



Old South Church

Copley Square, Boston

*A Congregation of the
United Church of Christ*

Gathered 1669

July 31st, 2022

Eighth 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

Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier, BWV 634

J. S. Bach

*HYMN 6

**Sing Praise to God,
Our Highest Good**

MIT FREUDEN ZART

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Howard Cha-Young Kim

One: When we stand at the edge of fear and worry,

Many: God invites us to step into the waters of faith and trust.

One: When we stand at the edge of the world's pain and need,

Many: Jesus invites us to step into the land of humble service.

One: When we stand at the edge of our hunger and thirst:

Many: The Spirit invites us to sit at the Table of grace.

One: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

Many: God's steadfast love endures forever.

** 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

Congregation: *refrain*

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

ATTEND

SCRIPTURE

Luke 12:13-21

Neil Miller

*Following the reading, children who wish to may meet childcare staff
at the Chapel's entrance and proceed to the 3rd floor.*

SERMON

Katherine A. Schofield

*HYMN 451

Be Now My Vision

SLANE

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

O Loving God, 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

Sheep May Safely Graze

J. S. Bach

from "*Was mir behagt, ist nur die muntre Jagd*," BWV 208

Flocks in pastures green abiding,
safely with their shepherd rest.

Cooled by waters swiftly gliding,
flocks in pastures green abiding,
safely with their shepherd rest.

With the food of life he feeds them;
to the fold, he gently leads them,
there to dwell forever blessed.

CALL TO THE OFFERING

Katherine A. Schofield

OFFERTORY

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring
from "Herz und Mund und Tat und Leben," BWV 147

J. S. Bach

Jesu, joy of man's desiring,
holy wisdom, love most bright;
drawn by thee, our souls aspiring
soar to uncreated light.

Word of God, our flesh that fashioned,
with the fire of life impassioned,
striving still to truth unknown,
soaring, dying round thy throne.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN 565

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

AUSTRIAN HYMN

*BIDDING TO MISSION AND BENEDICTION

Katherine A. Schofield

*SUNG RESPONSE

(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.

POSTLUDE

A Trumpet Minuet

Alfred Hollins



Join us for Refreshments & Fellowship
in Mary Norton Hall on the second floor
following the Postlude.

The Flowers today are given
by Amy Lankenau McPherson and Aaron McPherson
in celebration of our 29th wedding anniversary,
at which Rev. Rick Spalding officiated,
with love, joy and gratitude!

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



NOTES ON TODAY'S MUSIC

Alfred Hollins was an English-born organist, pianist, composer, and teacher whose life spanned the mid-19th through the mid-20th centuries. Visually impaired from birth, he was educated at the Royal National College for the Blind, where he later taught. His teachers included Hans von Bülow (piano) and E.J. Hopkins (organ). His first professional church appointments were at St. John's Church in Redhill and Upper Norwood Presbyterian. Later, upon hearing him play, Reverend Hugh Black of Free St. George's Presbyterian in Edinburgh, Scotland, persuaded the authorities of the church to allow the installation of an organ and offered Hollins a job on the spot. Hollins remained there for the rest of his life even as he also undertook an international concert career that frequently led him to the United States, South Africa, Australia, and New Zealand.

A Trumpet Minuet is Hollin's best known and most often performed organ composition. It uses the structure of music used to accompany a popular French social dance as the basis of a piece that showcases the organ's solo trumpet stops.

—George Sargeant, *Associate Organist and Choirmaster*

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 katherine@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

Richard E. Spalding, *Interim Senior Minister*
James W. Crawford, *Senior Minister Emeritus* ❖ Nancy S. Taylor, *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*
David Story, *Wedding Minister* ❖ Ken Orth, *Healing Worship Minister*

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

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Shirley Bivins, Shelia Randolph, and George Sargeant, *Evening & Weekend Receptionists*

Phil Stern, *Moderator* ❖ Rob Gabler, *Clerk* ❖ Bill Bulkeley, *Treasurer*
Kristi Geary, *Chair, Board of Trustees* ❖ Kate Silfen, *Historian*
Paul Brouillette & Susan Navia, *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
SOUTH
CHURCH
in BOSTON

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALL-CHURCH PICNIC

Saturday, August 13th, Noon - 3 p.m., Auburndale Cove Park, Newton, MA

RSVP with number of guests and grilled main preferences

at <https://tinyurl.com/OSPicnic2022>

Parking lot located across from 86 W Pine Street, Auburndale, Newton, MA, 02466

Join Old South Church folks for a barbecue, games, and fellowship. All are welcome and encouraged. We will provide the burgers, dogs, and veggie burgers -- you provide the side dishes and desserts! Everyone should bring their own beverages. For more information contact Kate Nintcheu children@oldsouth.org or Rev. Katherine Schofield katherine@oldsouth.org

GODSPEED REV. SHAWN!



