTENT

John M. Edgerton

These before us have been led by the Spirit to affirm their baptism and enter into covenantal relationship with Christ and the members of the Christian Church.

They are here, as we are here, to endeavor to love God with all our heart, soul, and mind, and to love our neighbor as ourselves. God help us.

Julia, Declan and Paul, we rejoice in your pilgrimage of faith which has brought you to this time and place.

You have grown up in our midst. Today we give God thanks for the adults you are becoming, and we celebrate your presence in this household of faith.

Do you desire to affirm the Christian faith into which you were baptized?

Confirmands: I do.

SERMON

Quinn G.

HYMN

They Asked, "Who's My Neighbor?"

NEIGHBOR

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CALL TO THE OFFERING

Evie P.

OFFERTORY

Praise His Holy Name

Keith Hampton

Sing till the power of the Lord come down. Shout Hallelujah! Praise his holy name!

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me;

I once was lost, but now I'm found, was blind, but now I see.

Jesus, Jesus, how I love thee! Shout Hallelujah! Praise his holy name!

Must Jesus bear the cross alone and all the world go free?

No, there's a cross for everyone and there's a cross for me.

Praise his name! Praise his holy name! Praise him!

*CALL TO PRAYER

Sonja P-L

God be with you.

And also with you.

May the Spirit of the Living God fall afresh on us.

The Holy Spirit guides our way and ignites our hope.

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

O Love

Elaine Hagenberg

O Love, that will not let me go,
O Love, I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
that in thy ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.

O Joy, that seeks me through the pain,
O Joy, I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
and feel the promise is not vain that morn shall tearless be.

O Love, that will not let me go,
O Love, I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe
and in thy ocean depths its flow shall richer, fuller be.
That morn shall tearless be.

O Love, O Love, that will not let me go.

Text: George Matheson

BLESSING OUR DEPARTING SENIOR

*BIDDING TO MISSION AND BENEDICTION

Quinn G.

SUNG RESPONSE

God Be In My Head

K. Lee Scott

God be in my head, and in my understanding;
God be in mine eyes, and in my looking;
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;
God be in my heart, and in my thinking;
God be at mine end, and my departing.

Text from the Sarum Primer

POSTLUDE



Today's Preacher and Senior



Quinn G. is graduating from Reading Memorial High School. This summer he'll be working as a Lead Camp Counselor at LetGoYourMind, a STEM robotics camp, and joining Habitat for Humanity's annual summer service trip to North Carolina. In the fall, he's headed to Connecticut College, where he'll major in Environmental Studies.



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

The flowers today are given in thanksgiving for a good life, one day at a time,
by Elizabeth (42 years), and Betty (40 years).

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

SUMMER AT OLD SOUTH

June 2 | Confirmation and Youth Sunday

Today, worship services are crafted and led by our teens. During Festival Worship we will celebrate and lift up this year's graduating High School Seniors, and members from this year's confirmation class will join Old South as members through the Rite of Confirmation.

June 9 | Pride Sunday

Join us for Pride Worship at Old South Church! On Sunday, June 11th, we will gather as our most fabulous selves to worship the God who made us fearfully and wonderfully. Services at 9am and 11am. Rainbow Disco Coffee Hour at 10am.

June 16 | Juneteenth

We honor and celebrate Juneteenth, a jubilant celebration of freedom.

June 23 | Membership Sunday, 10am All Church Worship

We'll gather as one family in faith at 10am to receive new members and celebrate our Long Term Members.

July 7-September 1 | Summer Worship

Worship at 9am and 11am. In order to escape the heat, both services will be in the air-conditioned chapel.

August 25 | Middle Passage Sunday

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, & early 1800s on Middle Passage Sunday.

