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All-Church Worship Old South Church in Boston

March 6th, 2022 **❖** 10:00 a.m.

First Sunday in Lent ANNUAL MEETING SUNDAY

Warning! To enter into the life of this people of God is to encounter God's soul-challenging, life-changing, radicalizing love. Will you join us? Do you dare?

GATHER

Theme and Variations on *Draw the Sacred Circle Closer* Sam Ou, *cello* Adolphus Hailstork



CALL TO WORSHIP Katherine A. Schofield

One: Creator of the world, eternal God,

Many: We have come from many places for a little while.

One: Redeemer of humanity, God-with-us, Many: We have come with all our differences,

seeking common ground.

One: Spirit of the go-between God,

Many: We have come on journeys of our own,

to a place where journeys meet.

One: So here, in this shelter house, let us take time together.

Many: For when paths cross and pilgrims gather,

there is much to share and celebrate.

One: May the blessing of the Trinity be with us all:

Many: The blessing of God, who is in this place and every place;
One: The blessing of Jesus, who is among us, often unrecognized;
Many: And the blessing of the Holy Spirit who welcomes us home.

One: As we greet each other, sharing this place and time,

may our life in community reflect the dance of the Trinity,

by which the world is blessed.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

SUNG RESPONSE

Gathered in God's Name

Solo: Gathered in God's name 'round the living Word. Gathered as one family in the name of love.



WORDS OF WELCOME

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Shawn M. Fiedler

ATTEND

SCRIPTURE Matthew 4:1-11 jessica young chang

One: Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him,

Many: "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread."

One: But Jesus answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."

Many: Then the devil took Jesus to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him,

One: "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."

Many: Jesus said to him, "It is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test."

One: Again, the devil took Jesus to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and the Devil said to Jesus, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me."

Many: Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only God."

One: Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

Many: The angels came and ministered to Jesus:

One: The angels took care of him

Many: The angels came and served him...
One: helped him, attended to him,

Many: and waited on him.
One: Thanks be to God!

HYMN

Forty Days and Forty Nights

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*HYMN 488

Be Still My Soul FINLANDIA



One: God be with you.

Many: And also with you.

One: We lift our eyes to the hills—from where will our help come?

Many: Our help is from God, who made heaven and earth.

One: 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

Almighty Father from MASS

Leonard Bernstein

Almighty Father, incline thine ear:
bless us and all those who have gathered here.
Thine angel send us who shall defend us all
and fill with grace all who dwell in this place. Amen.

(Though often ascribed masculine or feminine pronouns in prose and poetry, God is unbound by human concepts of gender.)

RESPOND

CALL TO THE OFFERING Shawn M. Fiedler



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III. [Psalm 131; Psalm 133, v. 1] from Chichester Psalms

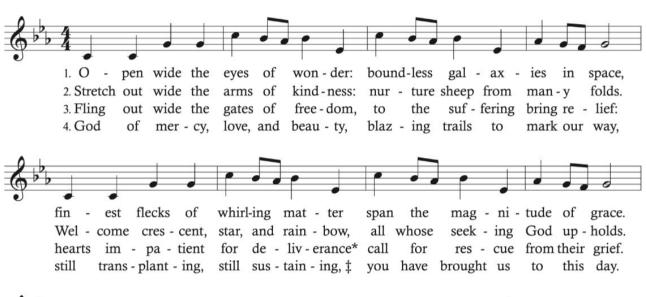
יְהנָה, Adonai, Adonai, Lord, Lord, לא־גַבַהּ לַבִּי--Lo gavah libi, my heart is not haughty, ָוָלֹא־רָמוּ עֵינַי; V'lo ramu einai, nor mine eyes lofty, וָלֹא־הָלַּכְתִּי, V'lo hilachti neither do I exercise myself בָּגָדלוֹת וּבִנְפַלַאוֹת Big'dolot uv'niflaot in great matters or in things too wonderful for me to understand. Mimeni. אם־לא שויתי, Surely I have calmed Im lo shiviti ודוממתי--V'domam'ti, and quieted myself, נָפִשִׁי: כָּגַמָל, עֵלֵי Naf'shi k'gamul alei imo, as a child that is weaned of his mother; ;אמו כּגמל עלי נפשי. Kagamul alai naf'shi. my soul is even as a weaned child. יַחַל יִשַׂרַאֵל, Let Israel hope in the Lord Yahel Yis'rael el Adonai אַל־יִהוָה--Me'atah v'ad olam. from henceforth and forever. מֵעַתָּה, וְעַד־עוֹלַם. הָנֶה מַה־טוֹב, Hineh mah tov. Behold how good. וּמַה־נָּעִים-and how pleasant it is, Umah na'im, שַׁבַת אַחִים Shevet ahim for family to dwell גם־יַחַד. Gam yahad together in unity.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN

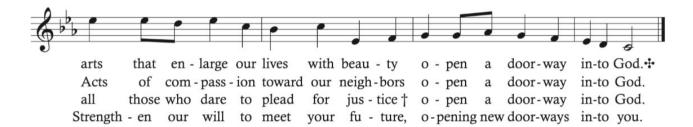
Open a Doorway Into God

350th Anniversary Hymn





Vaults that up - lift our sights to heav - en; mu - sic that leaves us hushed and awed; Peo - ples and crea-tures, poor and need - ing, hun - ger for mer-cies spread a - broad. Till hurt-ful walls of bi - as crum - ble, till hate - ful cag - es stand un - barred, In ev - ery e - ra, you have sought us, draw-ing your prom-ise in - to view.



- ಈ "Behold, I have set before thee an open door," Revelation 3:8, carved into the Old South Church portico.
- * "In every human Breast, God has implanted a Principle, which we call Love of Freedom; it is *impatient* of Oppression, and pants for *Deliverance*." Phillis Wheatley [emphasis added]
- † An allusion to Whittier's famous phrase, "So long as Boston shall Boston be, and her bay-tides rise and fall, Shall freedom stand in the Old South Church and plead for the rights of all!"
- ‡ A reference to the Latin motto *Qui transtulit sustinet* (carved into Old South's portico), meaning "The God who transplanted us sustains us still."

Text: Mary Louise Bringle (2019)

Tune: CONSTANTINE, James Gertmenian (1986)

BIDDING TO MISSION AND BENEDICTION

Nancy S. Taylor

POSTLUDE

Dies sind die heil'gen zehn Gebot, BWV 678

J. S. Bach



In thanksgiving for the ministries of
Nancy S. Taylor, Katherine Schofield, Shawn M. Fiedler,
the staff of Old South Church,
the many ordained ministers among our membership,
who support our ministry,
and in grateful memory of Elsbeth Melville Percy (BU's Dean Melville),
who for many years gave flowers in recognition
of the ministerial staff on Annual Meeting Sunday.

Close-Up, a twenty minute tour of the Sanctuary, begins following Worship at the front of the Sanctuary.

Led by docent Liz Morgan.



INFORMATION ABOUT OLD SOUTH

Check out the church website at

www.oldsouth.org/Sundays for everything Sundays,

www.oldsouth.org/calendar for a calendar of virtual 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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NOTES ON TODAY'S MUSIC

J.S. Bach's *Dies sind die heil'gen zehn Gebot* ("These Are the Holy Ten Commands") comes from the third part of his *Clavierübung* ("Keyboard Exercise"), the first of Bach's organ works to be published. Some of the chorale preludes contained therein are based on paraphrases of the text of the Lutheran service. The rest are based on chorale settings of Martin Luther's Small Catechism. The entire compilation is framed by the monumental Prelude and Fugue in E-Flat.

Each of the chorales that appear in the collection has at least two settings, one with an obbligato pedal part and the other for manuals (keyboard) only. The chorale set here is Martin Luther's catechetical elaboration of the Ten Commandments. The melody appears in the left hand as a canon of the octave. The right hand is an interplay of two voices featuring Bach's "sighing" motif comprised of two appogiaturas.

—George Sargeant, Associate Organist and Choirmaster

OLD SOUTH CHURCH IN BOSTON MINISTERS, OFFICERS, & STAFF

Nancy S. Taylor, Senior Minister * James W. Crawford, Senior Minister Emeritus

Katherine A. Schofield, Interim Associate Minister * Shawn M. Fiedler, Acting Associate Minister

Donald A. Wells, Theologian in Residence * June R. Cooper, Theologian in the City

Howard Cha-Young Kim, Pastoral Resident * jessica young chang, Seminarian

David Story, Wedding Minister * Ken Orth, Healing Worship Minister

Mitchell Crawford, Minister of Music
George Sargeant, Associate Organist & Choirmaster
Tim Harbold, Director, Gospel Choir ❖ Willie Sordillo, Director, Jazz Worship Music
Peter Coulombe, Director, Old South Ringers

Kate Nintcheu, Director, Children & Family Ministries Martha Schick, Youth & Young Adult Ministries Leader Summer Marsh, Director, Old South Preschool

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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.



