



October 6, 2024

World Communion Sunday

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

GATHER

PRELUDE

Canzona on “Liebster Jesu”

Richard Purvis

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Gracie Paterson

Around the world, tables are being set.

The bread has been plated and the wine has been poured.

Across nations, continents, cultures, and time zones, God’s people are gathering.

Our hearts are hungry and our spirits are parched.

Amidst our journeying, we must pause.

“Get up and eat, for the journey is long,” says our God.

Let us be nourished together as one global body.

*HYMN 332

As We Gather at Your Table

BEACH SPRING

**Indicates all who are able may stand*

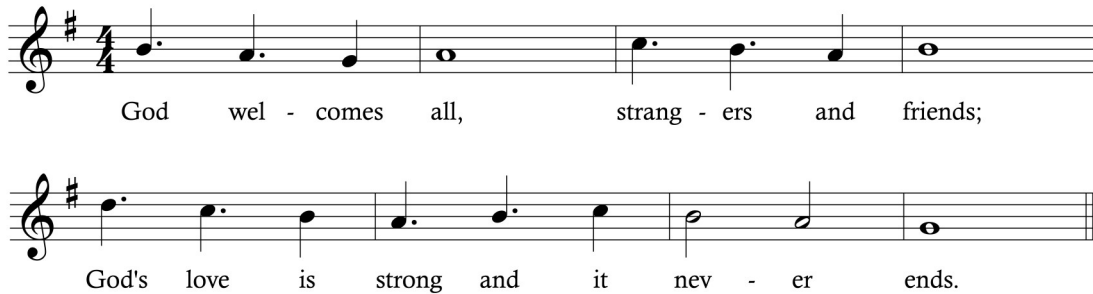
*INVOCATION

...In Christ's holy name we pray. **Amen.**

*PASSING THE PEACE

*As a sign of our reconciliation with God and each other,
please greet those around you, saying "peace" or "the peace of Christ."*

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

Come Before the Table

Karen Marrolli

*Come before the table, O come before the Lord,
O come and share the love.*

O come and share the love that makes us one.
O come, come with one spirit, come with one hope, come with one song.
Come, come as you are, knowing we all belong.

*Come and share the blessing, O come and share the promise,
O come and share the love.*

O come and share the love that makes us one.
O come, come with one mission, come with one love, come with one voice.
Come all, all near and far, let all the world rejoice!

*Come before the table, O come before the Lord,
O come and share the love.*

Thee we adore, O hidden Savior, thee,
who at the blessed feast art pleased to be.

LISTEN

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE 1 Kings 19:3-13 David Story

*HYMN 493 **O Jesus, I Have Promised** ANGEL'S STORY
*During the hymn, children who wish to may meet childcare staff
in the back of the sanctuary and proceed to the 3rd floor.*

SCRIPTURE John 21:15-17

SERMON Feed My Sheep Rachel J. Barton

*HYMN 171 **Jesus Calls Us, o'er the Tumult** ST. ANDREW

RESPOND

*CALL TO PRAYER Ashley J. Popperson

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

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OFFERTORY

Here from All Nations

Roy Hopp, *arr.*

Here from all nations, all tongues, and all peoples,
countless the crowd but their voices are one.
Vast is the sight and majestic their singing:
“God has the victory! God reigns from the throne!”

Lord, we have come at your own invitation,
chosen by you, to be counted your friends;
yours is the strength that sustains dedication;
ours, a commitment we know never ends.

Here, at your table, confirm our intention;
give it your seal of forgiveness and grace;
teach us to serve without pride or pretension,
Lord, in your kingdom, whatever our place.

When, at your table, each time of returning,
vows are renewed and our courage restored,
may we increasingly glory in learning
all that it means to accept you as Lord.

Blessing and glory and wisdom and power
be to the Savior again and again.
Might and thanksgiving and honor forever
be to our God: Alleluia! Amen.

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; priase God, all crea-tures
here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye heaven - ly host;
Cre - a - tor, Christ, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709, alt.
Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH, *Genevan Psalter*, 1551

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Rachel J. Barton

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

Our communion table is open to all.

