



Old South Church

Copley Square, Boston

*A Congregation of the
United Church of Christ*

Gathered 1669

October 13th, 2024

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

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

GATHER

PRELUDE

There Is a Happy Land

George Shearing, *arr.*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rachel J. Barton

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;
God's steadfast love endures for ever.

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,
those She redeemed from trouble,
and gathered in from the lands,
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.

**Some wandered in desert wastes,
finding no way to an inhabited town;
hungry and thirsty,
their soul fainted within them.**

**Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,
For God satisfies the thirsty,
and the hungry God fills with good things.**

**Indicates all who are able may stand*

*HYMN 407

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

*INVOCATION

*PASSING THE PEACE

*As a sign of our reconciliation with God and each other,
please greet those around you, saying "peace" or "the peace of Christ."*

SUNG RESPONSE *Seated*

God wel - comes all, strang - ers and friends;

God's love is strong and it nev - er ends.

Text: John L. Bell, 2008

Music: South African song; trans. John L. Bell, 2008

WELCOME

ANTHEM

The Storm Is Passing Over

Barbara Baker, *arr.*

Have courage my soul, and let us journey on,
though the night is dark, and I am far from home.
Thanks be to God, the morning light appears:
the storm is passing over, hallelu!

*Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!
The storm is passing over, hallelu!*

LISTEN

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Kate M. Nintcheu

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 107:23-32

Stephanie LaShoto-Westfield

*HYMN 441

Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me

PILOT

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

SCRIPTURE

Mark 4:35-42

SERMON

Do You Not Care?

John M. Edgerton

*HYMN 423

Great Is Your Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

*CALL TO PRAYER

Rory Razon

God be with you.

And also with you.

May the peace of Christ dwell in your hearts.

Christ is our peace, our light, and 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

Stand By Me

Charles Albert Tindley

When the storms of life are raging, stand by me.
When the world is tossing me like a ship upon the sea,
you who rule the wind and water, stand by me.

In the midst of tribulation, stand by me.
When the hosts of hell assail, and my strength begins to fail,
you who never lost a battle, stand by me.

RESPOND

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OFFERTORY

He Never Failed Me Yet

Robert Ray

*I will sing of God's mercy:
every day, every hour, he gives me power.
I will sing and give thanks to thee
for all the dangers, toils, and snares that he has brought me out.
He is my God, and I'll serve him, no matter what the test.
Trust and never doubt, Jesus will surely bring you out—
he never failed me yet.*

I know God is able to deliver in times of storm.
I know that he'll keep you safe from all earthly harm.
One day when my weary soul is at rest I'm going home to be forever blessed.

*Trust and never doubt, Jesus will surely bring you out—
he never failed me yet.*

Didn't my God deliver Moses from King Pharaoh?
And didn't he cool the fiery furnace for Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego?
When I think of what my God can do— he delivered Daniel, I know he will deliver you.

*Trust and never doubt, Jesus will surely bring you out—
he never failed me yet.*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN 444

We Are Often Tossed and Driven
Verses 1-3 only

BY AND BY

*BENEDICTION

John M. Edgerton

POSTLUDE

When We All Get to Heaven

Diane Bish, *arr.*



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

The flowers today are given by Margaret Wheeler
to honor all of our international newcomers
seeking refuge, opportunity and love.
We welcome you!

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.

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

SCARED FOR GOOD — October 27th, 2024 | 6PM

Old South Organist MitcHELL-FIRE Crawford and a host of demonic associates will thrill you with spine-tingling sounds of the season, courtesy of our room-rattling Skinner organ.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY — November 3rd, 2024 | 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 24th, 2024 | 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, 2024

Family Service with Impromptu Pageant | 5PM

LESSONS AND CAROLS | 8PM

CAROLS AND COMMUNION | 11PM

HOLY WEEK 2025

Palm Sunday — April 13 | 9AM & 11AM

Maundy Thursday — April 17 | 7PM

Good Friday — April 18 | 7PM

EASTER & MARATHON SUNDAY —

April 20th, 2025 | 9AM, 11AM, & 1PM

The triumph of the Christian story of resurrection informs a service of worship that is characterized by joyous celebration. Our celebration continues with hundreds of marathoners joining us for worship, where we will pause to acknowledge the runners, their families, and volunteers in a special “Blessing of the Athletes.”

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 ashley@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*
Gracie Paterson, *Nancy S. Taylor Leadership Fellow* ❖ Kat Woodard, *Seminarian*

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*

Audrey Woodhams, *Creative Director for Twilight Worship*

Tim Harbold, *Director, Gospel Choir* ❖ Peter Coulombe, *Director, Old South Ringers*

Kate Nintcheu, *Director, Children & Family Ministries*

Summer Marsh, *Director, Old South Preschool*

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Corey Spence, *Weekday Receptionist*

Shirley Bivins, Shelia Randolph, & William Wei, *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*

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.



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in BOSTON

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HONORING INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY

Looking for ways to observe this holiday? Consider looking up where you live on the Native Land Digital Tool <https://native-land.ca/> and researching the tribal and colonization history. Another great way to observe the day is to donate to organizations doing important work like North American Indian Center of Boston <http://www.naicob.org/donate.html> or Native American Lifelines <https://nativeamericanlifelines.org/>.

Old South will be closed Monday, October 14 to honor this day.