352nd ANNUAL MEETING OF OLD SOUTH CHURCH IN BOSTON

Sunday, March 6th, 12:00 noon via Zoom

The Church Council has called for the members of Old South Church in Boston to meet, discuss, and vote on important issues of the life of the congregation. To find out more about the agenda and see the slate of nominated officers go to www.oldsouth.org/annual-meeting.

PRE-COVID WORSHIP SCHEDULE RETURNS!

Sunday, March 13th, First Worship at 9:00 a.m., Festival Worship at 11:00 a.m. Go to https://www.oldsouth.org/news/pre-covid-schedule-returns for more info
There are candles to be lit, communion to be shared, songs to be sung, old acquaintances to be renewed and, not least, we shall rededicate this house of God with ceremonial flourish. Processional banners and special cookies shall be the order of the day. All that is wanting: you.

COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

Wednesday, March 16th, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., 2nd floor The Red Cross continues to experience a severe blood shortage. Want to help out? Donate blood to help end the critical shortage status with the Red



Cross. Go to *tinyurl.com/Blood DriveOSC* or call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) to make an appointment.

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL: VINCENT VAN GOGH AND THE BEAUTY OF LENT

Access the devotional at tinyurl.com/2022SaltDevotional Gather at the Forum on Palm Sunday, April 10th, at 10:00 a.m. to discuss

Vincent van Gogh devoted his life to light: the light of creation, the light of painting, the light of God's grace – and the light in humanity, mind, body, and soul. In just ten years of his short life, from age 27 to 37, he created more than 2000 luminous works of art – go to tinyurl.com/SaltVanGoghLinks see some of his paintings – shimmering with vitality, with passion, and above all, with light. The word "Lent" refers to the "lengthening" light, the growing days that, in time, will coax the sunflowers to open, the wheat fields to rise again, and the irises to bloom. This Lent the Christian Formation Committee invites you to dive weekly into the words of Scripture and the paintings and letters of Vincent van Gogh such that each will shine light on the other and point toward simple, powerful practices you can try yourself, or with your family or friends.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY HOUR FORUMS: OLD SOUTH AT THE OSCARS

Sundays, 10:00 a.m., 2nd Floor Mary Norton Hall and on Zoom, go to tinyurl.com/OSCForum to join Join us each week as we explore an Oscar-nominated film through the lens of Christian faith. Come, having seen the movies, and channel your inner Siskel (or Ebert) ... or just be prepared for spoilers!

- 3/20 "Don't Look Up" Two low-level astronomers must go on a giant media tour to warn humankind of an approaching comet that will destroy planet Earth. Starring Leonardo DiCaprio and Jennifer Lawrence. Available on Netflix.
- 3/27 "Encanto" The Madrigals are an extraordinary family who live hidden in the mountains of Colombia in a charmed place called the Encanto. The magic of the Encanto has blessed every child in the family with a unique gift -- every child except Mirabel. However, she soon may be the Madrigals last hope when she discovers that the magic surrounding the Encanto is now in danger. Music by Lin-Manuel Miranda. Available on Disney+.

WORSHIP ON YOUTUBE LIVE

Not a fan of Vimeo? We have a new way for you to tune in to worship! Simply visit our YouTube page once we go live - youtube.com/oldsouthchurch - and the service will be the first video on your screen. You can also subscribe to us to receive notifications of when we're live.

GREEN TIP

A CREATION-CARING LENT: WEEK ONE - CONSUMPTION

Go to https://tinyurl.com/OSCLent2022-1 to read this week's full reflection Go to https://tinyurl.com/OSC2022LentCommitment to mark your commitment Our Lenten practice this week is to reconsider our relationship to stuff. The U.S. comprises 5% of the world's population but consumes 30% of the world's goods. Christian simplicity means cutting back, reducing harm, and making conscious choices in purchasing and disposing of anything. IF YOU CAN ONLY DO ONE THING, give up bottled water this Lent, and beyond.

HOSPITALITY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR APRIL, MAY AND JUNE

Sign up at https://tinyurl.com/SprHospitality2022

We are SOOOOOO excited to be returning to our two Sunday services (9 a.m. First and 11 a.m. Festival) in time for Easter and Marathon Sunday. Please consider joining in the warm welcome everyone who walks through our doors experiences. We are looking for ushers and welcomers for First and Festival Worship on Sundays and ushers for Jazz Worship on Thursdays. You can also let us know if you are available to usher for the 9 a.m., 11 a.m., and 1 p.m. Easter and Marathon Blessing Services on Easter Sunday.