Cups contain only non-alcoholic grape juice. Gluten-free crackers are available at a station under the pulpit.

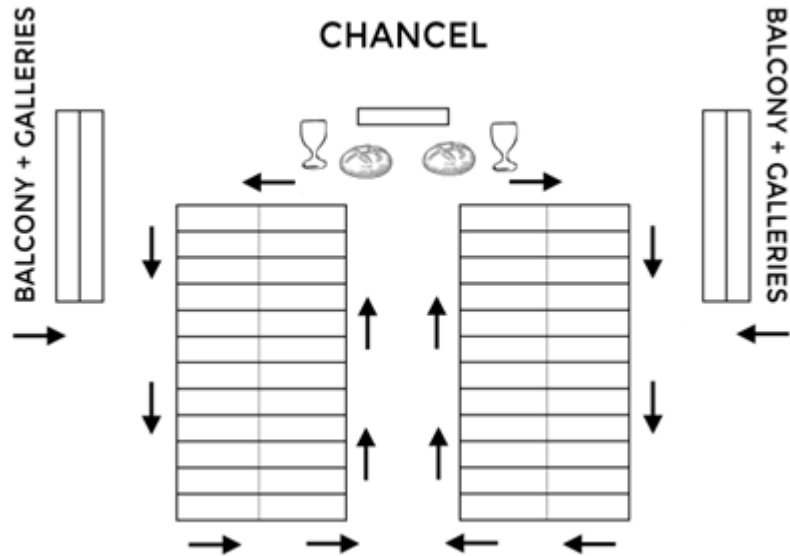
Communion is served by intinction.

Please come forward at the direction of the ushers to receive a piece of bread.

(See map next page)

Dip the bread into the cup and partake.

*If you are unable to come forward,
please signal an usher and the elements will be brought to you*



ANTHEM

The Rice of Life

Lim Swee Hong, *arr.*

The rice of life from heaven came
to bring true life from God above.
Receive this gift; God's mercy claim;
in joy and pain give thanks for love.

True rice the hungry world has fed,
the rice required for life below.
Provide this gift; God's mercy spread;
in weakness God's compassion show.

The rice of God for all is meant;
no one who comes is turned away.
Believe in Christ whom God has sent;
in humble trust God's will obey.

The living rice, for all a sign,
came down eternal life to give.
Abide in Christ, the living vine;
in Christ, with people die and live.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

John M. Edgerton

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 347

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

LINSTEAD

*BENEDICTION

Rachel J. Barton

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune

David German



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

The flowers today are given by Martha Coleman
in loving memory of her sister, Wink, and her husband, Mike.

Close-Up, a twenty minute tour of the Sanctuary,
begins immediately following worship at the front of the Sanctuary.
Led by docent David Story



Highlights of the silver gracing our Communion Table Today

Second Church & Society Goblet (1844)

Goblet, 8" high, with handles.

*Presented to the Old South Church by the Second Church and Society,
"in memorial of their Christian hospitality"*

The Second Church of Boston, founded in 1649, was a Puritan church, then Congregational until 1802, when it became Unitarian. It began in North Square, then moved to Hanover St in 1779, merging with New Brick Church that was on the site. In 1844, the brick church was demolished and a new building at that location was completed in 1845. Given the timing of their renovation and the wording of the inscription, it seems likely that Old South Church extended hospitality to the Second Church during their time of transition.

The Salem St. Church Breadbasket (1848)

This breadbasket is a curved plate with handles and feet, 11.5" in diameter.

Made by Palmer Bachelers, an American silversmith based in Boston.

Inscribed "I am the living bread which came down from heaven."

This breadbasket was given to Salem Street Church by a parishioner in 1848 for use on the communion table. It was sold by Salem Street Church when it was no longer being used, and the proceeds used for the charity of the church. It was purchased by "B.F.W.," passed to his son, and then donated by him in 1926 to the Old South Church.

Ruth Manning Gordon Beaker (1900)

Beaker, 5" diameter with handles.

