



Old South Church

Copley Square, Boston

*A Congregation of the
United Church of Christ*

Gathered 1669

July 14, 2024

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

11:00 a.m.

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

GATHER

PRELUDE

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Marianne Kim, *arr.*

*HYMN 309

We Are Your People

WHITFIELD

*CALL TO WORSHIP

John M. Edgerton

Blessed are you, O Lord our God

God of our ancestors, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob

You fed your people manna in the desert

You led your people out of bondage

Your name is holy, sanctified and great

Above all other names

Lover of justice, redeemer of life, your ways are those of steadfast love and mercy

Let all that is within us bless the Lord.

*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

Bind Us Together



Bind us to-geth-er, Lord, bind us to-geth-er with cords that can-not be bro - ken.



Bind us to-geth - er, Lord, bind us to-geth - er, Lord, bind us to-geth - er with love.

Choir:

*You are the family of God,
you are the promise divine.
You are God's chosen desire,
you are the glorious new wine.
(Refrain)*

WELCOME

ANTHEM

Sweet Hour of Prayer

Gilbert Martin, *arr.*

Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! that calls me from a world of care,
and bids me at my Father's throne make all my wants and wishes known.

In seasons of distress and grief, my soul has often found relief,
and oft escaped the tempter's snare by thy return, sweet hour of prayer!

Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! the joys I feel, the bliss I share
of those whose anxious spirits burn with strong desires for thy return!

Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! thy wings shall my petition bear
to him whose truth and faithfulness engage the waiting soul to bless.
And since he bids me seek his face, believe his word, and trust his grace,
I'll cast on him my every care, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

Amen.

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

ATTEND

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Kate M. Nintcheu

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 6:5-14

David Story

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

SERMON

Rachel J. Barton

*HYMN 506

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

ERIE

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.

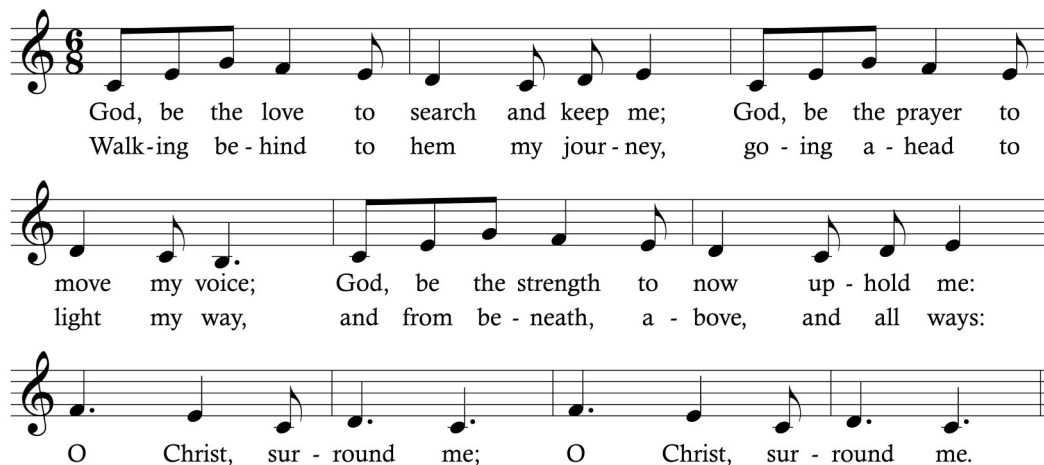
PASTORAL PRAYER

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.

PRAYER RESPONSE

**God, Be the Love
to Search and Keep Me**



God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to
Walk-ing be - hind to hem my jour - ney, go - ing a - head to
move my voice; God, be the strength to now up - hold me:
light my way, and from be - neath, a - bove, and all ways:
O Christ, sur - round me; O Christ, sur - round me.

Text: Richard Bruxvoort Colligan, 2004

Tune: GREEN TYLER, Richard Bruxvoort Colligan, 2004

CALL TO THE OFFERING

John M. Edgerton



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OFFERTORY

What Does the Lord Require

Andrew Bruhn, *arr.*

What does the Lord, our God require of you?
Be kind, and just, and walk humbly with God.

O God of mercy, God of light, in love and mercy infinite,
Teach us, as ever in your sight, to live our lives in you.

You sent your Son to die for all, that our lost world might hear your call;
O hear us lest we stand and fall: we rest our hope in you.

And may your Holy Spirit move all those who live to live in love,
Till you receive in heaven above all those who live in you.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN 383

Come, Let Us Join with Faithful Souls

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*BIDDING TO MISSION AND BENEDICTION

Rachel J. Barton

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.

Text: Don Besig and Nancy Price, 1988

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

POSTLUDE

*During these weeks of informal summer worship,
you are welcome to stand, move about, and begin socializing during the postlude.*



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

The Flowers today are given by the Wezniak family
in honor of Frank Wezniak's birthday on July 13
and in loving memory of Nan Tull Wezniak for her birthday on July 15.

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



SUMMER AT OLD SOUTH

Through September 1 | Summer Worship

Worship at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. 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 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* & Nancy S. Taylor *Fellow*

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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*
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Maren Batalden, *Moderator* ❖ Rob Gabler, *Clerk* ❖ Bill Bulkeley, *Treasurer*
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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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