



June 9, 2024

Pride Sunday

11:00 a.m.

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

GATHER

PRELUDE

The King of Love

Dale Wood, *arr.*

*HYMN 391

In the Midst of New Dimensions

NEW DIMENSIONS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rachel J. Barton

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God;

Everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love.

God's love was revealed among us in this way:

God sent Their only Son into the world

so that we might live through Christ.

In this is love, not that we loved God

but that She loved us and sent Her Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.

Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

**Indicates all who are able may stand*

SUNG RESPONSE

All Are Welcome

Tim Harbold

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

Courage to Be Who We Are

Ruth Huber

*“Written to commemorate the life of Gwen Amber Rose Araujo,
and to celebrate the lives of beautiful and courageous trans people everywhere.” —RH*

We are here in the memory of those who have fallen.
We are here in the memory of those who have fallen,
here for the courage to be who we are.

We are standing in the memory of those who have fallen.
We are standing in the memory of those who have fallen,
standing for the courage to be who we are.

We are singing in the memory of those who have fallen...

ATTEND

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Kate M. Nintcheu

SCRIPTURE

Joel 2

*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 58

Spirit of Love

PERFECT LOVE

RESPOND

*CALL TO PRAYER

Ashley J. Popperson

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.

*HYMN 402

De Colores (Sing of Colors)

DE COLORES

You are invited to sing the first verse using either the Spanish or English Text

*BIDDING TO MISSION AND BENEDICTION

*SUNG RESPONSE

Go Now In Peace

(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.

The musical notation consists of four staves of music in a single system. The first staff is labeled '(Introduction)'. The music is written in a treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The notes are: G4, A4, Bb4, C5, Bb4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4. The second staff continues with: G4, A4, Bb4, C5, Bb4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4. The third staff continues with: G4, A4, Bb4, C5, Bb4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4. The fourth staff concludes with: G4, A4, Bb4, C5, Bb4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes.

Text: Don Besig and Nancy Price, 1988

Tune: Don Besig, 1988; adapt. Mitchell Crawford, 2022

POSTLUDE

Music for a Festival

Calvin Hampton



Join us for Refreshments & Fellowship
on the sloping sidewalk following the Postlude.

The Flowers today are given
by Deb Washington
to remind us all to praise God in all things.

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



A NOTE ON TODAY'S BELL MUSIC

Transitions of the Heart – The Story

I was approached to compose a piece in honor of two transgender siblings by their parents in early 2021. I am so honored to have been given this opportunity to write what I believe is the first piece of its kind for handbells.

This piece is meant to be an anthem of strength and hope for those who have found themselves to be learning about who they truly are in the transgender community – those who have found acceptance and love through their transition, or those who might still be unsure and scared.

The piece tells the story of innocence in childhood, a noticeable change, frustration and challenge, and then an eventual love and acceptance, not only from friends and family, but also for oneself.

Throughout the piece, there are specific musical moments to reflect on that journey. The opening melody is the happiness of childhood; gentle, playful. A very noticeably out-of-place G natural chime indicating the first moments that something is “wrong”. There are moments of frustration and confusion through harsh and intense chords.

Confusion turns to anger, frustration, and fear. Fear of being bullied. Fear of violence. Fear of using the restroom. Frustration at the lack of understanding and empathy. Frustration at the lack of acceptance. Frustration at prayers unanswered. Anger at the world. Why is the world so unjust? Why does this journey have to be so very difficult?

But eventually, there is resolution and strength in coming prior to transition to the happiness of acceptance of family and friends and the joy of living authentically. The melody returns in its fullest form, but this time with strength, confidence and a newfound hope. Measures 75-79 use every notes in a Gb major chord in some capacity, indicating the many different forms of love and support surrounding them. By the end of the piece, there are no questions. The chords have no unusual notes, no 7th chords, no dissonance. They are all consonant chords. This is meant to reflect their acceptance and their experience of living authentically.

It is my hope that as you hear this piece, you feel the story of those in the transgender community and find a love and acceptance for those who need it and share their story with others. And for those who are a part of the trans community, it is my hope that you continue to find the love and support you need and that your voice is heard loudly! We stand with you.

—Matthew Compton, *composer*

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

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



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.

CONGRATULATIONS RACHEL BARTON

Rachel Barton, our Assistant Minister and Nancy S. Taylor Fellow, passed her Ecclesiastical Council with flying colors last Sunday afternoon, June 2 at Hancock Church UCC, in Lexington, MA. The Council's name, derived from the word 'ecclesial'. or 'church related', is the final step in a candidate's long journey toward Ordination. Delegates from eleven churches heard Rachel speak of her call to ministry and of her work at both Hancock Church and Old South. They examined her fitness for ministry by asking a broad range of questions on her call, experience and theology. Then, after meeting in executive session to discuss her credentials, they voted unanimously to approve her candidacy! She is now in a 'search and call' mode and will be ordained when she accepts a permanent call to a church. Old South can be extremely proud of Rachel: her faith journey, her work with us and her affirmation by our wider UCC family. Well done Rachel!



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.

CONFIRMANDS RECEIVE BASKET OF BLESSINGS

Last Sunday 3 of our 4 confirmands joined Old South Church through the Rite of Confirmation. In preparation for this important event in the life of the church, the boards & committees of Old South each prepared a symbolic gift to the students that represents the work their board or committee does. Please see the wonderful inspiring gifts and words at tinyurl.com/2024OSCConfirmationBasket.

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: MAKE YOUR PARTY FABULOUS AND ECO-FRIENDLY

Use Plant-Based, eco-friendly glitter. Every pride month, a staple for many parties is glitter, but glitter is terrible for the environment. Glitter products are most often made of plastic. When glitter gets washed down the drain, microplastics end up in marine systems and are hazardous to millions of organisms, including human beings. In recent years, environmentally-friendly glitter has become available on the market. Go to www.earthday.org/how-to-have-an-eco-friendly-pride to learn more about an eco-friendly pride from Earthday.org.

DONATE FLOWERS FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP

Go to tinyurl.com/2024FlowersOSC to sign up for a Sunday, June 30 and July 28 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 you message along with your payment. You can drop it off, send a check, or click here and make your gift online.



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



*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.

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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