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**. For more information, contact Associate Minister Ashley Popperson at asbley@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

John M. Edgerton, *Senior Minister*
Ashley J. Popperson, *Associate Minister*
Rachel J. Barton, *Assistant Minister & Nancy S. Taylor Fellow*

Donald A. Wells, *Theologian in Residence* ❖ June R. Cooper, *Theologian in the City*
David F. Story, *Wedding Minister* ❖ Kenneth H. 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*

Kate Nintcheu, *Director, Children & Family Ministries*
Summer Marsh, *Director, Old South Preschool*
Aislin Kate Anderson, *Children's Choir Director* ❖ Juniper Mai, *Children's Choir Accompanist*

Amelia Gerrard, *Church Administrator* ❖ Tim Clafin, *Director of Operations*
Rémy Hatfield-Gardner, *Administrative Assistant* ❖ Kathleen Steen, *Staff Accountant*
Emily Ross, *Archivist* ❖ Karen Hand, *Wedding Coordinator*

Jamie Garuti Sage, *Multimedia Director*
Rémy Hatfield-Gardner & William Wei, *Livestream Production Assistants* ❖ Ava Welling, *Sound Technician*

Elias Perez, *Senior Sexton* ❖ Ozo Nwodo, Richard Serebour, & David Brode, *Sextons*
Corey Spence, *Weekday Receptionist*
Shirley Bivins, Shelia Randolph, & George Sargeant, *Evening & Weekend Receptionists*

Maren Batalden, *Moderator* ❖ Rob Gabler, *Clerk* ❖ Bill Bulkeley, *Treasurer*
Debby Kuenstner, *Chair, Board of Trustees* ❖ Kate Silfen, *Historian*
Christine Del Favero & Laurie Stickels, *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



VISITING TENNESSEE YOUTH CHOIR JOINS SUNDAY WORSHIP

*Enjoy an extended Choral Prelude before Festival Worship
this Sunday, June 2 beginning at 10:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary.*

This Sunday, Old South is excited to welcome the Parish Youth Choir of Church Street United Methodist Church in Knoxville to our worship services. This ensemble, led by Director of Music Tim Ward, primarily comprises singers who have completed grades 6 through 12, and also includes college-aged 'scholarship singers.' The choir serves as the primary choir for the Church Street's weekly 8:30 AM service of worship, and also presents an annual Service of Choral Evensong in May. In addition to their worship responsibilities, the choir takes an extensive tour each summer as they share God's love through music and fellowship with diverse groups, churches and other organizations. We're delighted they chose Boston this year!

YOUTH SUNDAY

*Sunday, June 2, at First and Festival Worship
Teacher Appreciation Reception 10am*

On the last day of our regular program year, Old South's Youth Group will lead worship. Come and join us as we experience worship services our teens have crafted. During Festival Worship we will celebrate and lift up this year's graduating High School Seniors, and members from this year's confirmation class will join Old South as members through the Rite of Confirmation. At 10am you're invited to a brief informal reception honoring this year's Church School and Community Hour teachers. Stop by the 2nd floor for pastries, fruit and coffee, and enjoy the company of your Old South family.

PRIDE MONTH AT OLD SOUTH CHURCH

TRANS TWILIGHT: A SERVICE OF AFFIRMATION

Thursday, June 6, 6pm

Join us as we celebrate the sacredness of trans people. Together, we will repent of the harm done to the trans community by Christian churches and bless and affirm the trans people in our midst. Rev. Noah Brewer-Wallin (he/they) will be preaching.

BOSTON PRIDE FOR THE PEOPLE

Saturday, June 8

Out of the church and into the streets! Old South will be hosting UCC churches from across the region to march together in Boston's Pride parade. We will gather in Gordon Chapel, beginning at 10am. We will travel from there to gather at our designated formation area (TBD), which begins at 11am. The parade will finish at Beacon St and Park St, between the Public Garden and the Common. Old South Church will host a Hospitality Station under the Portico on Boylston street from 9am-1pm. Volunteer at tinyurl.com/OSCPrideVolunteer24.