*Made by Gorham, an American silversmith,
and marked with his Lion Anchor G symbol.*

Donated by Rev. George Warren Field D. D. in honor of Ruth Manning Gordon.

Ruth Manning Gordon (1895-1985) was the daughter of George Angier Gordon (1853-1929) and Susan Manning Gordon (1857-1936). Rev. George Gordon was the pastor of Old South Church 1884-1927. Ruth Manning Gordon joined Old South in 1909. Rev. George Warren Field (1818-1900) was a pastor at the Central Church, Bangor, Maine. George Gordon and George Warren field both attended Bangor Theological Seminary and Gordon's first pastorate was in Temple, Maine, so the two men may have been peers. The timing of the gift coincides with the year of death of Rev. Fields, so may have been a bequest in his will.



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

SCARED FOR GOOD — October 27th, 2024 | 6PM

Old South Organist MitchHELL-FIRE Crawford and a host of demonic associates will thrill you with spine-tingling sounds of the season, courtesy of our room-rattling Skinner organ.

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.”

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*

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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.



OLD
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Sunday, October 6, at First Worship

Join us for a special Blessing of the Animals service from 9-9:30am in the Chapel, where we'll celebrate and bless our beloved pets. Bring your furry friend, your scaley sidekick, a fetching photo, or even a stuffed animal - all are welcome! For those whose animals may not do well inside with others, we'll offer an outdoor blessing following the service.

SUNDAY COMMUNITY HOUR FORUM

GUARDIANS FOR CHILDREN, HEALTH CARE PROXIES, & WILLS

Sunday, October 6, 10am at Community Hour Forum, Zoom at tinyurl.com/2024ForumOSC

Wednesday, October 9 at 8pm on Zoom, tinyurl.com/2024ForumOSC

All are invited to an informal informational event led by the Planned Giving Committee. The program will include information applicable to people at all stages of life, with a particular focus on the needs of parents with children. Many parents are unaware of steps they should take to help their family carry on in the event of a disabling injury or illness, including naming a guardian to raise their child(ren) if they were unable to do so, and establishing a health care proxy to direct medical care for themselves, if need be. We hope to see you there!

CONNECTIONS CLASS

Sunday, October 6, Noon

To be a member of Old South Church is to enter the company of Revolutionary Era heroes, abolitionists, suffragettes, anti-poverty crusaders, and poets. Our saints include Benjamin Franklin, Samuel Adams, Phillis Wheatley... and maybe you! Want to learn more about the life of this community of faith and break bread with other newcomers and church members? Join our Connections Info Session! Contact ashley@oldsouth.org for more info.

YOUNG ADULT APPLE PICKING

Sunday, October 6, following Festival Worship

We're going on an adventure! If you're in your 20s or 30s and hungry to get out of the city and connect with folks your age, come apple picking with us! We're heading north to Brooksby Farm in Peabody brooksbyfarm.org - come along! A trip like this needs drivers and rsvps - go to tinyurl.com/OSC24ApplePicking to do both! Got questions? Email Rachel@oldsouth.org.

SCARED FOR GOOD CONCERT

Sunday, October 27, 6 p.m.

Join us for the return of Scared for Good! Old South Organist MitchHELL-FIRE Crawford and a host of demonic associates will thrill you with spine-tingling sounds of the season, courtesy of our room-rattling Skinner organ. Presented in partnership with the Boston Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, we'll collect an offering to support programming for the youngest members of the chapter in memory of Old South's beloved former Minister of Music, (Horrific!) Harry Huff.

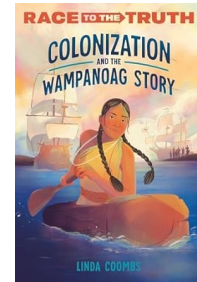
FAMILY BOOK STUDY THIS FALL

Colonization and the Wampanoag Story by Linda Coombs

To see our reading schedule and more, visit oldsouth.org/Wampanoag

Questions? Kate.children@oldsouth.org

Old South families (and interested adults) are invited to join into a fall book study as we read indigenous author Linda Coombs' young readers book: Colonization and the Wampanoag Story. This book presents a duet of stories -- one, a first-person account of a young Wampanoag child and what her life, education, and faith looked like -- and the other the story of the 'English' arriving and colonizing the area. These two veins of storytelling alternate back and forth, presenting the very different mindsets of the Wampanoag and other indigenous tribes and the arriving colonizers.



