



September 22, 2024 ❖ 11:00 a.m.

**Service of Installation for
Senior Minister John M. Edgerton
& Associate Minister Ashley J. Popperson**

Old South Church

Copley Square, Boston

*A Congregation of the United Church of Christ
Gathered 1669*

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

Let's Walk Together

Mark A. Miller

Let's walk together for a while, and ask where we begin
to build a world where love can grow, and hope can enter in,
to be the hands of healing, and to plant the seed of peace...

*...singing welcome, welcome to this place.
You're invited to come and know God's grace.
All are welcome, the love of God to share,
'cause all of us are welcome here;
all are welcome in this place.*

Let's talk together of a time when we will share a feast,
when pride and power kneel to serve the lonely and the least,
and joy will set the table as we join our hands to pray...

Let's dream together of the day when earth and heaven are one,
a city built of love and light, the new Jerusalem,
when mourning turns to dancing, every creature lifts its voice...

Association Representative: Members of the Metro Boston Association., U.C.C., representatives of other faith communities, friends and family, will you now please rise and affirm your covenant with Old South Church and its pastors?

Congregation: We, your family, friends, fellow United Church of Christ members and colleagues, stand with you, the people, ministers and pastors of Old South Church, as a sign of our covenant and in celebration of our mutual ministry.

Prayer of Installation & Declaration

In the name of Jesus Christ and on behalf of the Metropolitan Boston Association of the Southern New England Conference of the United Church of Christ, I declare you both duly installed as pastors and teachers of Old South Church in Boston.

All: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN 356

God, Who Summons through All Ages

JULION

Verse three only

*CALL TO PRAYER

Rachel J. Barton

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

I Dream

Flo Roach,
Vester and Murdock, *arrrs.*

OLD SOUTH GOSPEL CHOIR

Eren Brooks and Ida Kamrara, *soloists*
Tim Harbold, *director*

I dream of a world with no hatred or strife.
I dream of a world that respects human life.
Oh, I dream of a world, dream of a world full of love.

I dream of a world with no hurt and no pain.
I dream of a world where we all are the same.
Oh, I dream of a world, dream of a world full of love.

I dream of a world with no terror or fear.
I dream of a world where God wipes every tear.
Oh, I dream of a world, dream of a world full of love.

RESPOND

CALL TO THE OFFERING

Ashley J. Popperson



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scan the QR code with your smartphone camera.
You can also Text 44-321 and enter OSC to make a gift.

OFFERTORY

Bound for the Promised Land

Rollo Dilworth, *arr.*

*I am bound for the promised land,
I am bound for the promised land.
Oh, who will come and go with me?
I am bound for the promised land.*

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand, and cast a wishful eye,
to Canaan's fair and happy land, where my possessions lie.
All o'er those wide extended plains shines one eternal day;
the God of love forever reigns, and scatters night away.

When shall I reach that happy place and be forever blest?
When shall I see my Savior's face and in God's blossom rest?
Filled with delight, my raptured soul would here no longer stay;
though Jordan's waves around me roll, fearless I'd launch away!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN 528

Sois la Semilla (You Are the Seed)

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*BENEDICTION

John M. Edgerton

POSTLUDE

Bound for the Promised Land (*reprise*)



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

The flowers today are given by Laurie Stickels in celebration of her 60th birthday
and in loving memory of her parents Allen and Linda Stickels.

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



**SENIOR MINISTER
JOHN M. EDGERTON**

Rev. John Edgerton is well-known to Old South Church in Boston, having served as our Associate Minister from 2012-2019. Since then, John went on to serve as the Senior Minister for First United Church of Oak Park, Illinois. John is a graduate of St. John's College in Santa Fe, New Mexico, and of the University of Chicago Divinity School.

Much of John's focus in ministry has been on the way Christians live their faith outside the walls of the church. John has a history of leadership in the national UCC, supporting churches to take prophetic action against racism and for LGBTQ inclusion. John loves all things food-related and spends much of his free time planning menus and cooking for his wife, Heather, and their daughter, Veronica.



ASSOCIATE MINISTER
ASHLEY J. POPPERSON

Ashley serves as the Associate Minister at Old South. Ashley has a deep love for the city of Boston, a heart for pastoral care, and a passion for liturgy. She believes that worship can tune our hearts to God’s song of justice, so that we might continue our praise through acts of service and working for a just peace.

Ashley is from Evergreen, Colorado and is a graduate of Seattle University and Boston University. Prior to ministering at Old South, Ashley served as Associate Pastor at United Church of Christ, Norwell. She and her wife, the Rev. Lindsay Popperson, are foster parents for young children and have a beloved dog, Pope Joan. Ashley is a distance runner and a lover of growing, cooking, and sharing good food.

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

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."

PHILLIS WHEATLEY SUNDAY — May 12th, 2024 | 9AM & 11AM

Old South honors and learns from one of the saints of this church who was stolen from Africa, suffered the Middle Passage, was sold into slavery, and triumphed through her awesome wit and the mighty power of her pen.

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*

Aislin Kate Anderson, *Children's Choir Director* ❖ Juniper Mai, *Children's Choir Accompanist*

Amelia Gerrard, *Director of Administration* ❖ Rebecca Pasipanodya, *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, & 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* ❖ 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.



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