



June 16, 2024

Liberation

Sunday

11:00 a.m.

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

GATHER

PRELUDE

Lord, I Want To Be a Christian

Calvin Taylor

*HYMN 572

When Israel Was in Egypt's Land

GO DOWN MOSES

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Ashley J. Popperson

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.

When their breath departs, they return to the earth;

on that very day their plans perish.

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,

whose hope is in the Lord their God.

God made heaven and earth,

the sea, and all that is in them;

the one who keeps faith for ever;

who executes justice for the oppressed;

who gives food to the hungry.

**Indicates all who are able may stand*

The Lord sets the prisoners free;
 the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.
The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
the Lord loves the righteous.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Please greet those around you, wishing them "peace" or "the peace of Christ."

SUNG RESPONSE

Tim Harbold, *composer*

No mat-ter who you are, no mat-ter who you love, you are wel-come
 in this place. No mat-ter how you look, no mat-ter
 what you be-lieve, all are blest with heav'n-ly grace.
 We are stand-ing up for jus-tice! We're
 lift-ing hands in praise. We try to fol-low
 Christ's ex-am-ple, all are wel-come in this
 place. All are blest with heav'n-ly grace.

WELCOME

ANTHEM

Lord, Send Your Spirit Raymond Wise
OLD SOUTH CHURCH GOSPEL CHOIR and SUMMER CHOIR
Tim Harbold, *director*

Lord, send your Spirit. Lord, send your power.
Lord, send your glory, so that we can be used by thee.
Lord, send your Spirit. Lord, send your power.
So you can use me, Lord, until my hands look new.
Use me Lord, until my feet do, too.
Send your Spirit, send your power,
Send your glory, fall on us.
Send your Spirit, send your power,
Send your glory, so that we can be used by thee.

ATTEND

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Kate M. Nintcheu

SCRIPTURE

Deuteronomy 15 Phil Stern
*Following the reading, children who wish to may meet childcare staff
in the back of the sanctuary and proceed to the 3rd floor.*

SERMON

John M. Edgerton

*HYMN 609

Now Is the Time Approaching

WEBB

RESPOND

*CALL TO PRAYER

Rachel J. Barton

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

Oh, Freedom

Spiritual

Ida Kamrara and Eren Brooks, *soloists*

Oh freedom, Oh freedom, Oh freedom over me.
And before I'll be a slave, I'll be buried in my grave,
And go home with my Lord and be free.

No more moaning...

There'll be singing...

THE OPEN DOOR AWARD

PRESENTATION

John M. Edgerton

J Shia and Madhouse Motors

CALL TO THE OFFERING

Ashley J. Popperson



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OFFERTORY

I'll Tell It

Donnie Harper

OLD SOUTH CHURCH GOSPEL CHOIR

Geoff O'Hara, *soloist*

The Lord's been mighty good to me, I'll tell it everywhere I go.
He loosed my shackles and set me free, I'll tell it everywhere I go.
Everywhere I go, I've got to tell it, I'll tell it everywhere I go.

I'll tell it, I'll tell it everywhere I go.
Everywhere I go, I've got to tell it,
I've got to tell it everywhere I go.
I've got to tell it, I'll tell it everywhere I go.

Now every day with Jesus is sweeter than the day before,
Every day with Jesus, I'll love him more and more.
Sometimes I don't serve him as I should,
but he keeps on being mighty good.
I've got to tell it, I'll tell it everywhere I go.

I'll tell it...

When the storm rages, you're my rock of ages,
my shelter in the time of storm.
You walk right beside me, always there to guide me
so that evil can't do me no harm.

Everywhere I go, I've got to tell it,
I've got to tell it everywhere I go.
I've got to tell it, I'll tell it everywhere I go.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN 474

I'm So Glad, Jesus Lifted Me

I'M SO GLAD

*BIDDING TO MISSION AND BENEDICTION

John M. Edgerton

SUNG RESPONSE

(Introduction)



Go now in peace, ne-ver be a -fraid;
God will go with you each hour of ev-'ry day. Go now in faith,
stead-fast, strong and true, know God will guide you in all you
do. A - men, a - men, a - men.