In conjunction with the Congregational Library, Kate Nintcheu, (Dir. Children and Families) has created a book study curriculum, breaking up the readings into 5 sections over 9 weeks -- including an author talk on zoom on Tuesday October 29 and a visit to the Congregational Library to view some of the artifacts they hold from this time period on Sunday November 17. Families are encouraged to read the book over the week, and to set aside time to discuss the 3-5 discussion questions together before beginning the next sections.

WELCOMING OUR NEW NEIGHBORS: HOST HOMES & WELCOME CIRCLES



Massachusetts is facing an acute crisis as shelters are overwhelmed, leaving migrant families and young children without a place to sleep. The primary need is for housing, both temporary and long-term. Old South's New Neighbor Task Force is asking you to prayerfully consider how you might help by hosting a family for a period of time or supporting others who are able to do so. Please fill out the form at the QR code or email ashley@oldsouth.org to learn more.

HEARD IT AT COUNCIL

Go to tinyurl.com/OSCCouncilSept24 to get an update from Church Historian Kate Silfen on Council discussions that include a taskforce looking into changing church governance and encouraging financial news.

NEIGHBORS IN NEED OFFERING

This week we are collecting the Neighbors in Need mission offering, a special fund of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the US. One-third of the offering supports the Council for American Indian Ministry. Two-thirds is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants. Go to tinyurl.com/N-i-NOffering2024 to learn more.

USHER TRAINING

First Worship on October 13 at 10 a.m. in the Chapel

Thursday night church on October 17 at 7 p.m. in the Chapel

Festival Worship on October 22 at 12:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Curious about those friendly folks who offer you a smile and a bulletin at worship? These are our ushers. Ushers offer a warm welcome and Christian hospitality to all those who worship with us. You don't need a formal role to be an usher at Old South. If you're interested in learning more about ushering and being on OSC's front lines of friendliness, attend an Usher Training. Join our team! Questions? Email ashley@oldsouth.org.

DONATE FLOWERS FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP

October 13 and 27 and November 10 and 24 available. Go to tinyurl.com/2024FlowersOSC to sign up.

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.

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GREEN TIP: Keep Massachusetts Beautiful

Take action to clean up and green up your community.

Our mission is to inspire and educate volunteers, government leaders, and the business community to work together to make every Massachusetts community clean, green, and litter-free. To achieve this goal, we need people like you to get involved and take action—people who are passionate about protecting the natural beauty of Massachusetts, living a more sustainable lifestyle, and educating the next generation of environmental stewards to do the same. Here are two ways you can get involved and support our cause: Join our mailing list o be notified when volunteers are needed in your area. Join the Massachusetts Cleanup Crew: Sign-up and we'll ship you the cleanup supplies you need to keep your neighborhood or community litter-free all year long. To learn more about all this and more go to keepmassbeautiful.org/take-action/individuals.html.

VESPERS HEALING WORSHIP:

Next service Sunday, October 13, 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.

THURSDAY NIGHT CHURCH

Thursdays, 6 p.m.

Thursday Night Church is here! After a year of dreaming, planning and working, we're excited to introduce our redesigned Thursday service. Thursday Night Church is a worship service where the music is contemporary, the space is open-hearted and in-the-round, and the preaching is focused on how we can be the church together in the world.

THURSDAY NIGHT SUPPER CLUB

After worship, join us for Thursday Night Supper Club. Each week, folks can gather after worship for dinner and an informal small group hosted by some of our friendly and hospitable lay leaders.

WEEKLY WORSHIP

Join us in person, on Facebook, and YouTube

Thursday night church, 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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