Acting Associate Minister Shawn Fiedler has accepted a new position at the Fourth Presbyterian Church in Chicago, Illinois. Click [here](#) to read Shawn's letter to the congregation, along with a letter from Rick Spalding and the lay leadership of the congregation. We will have the opportunity to fete, thank and celebrate Shawn for his three years of

ministry with us on his final Thursday, August 25th and final Sunday, August 28th. You can show your appreciation of Shawn by participating in a (tax deductible) purse. Make your gift by:

- Dropping checks at the Front Desk or mail them, attn.: Helen McCrady, Old South Church, 645 Boylston Street, Boston MA 02116 (*with Shawn on the memo line*).
- Making an online gift to tiny.oldsouth.org/shawn
- Giving through our giving portal at www.oldsouth.org/donate

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy birthday to all our members and friends born in July. Join us at coffee hour after Festival Worship in Mary Norton Hall on the second floor for cake and singing.



HEARD IT AT COUNCIL

Go to oldsouth.org/news/heard-it-council-july-2022 to get updated on Council discussions that include pastoral transition and the importance of making sure all feel welcome at Old South's services and events, especially visitors.

JAZZ WORSHIP

Thursdays, 6:00 p.m. in the Gordon Chapel or at oldsouth.org/jazz

Join us on in Gordon Chapel on Thursday evening for Jazz Worship! You don't have to be a jazz aficionado to feel at home - just someone who wants to immerse yourself in soulful music, inspiring words, and creative liturgy. It's intimate and it's welcoming. We start preludes shortly before 6:00 pm. Go to tinyurl.com/OSCJazzMaterials if you'd like a hard copy of the song titles, credits, and hymns to print in advance.

ALL-CHURCH RETREAT

Fri Sept 30th - Sun Oct 2nd, Craigville Retreat Center, Cape Cod

Register online at tinyurl.com/OSCRetreat2022

The All-Church Retreat returns to our weekend-long format this year and we want you to be there! This intergenerational opportunity to connect, relax, play, and learn together is unique - and we hope you will plan to join in.

While we are still firming up our exact plan for the programming and theme - we want to invite you to begin registering online. Like everywhere else, Craigville's prices have risen just a bit, and we are able to subsidize most of this increase, but not all. Adult price for the weekend is \$190 - which includes 2 nights lodging, 5 meals, and the program. Teens and children are free. Day visitors may join in for \$35. Scholarships are available - please reach out to Kate Nintcheu.

THROUGH THE BIBLE

Thursdays, 7:00 p.m., 4th Floor Phillis Wheatley Room

and on Zoom at tinyurl.com/OSCThroughBible

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 Cha-Young Kim at howard@oldsouth.org.

PASTORAL TRANSITION NEWS: UPDATE FROM THE SEARCH COMMITTEE

The Senior Minister Search Committee has begun their important work and will report to the Congregation regularly. Go to tinyurl.com/OSCSearchUpdate to read the most recent news.

GREEN TIP: PLASTIC FREE JULY: SAY NO TO FREEBIES

Freebies are everywhere, from promotional pens and bags to party favors, to those annoying packets of junk you get at the dentist's office. Do we really need them? Probably not. But when we accept these things it increases the demand for more to be made. If you don't need it, refuse it. Make this change as part of Plastic Free July, a global movement that empowers us to be part of the solution to plastic pollution. Take the pledge here. Take the pledge at www.plasticfreejuly.org/

GET INVOLVED

Christianity is no spectator sport. Won't you jump in and join us? The advantages of participation:: meet amazing people, serve your church, and have fun at the same time.

- **Sign up to USHER** at one of our three weekly services. It's a great way to transform yourself from a visitor to a host, get to help out, meet sparkling people, and welcome the world to God's house and home. Email Helen@oldsouth.org
- **Join a SMALL GROUP.** Some small groups read books, others go out to movies, or out to a meal, or to the museum. Email Katherine@oldsouth.org
- **MAKE MUSIC!** We have two choral ensembles:
 - Festival Choir (Summer Choir rehearses at 10 a.m. on Sunday morning to sing at 11:00 a.m. Festival Worship). Contact mitchell@oldsouth.org.
 - Our Gospel Choir rehearses and performs once a month. Contact tim@oldsouth.org.
 - The Old South Ringers have room at the bell tables and rehearse once a month and perform once a month. Contact Peter Coulombe at handbells@oldsouth.org.

WORSHIP ON YOUTUBE LIVE

Not a fan of Vimeo? 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.

THE CRAWFORD LIBRARY

The Crawford Library, open to church members during business hours, contains books on social justice, religious history, Christian ethics, and biography that may interest you. You may borrow, read, and return them. All are welcome.

MASKED SECTIONS OF THE SANCTUARY AND CHAPEL

Did you know that we have masked sections in the Sanctuary and Chapel? We do! It's in the left transept (under the balcony) of the Sanctuary. In the Gordon Chapel, the Columbarium is the designated section. In both sections, masks are required. If you still aren't sure how to get to either section, ask an usher!

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.*

You can also Text 44-321 and enter OSC to make a gift.

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.
