

Old South Church Copley Square, Boston

A Congregation of the United Church of Christ

Gathered 1669

July 10th, 2022 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

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

PRELUDE

LAND OF REST

George Shearing, arr.

*HYMN 177

God of Change and Glory

KATHERINE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Shawn M. Fiedler

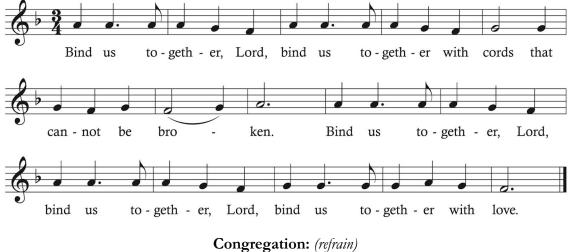
One: The Holy One is my light and my salvation
Many: God is the stronghold of my life; whom shall I fear?
One: One thing I ask – one thing above all do I seek:
Many: to dwell in the shelter of the Holy One all the days of my life,
One: to savor the sweetness of the God,
Many: and to inquire continually in the temple.
One: For there I will find nurture and peace;
Many: there I will bring my offerings, with songs and thanksgiving.
One: "Come," my heart says, "seek the face of Love!"
Many: Your face, O God, do I seek. [adapted from Psalm 27]

* Indicates all who are able may stand

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

*SUNG RESPONSE



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

Luke 10:38-42 SCRIPTURE David Duong Following the reading, children who wish to may meet childcare staff in the back of the sanctuary and proceed to the 3rd floor.

SERMON	Martha, Martha	Richard E. Spalding
*HYMN 354	God, When I Came into This Life Verses 1, 3, 4, and 5 only.	LAND OF REST

Choir:

RESPOND

*CALL TO PRAYER

Howard Cha-Young Kim

One: God be with you.
Many: And also with you.
One: May the peace of Christ dwell in your hearts.
Many: Christ is our peace, our light, and our hope.
One: Let us pray. (please be seated)

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Creator, 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 Take My Life and Let It Be Hal H. Hopson, arr.

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee. Take my moments and my days; let them flow in endless praise, let them flow in endless praise.

Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King. Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee, filled with messages from thee.

CALL TO THE OFFERING

Katherine A. Schofield

OFFERTORY

The Summons

John L. Bell & Graham Maule

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name? Will you go where you don't know and never be the same? Will you let my love be shown? Will you let my name be known, will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name? Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same? Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare? Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

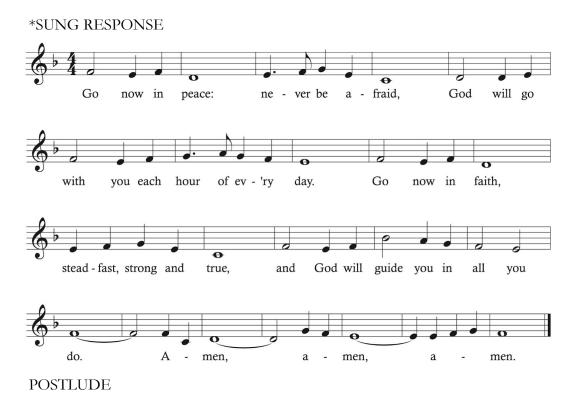
Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name? Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same? Will you kiss the leper clean and do such as this unseen, and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around, through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

Lord your summons echoes true when you but call my name. Let me turn and follow you and never be the same. In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show. Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN 171	Jesus Calls Us, o'er the Tumult	ST. ANDREW
*BIDDING TO MISSION AND BENEDICTION		Richard E. Spalding



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

The Flowers today are given by Elizabeth and Betty Pitcher in celebration of Elizabeth's 85th birthday

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

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**. Contact Interim Associate Minister Katherine Schofield at <u>katherine@oldsouth.org</u>

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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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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The Rev. Shawn Fiedler to Leave Old South Church

Acting Associate Minister Shawn Fiedler has accepted a new position at the Fourth Presbyterian Church in Chicago, Illinois. His final Sunday with Old South Church is Sunday, August

28. Mark your calendars! To read Shawn's letter to the congregation, along with a letter from Rick Spalding and lay leaders of the congregation, visit: <u>oldsouth.org/</u><u>news</u>

WEBSITE ACCESSIBLITY UPDATED

Go to oldsouth.org/accessibility-statement for more info. Please visit our website and click on the icon in the lower right corner that is a blue circle with a person in the middle. From there, you can play around with all kinds of settings. If you toggle many settings on and off and you're not happy with how the page is looking, you can scroll to the top of



the accessibility options window and click "Reset Settings" in the top left corner. Making our church as accessible as possible for all people is of utmost importance, and we are excited about this new step. We hope it's a helpful one!

HEALING WORSHIP

Sunday, July 10th at 12:30 p.m., on Zoom, go to 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.

COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

Wednesday, July 20st, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., 2nd floor Mary Norton Hall + American Red Cross

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. Visit tinyurl.com/BloodDriveOSC or call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) to schedule an appointment.

PASTORAL TRANSITION: MEET THE SEARCH COMMITTEE

The Search Committee is spending the summer preparing to begin the search for the next Senior Minister of Old South. The search will begin in the fall when the Church Profile is released and they start taking applications. To learn about the Search Committee members go to tinyurl.com/OSCSearchCommittee.

THROUGH THE BIBLE

Thursdays, 7:00 p.m., 4th Floor Phillis Wheatley Room and 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 email howard@oldsouth.org.

GREEN TIP: BRING YOUR OWN UTENSILS

It's estimated that 40 billion plastic utensils are thrown away every year in the US and this is usually after one use. Keep your own reusable utensils with you (in your desk, your car, your purse). Anytime you're tempted with disposable cutlery, refuse and use your own. Make this change as part of Plastic Free July, a global movement that empowers us to be part of the solution to plastic pollution.

MASKED SECTION OF THE SANCTUARY

Did you know that we have a masked section of the sanctuary? We do! It's in the left transept (under the balcony). In this section, masks are required. If you still aren't sure how to get to this section, ask an usher! At this time, we are not able to accommodate a masked section in the Gordon Chapel.

WEEKLY WORSHIP

Join us in person, on Vimeo, Facebook, and YouTube JAZZ Worship, Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. FIRST Worship Sundays at 9:00 a.m. FESTIVAL Worship Sundays at 11:00 a.m. HEALING Worship, the second Sunday at 12:30 p.m. via Zoom



To give via ApplePay, GooglePay, or with a Credit Card, scan the QR code with your smartphone camera.

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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