ANTI-RACISM SEMINARS (Sundays or Wednesdays)

Next Sunday session March 13th at 12:15 p.m

Next Wednesday session March 16th at 10:00 a.m.

Go to https://tinyurl.com/Antiracism-Training-2022 to join, passcode: OSCBoston

(G)RACE Speaks offers two four-week interactive seminars to facilitate dialogue on the intraracial church, intra = within or inside one group. Through personal stories, dialogues are focused on understanding and finding the means of dealing with conscious and unconscious racial behavior. Open to all. To help us plan, please sign up with nst@oldsouth.org, noting whether you will participate Sundays or Wednesdays. Ideally, you will can attend all four modules. (G)RACE speaks facilitates holy conversations around race among the members and friends of Old South Church. Schedule and more info at https://oldsouth.org/grace-speaks.

GRANT OPPORTUNITY - FAITH JOURNEYS: YOURS AND OURS

As a part of our collective commitment to be a Teaching Church, the Christian Formation Committee announces the opening of a small grants program intended to support Old South members on our faith journeys and encouraging us to bring our own learning back to the community. Grants of up to \$3,000 will be awarded to Old South members to support experiences leading to personal spiritual growth and faith formation (such as attendance at a conference or enrollment in a course, participation in an advocacy or service learning endeavor, leadership development or training, or immersion experiences that enable intersectional relationship-building). Awardees will be expected to bring their experience back to the church to enable others to learn and grow in some way. Go to https://oldsouth.org/faithjourneys to learn more or apply.

THROUGH THE BIBLE

Thursdays, 7:30 p.m., on Zoom

Join us as we journey at a reflective and thorough pace through the Hebrew Bible. We're currently reading through Psalms. For more information and the Zoom link, email Howard Cha-Young Kim at howard@oldsouth.org.

COVID PRECAUTIONS

- We are open daily for visitors.
- Masking is mandated, as is social distancing.
- If you have so much as a sniffle, do not enter the building.
- We encourage you to get tested as often as possible, or as often as necessary, considering your circumstances and the availability of tests.

PASTORAL TRANSITION LISTENING SESSIONS

All-Church, Sunday March 13th, at 10:00 a.m. Community Hour

Church School Parents, Wednesday March 9th, 8:00 p.m. on Zoom

We've assembled a Transition Committee to draft the Church Profile for Old South's next Senior Minister, and we want to hear from YOU! What personal qualities are you looking for in our next Senior Minister? What important skills should the next Senior Minister possess? What is God calling Old South to become in the coming years? You can also reach out to transition@oldsouth.org with your thoughts and/or to request a Transition Committee rep to conduct a listening session with your small group or committee.

CELEBRATION TEAM

The Celebration Team has been convened to plans ways to celebrate the tenure of Reverend Nancy Taylor. Save the date for a Celebration following worship on her final Sunday, May 22! In the coming weeks we will announce ways you can participate in celebrating and honoring Nancy, up to and including her final Sunday. This week we leave you with this reminder of The Taylor Leadership Fellowship.

HONORING NANCY | THE NANCY S. TAYLOR LEADERSHIP FELLOWSHIP

Old South Church in Boston has long been a teaching church. Rev. Taylor's commitment to nurturing, guiding and mentoring seminarians and new ministers is a hallmark of her tenure at Old South Church. To honor and preserve this legacy, the Celebration Team announces the creation of the Nancy S. Taylor Leadership Fellowship. This program will be funded through an endowment and offered annually to a seminary student. The "Taylor Fellow", in addition to the seminarian Old South already supports, targets seminary students in their third or final year. To learn more about the fellowship visit oldsouth.org/nancy. To contribute to this endowment, visit oldsouth.org/donate.

WEEKLY WORSHIP—Join us in person, on Vimeo, Facebook, and YouTube

JAZZ Worship, Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. (hybrid)
ALL-CHURCH Worship, Sundays at 10:00 a.m. (hybrid)
HEALING Worship, the second Sunday at 12:30 p.m. via Zoom

LOOKING AHEAD—Beginning Sunday March 13th

FIRST Worship returns to the Chapel at 9:00 a.m. (hybrid)
FESTIVAL Worship returns to the Sanctuary at 11:00 a.m. (hybrid)

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.