Old South Church in Boston resides on the ancestral and unceded land of the Massachusett People, past and present, whose name was appropriated by this Commonwealth. We pay respect to the Massachusett elders past and present. We name and recognize the Massachusett People as traditional stewards of this land

and we acknowledge the enduring relationship that exists between them and their traditional territories. We admit the truth of violence perpetrated against the Indigenous Peoples of the land; perpetrated, moreover, both in the name of this country and in the name of Christ, and make a commitment to uncovering that truth. We comprehend that a land acknowledgment is a small yet important step towards ensuring a culture of respect, truth, and accountability in our church, in our City, in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and in our nation.

USHER TRAINING

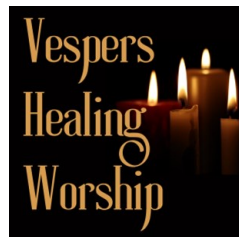
First Worship on October 13 at 10 a.m. in the Chapel

Thursday night church on October 17 at 7 p.m. in the Chapel

Festival Worship on October 22 at 12:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Curious about those friendly folks who offer you a smile and a bulletin at worship? These are our ushers. Ushers offer a warm welcome and Christian hospitality to all those who worship with us. You don't need a formal role to be an usher at Old South. If you're interested in learning more about ushering and being on OSC's front lines of friendliness, attend an Usher Training. Join our team! Questions? Email ashley@oldsouth.org.

VESPERS HEALING WORSHIP:



Next service Sunday, October 13, 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.

**WELCOMING OUR NEW NEIGHBORS:
HELP ASSEMBLE EMERGENCY CLOTHING KITS**

Join us to pack kits following Worship on October 20th, Guild Room

Scan the QR code to learn how you can contribute

Old South's New Neighbor Task Force is supporting [Circle of Hope](#) by preparing Emergency Clothing Kits to be distributed to immigrant families experiencing housing insecurity. We are asking for donations of NEW gender-neutral socks, underwear, t-shirts, sweatpants, and sweatshirts.



SCARED FOR GOOD CONCERT

Sunday, October 27, 6 p.m.

Join us for the return of Scared for Good! Old South Organist MitchHELL-FIRE Crawford and a host of demonic associates will thrill you with spine-tingling sounds of the season, courtesy of our room-rattling Skinner organ. Presented in partnership with the Boston Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, we'll collect an offering to support programming for the youngest members of the chapter in memory of Old South's beloved former Minister of Music, (Horrific!) Harry Huff.

DONATE FLOWERS FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP

October 27 and November 10 and 24 available. Go to tinyurl.com/2024FlowersOSC to sign up .

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.

GREEN TIP: Reusable and Sustainable Halloween Decorations

As you prepare for the spooky season, instead of buying new plastic decorations that are only used for one season, consider making your own or opting for reusable alternatives. For DIY enthusiasts, crafting your own reusable decorations is a fun and sustainable option. Get the family involved in creating Halloween decor from recycled materials like fabric, glass jars, or scrap wood. These handmade touches can be enjoyed for many seasons, reducing the need to purchase new decorations each year while adding a personal, creative flair to your spooky setup .For a more long-lasting solution, invest in durable, reusable decorations that can be stored and brought out year after year. Items made from metal, fabric, or wood not only look great but also reduce waste by replacing single-use plastic items. Consider decorations like cloth bunting, metal lanterns, or wooden signs to create a festive yet eco-friendly Halloween display. Learn more at mybarc.org/green-Halloween.

FAMILY BOOK STUDY THIS FALL

Colonization and the Wampanoag Story by Linda Coombs

To see our reading schedule and more, visit oldsouth.org/Wampanoag

Questions? Kate.children@oldsouth.org

Old South families (and interested adults) are invited to join into a fall book study as we read indigenous author Linda Coombs' young readers book: Colonization and the Wampanoag Story. This book presents a duet of stories -- one, a first-person account of a young Wampanoag child and what her life, education, and faith looked like -- and the other the story of the 'English' arriving and colonizing the area. These two veins of storytelling alternate back and forth, presenting the very different mindsets of the Wampanoag and other indigenous tribes and the arriving colonizers.

In conjunction with the Congregational Library, Kate Nintcheu, (Dir. Children and Families) has created a book study curriculum, breaking up the readings into 5 sections over 9 weeks - including an author talk on zoom on Tuesday October 29 and a visit to the Congregational Library to view some of the artifacts they hold from this time period on Sunday November 17. Families are encouraged to read the book over the week, and to set aside time to discuss the 3-5 discussion questions together before beginning the next sections.



THURSDAY NIGHT CHURCH

Thursdays, 6 p.m.

Thursday Night Church is here! After a year of dreaming, planning and working, we're excited to introduce our redesigned Thursday service. Thursday Night Church is a worship service where the music is contemporary, the space is open-hearted and in-the-round, and the preaching is focused on how we can be the church together in the world.

THURSDAY NIGHT SUPPER CLUB

After worship, join us for Thursday Night Supper Club. Each week, folks can gather after worship for dinner and an informal small group hosted by some of our friendly and hospitable lay leaders.

COLOR IN HARMONY: A Journey Through Diverse Voices in Classical Music

Wednesday, October 16, 8pm, Gordon Chapel,

Tickets are pay as you can afford, go to tinyurl.com/MiclotConcertOSC for more info

Presented by Miclot Chamber Music Society, this program brings together a rich tapestry of voices, reflecting the evolution of classical music. From the works of emerging Asian American composers to the timeless pieces of Haydn and Dvořák, Miclot continues its mission to foster cultural dialogue and innovation in the classical music world, bridging past and present, tradition and new perspectives.

WEEKLY WORSHIP

Join us in person, on Facebook, and YouTube

Thursday night church, 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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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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