PRIDE WORSHIP WITH RAINBOW DISCO COFFEE HOUR

Sunday, June 9, 2024, First and Festival Worship

Join us for Pride Worship at Old South Church! We will gather as our most fabulous selves to worship the God who made us fearfully and wonderfully. Services at 9am and 11am. Rainbow Disco Coffee Hour at 10am & 12pm.

LIBERATION SUNDAY - OPEN DOOR AWARD TO J. SHIA

Sunday, June 16, 2024 at 11am

This Sunday at Festival Worship, we will award the Open Door Award to J. Shia founder of Boston-based Madhouse Motors, www.madhousemotors.com, and internationally recognized custom motorcycle builder, who is queering the world of motorcycling.

PRIDE SHIRTS FOR PURCHASE

Go to tinyurl.com/2024PrideShirt to order

Our Queerly Beloved PrideShirts are now available - made to order and mailed to your home! You can choose from different styles (t-shirts, hoodies, etc.), including youth sizes, and many color options for each style.



OLD SOUTH SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Go to oldsouth.org/summer to learn more

There are a lot of amazing Sundays coming this Summer. See below for our Pride Schedule, join us on June 16 as we celebrate Juneteenth, June 23 for Membership Sunday, and August 25th for Middle Passage Sunday. First and Festival Worship services during July and August will both be held in the air conditioned comfort of the Gordon Chapel.

SUMMER CHOIR

Contact Mitchell Crawford at mitchell@oldsouth.org for more information

Continuing through Labor Day, Festival Choir will suspend Thursday rehearsals, inviting all who wish to join us Sunday mornings at 10am to rehearse music for that day's 11am Festival Worship.

GET TO KNOW OUR SANCTUARY AND OUR DOCENTS:

Did you know that Old South provides free docent-guided tours of our Sanctuary every Sunday after Festival Worship, and many Saturdays throughout the summer? On Sunday 6/16 at 10am, come learn about the history, architecture, and people that are highlighted, see if you can stump a docent with your questions, and learn how you, too, could be a docent! Can't make it? Join our docents any Sunday after Festival Worship at the front of the sanctuary for a 20 minute tour!

VOLUNTEER TO READ SCRIPTURE

Go to tinyurl.com/Jun-AugReadersOSC to sign up

Reading the Bible in community is an essential Christian spiritual practice. Each week at Festival Worship a volunteer reads scripture before the sermon. People of all ages are encouraged to volunteer! Questions? Email ashley@oldsouth.org.

GREEN TIP: SAFER AND NON-TOXIC ART SUPPLIES

Paints, glues, glazes, and even markers can pose hidden health hazards that we should be aware of. Children are particularly vulnerable, so it pays to exercise extra care with the products they use. The good news is that it's easier than ever to find safer alternatives to hazardous art supplies. Go to tinyurl.com/toxic-art-supplies to learn more from Green America.

HEARD IT AT COUNCIL

Go to tinyurl.com/May24OSCCouncil to read the full report

May brought discussions about visions for the future, the Associate Minister Search update, membership, and reports from the Christian Service and Outreach and Stewardship Committees. Find out what happened in this month's Heard it at Council report by our church historian, Kate Silfen.

VESPERS HEALING WORSHIP:

Next service Sunday, June 9, 5 p.m. on Zoom, 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.

TWILIGHT WORSHIP

CURRENT SERIES: ORDINARY WISDOM: LIFE TOGETHER AS THE CHURCH

Thursdays, 6pm, in the Gordon Chapel

Ecclesiastes 3:12 says, "there is nothing better for people than to be happy and to do good while they live." In this four week series, we'll be making the most of our transition to Ordinary Time by digging into what it means to live well together. Join us for a Spring-time jaunt in the Books of Wisdom: Ecclesiastes, Job and Proverbs, and together we'll take a peek at what it looks like to live a whole and full life.

WEEKLY WORSHIP

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

TWILIGHT Worship, Thursdays at 6:00 p.m.

FIRST Worship Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

FESTIVAL Worship Sundays at 11:00 a.m.

VESPERS HEALING Worship, the second Sunday at 5:00 p.m. via Zoom



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