Text: Don Besig and Nancy Price, 1988
Tune: Don Besig, 1988; adapt. Mitchell Crawford, 2022

POSTLUDE

Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel

Carleton Inniss



Today's Band
Roberto Alaniz, *bass*
Aaron Trant, *percussion*

Join us for Refreshments & Fellowship
outside under the portico
following the Postlude.

The Flowers today are given
by Paul Brouillette,
in memory of his parents
Andrew and Dolores Brouillette.

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 16 | Liberation Sunday

This Sunday at Festival Worship, we will award the Open Door Award to J. Shia, an internationally recognized custom motorcycle builder who is queering the world of motorcycling.

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



LIBERATION SUNDAY - OPEN DOOR AWARD TO J. SHIA

Sunday, June 16, 2024 at 11AM

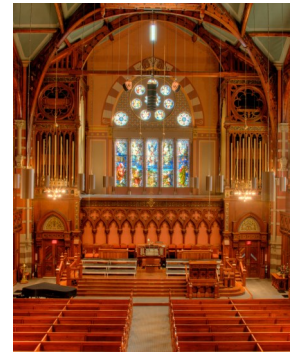
Go to tinyurl.com/JShiaOpenDoor2024 for more on J. Shia

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.

GET TO KNOW OUR SANCTUARY AND OUR DOCENTS

Sunday, June 16, 10am in the sanctuary

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? 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!



LONG-TERM MEMBER RECOGNITION SUNDAY: ONE ALL-CHURCH WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10am ON JUNE 23

Join us as we receive new members, celebrate our long term members, and welcome the newest group of members who have shared their time and talent with the church for 20 years. We'll celebrate one more confirmation as well!

SUPPORT THE PALESTINE CHILDREN'S RELIEF FUND



*This week's offering will be donated to PCRF,
go to oldsouth.org/donate to give online*

In Gaza, half of all residents are children. As the war in Gaza continues to rage, civilians are trapped in an unacceptable humanitarian catastrophe. One way that we can help is by financially supporting Palestine Children's Relief Fund, a longstanding, well regarded organization providing medical care in Gaza.

common cathedral
SUMMERTIME BOSTON WARM
TO MEET AT OLD SOUTH CHURCH



Fridays 8 AM-12 Noon beginning June 7

Continuing our long time partnership with *common cathedral*, we will host *Boston Warm* every Friday this summer in the *Club Room*. Our relationship with *common cathedral* spans many years as a regular beneficiary of our Christian Service and Outreach grants. Old South Church worked with a coalition of religious leaders to launch the "Boston Warm" daytime programs in late 2014, when the bridge to the Long Island Shelter was closed, abruptly halting access to the shelter and services. Boston Warm drop-in daytime program has been running for almost 10 years. See the Common Cathedral website commoncathedral.org/about to learn more!



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.



PILGRIMAGE TO SEARCH FOR TRUTH AND JUSTICE

Montgomery and Selma, Alabama, October 14-17, A transformation experience to understand the Civil Rights Movement and ourselves led by Rev. June Cooper and Dr. Marrey Embers. Approx. cost \$800 (plus transportation & lodging). Click [here](#) to register, more info contact junercooper@comcast.net.

Pilgrimage highlights include: visits to the Equal Justice Initiative's sites including The Legacy Museum, the National Memorial for Peace and Justice, and the new Freedom Monument Sculpture Park; the Mothers of Gynecology Monument, and the More Up Campus; walking the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma; and daily reflection time with Pilgrimage facilitators.

GREEN TIP: JOIN A COMMUNITY GARDEN

Urban dwellers bereft of a yard shouldn't fret: You can still get in on the hoeing and growing action by signing up for a plot at your local community garden. Community gardens typically have a communal composting area, as well, so if you don't have room for one of those triple-duty rotating barrel composters in your home, here's your hookup. Learn more from [Treehugger.com](https://www.treehugger.com).



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.

DONATE FLOWERS FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP

Go to tinyurl.com/2024FlowersOSC to sign up for a Sunday, August 11, and September 8, and more 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 your message along with your payment. You can drop it off, send a check, or go to the webpage above and make your gift online.



VESPERS HEALING WORSHIP:

Next service Sunday, July 14, 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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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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