



OLD SOUTH CHURCH IN BOSTON | October 1, 2017

Festival Worship

World Communion Sunday

PRELUDE

Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness, BWV 654

J.S. Bach

*HYMN

We Plant a Grain of Mustard Seed

Brother James' Air



1. We plant a grain of mus - tard seed, and in our faith we
 2. Our ac - tions, more than words, de - fine how love's ex - am - ple
 3. When stooped to lend a help - ing hand, we find a touch that
 4. Make love our pur - pose, love our aim, for love en - dures all



find the proof of God is love, in - deed, which blos - soms from its
 feeds a great - er love, for love di - vine bursts forth from small - est
 heals, for love in - vest - ed will ex - pand to bear the fruit love
 things, and choos - ing love our lives will claim the peace for - give - ness



kind; the proof of God is love, in - deed, which blos - soms from its kind.
 seeds; a great - er love, for love di - vine bursts forth from small - est seeds.
 yields; for love in - vest - ed will ex - pand to bear the fruit love yields.
 brings; and choos - ing love our lives will claim the peace for - give - ness brings.

*CALL TO WORSHIP *from the Iona Community*

Anthony T. Livolsi

One: Beneath the mists of time, before the world began,
Many: beyond our understanding, yet from the beginning: God!
 One: Fathering history, mothering creation,
Many: parenting all the earth's people, from the very beginning: God!
 One: Expecting the right moment, preparing the right way,
Many: revealing the right person, for each new beginning: God!

One: God, our Maker, maker of color, sound, texture, quietness, and the
 restless beauty in living things: We bless you!
**Many: God, our Maker, maker of granite and mustard seed, of grey
 cloud and starlight, of earthquake and heartbeat: We bless you!**

* Indicates all who are able may stand

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

*CALL TO PRAYER

John M. Edgerton

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. (You may be seated.)

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER



1. Our Fa-ther, who in heav'n art seen, In bright-est love and maj-es - ty;
2. O let thy prom-ised king-dom come Of grace and glo - ry from a - bove:
3. Give us this day our dai - ly bread; Our debts to thee for - give and blot,
4. But us from ev' - ry e - vil save: For thine the u - ni - ver - sal reign,



let all the u - ni - verse con - spire Thy glo-rious name to sanc-ti - fy.
And let thy will be done on earth As 'tis in heav'n with joy and love.
As we our debt - ors free for - give; In - to temp - ta - tion lead us not.
Thy pow'r and glo - ry al - ways was, Is, and shall ev - er be: A - men.

CALL TO THE OFFERING

In thanksgiving to God and giving witness to generous hearts,
our financial gifts support ministries of mercy, justice, and beauty.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Praise to God

Sakura, arr. McNair

*Praise to God, praise to God,
for the greenness of the trees, for the beauty of the flowers,
for the blessing of the sky, for the greatness of the sea.
Praise to God, praise to God, now and forevermore.*

*Thanks to God, thanks to God,
for the gift of friends in Christ, for the church, our house of faith,
for the gift of wondrous love, for the gift of endless grace.
Thanks to God, thanks to God, now and forevermore.*

*Sing to God, sing to God,
for the grace of Jesus Christ, for the love of parent God,
for the comfort and the strength of the Spirit, holy God.
Sing to God, sing to God, now and forevermore.*

—Nobuaki Hanaoka, 1980, alt

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

REMEMBERING AND GIVING THANKS

Nancy S. Taylor

One: He was always the guest.
In the homes of Peter and Jairus,
Martha and Mary,
Joanna and Susanna ...

Many: He was always the guest.

One: At the meal tables of the wealthy
where he pled his case for the poor ...

Many: He was always the guest.

One: Upsetting polite company,
befriending isolated people,
welcoming the stranger ...

Many: He was always the guest.

One: But here, at this table ...

Many: He is the host.

One: Those who wish to serve him ...

Many: must first be served by him.

One: Those who want to follow him ...

Many: must first be fed by him.

One: So come, you who hunger and thirst for a deeper faith, a better life, a fairer world. Come to the table where Christ is host and we are guests. Come, remembering that on the night on which he was betrayed, and as they were sitting at a meal, Jesus took bread. He blessed it. He broke it. He gave it to the disciples saying ...

**Many: This is my body.
It is broken for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.**

One: Later, after they had eaten, he took the cup and said ...

**Many: This is the cup of the new covenant.
Drink this, all of you.
Remember me.**

(All are invited to extend hands in blessing over bread and cup.)

One: Merciful God, send now, in kindness,
your Holy Spirit to settle on this bread and cup
and fill them with the fullness of Jesus.

**Many: And let that same Spirit rest on us,
converting us from the patterns of this passing world,
until we conform to the shape of him whose food we now share.
Amen.**

SHARING THE MEAL

Our communion table is open to all. Today's communion will be served by intinction. You will be invited to come forward at the direction of the ushers. You will be handed a piece of bread. Dip it into the cup and partake. The cups contains unfermented grape juice. Gluten-free crackers are available.

COMMUNION ANTHEM Christ Has No Body But Yours Erik K. Gustafson
Erik Gustafson, piano

*Christ has no body but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which he looks
Compassion on this world;
Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good;
Yours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world.
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,*

*Yours are the eyes, you are his body.
Christ has no body now but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours.
Yours are the eyes with which he looks
compassion on this world.
Christ has no body now on earth but yours.*
– Attributed to Teresa of Avila (1515–1582)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING		Anthony T. Livolsi
*HYMN 495	Called as Partners in Christ’s Service	<i>Beecher</i>
*BIDDING TO MISSION AND BENEDICTION		Nancy S. Taylor
POSTLUDE	Toccata in G Major	Theodore Dubois



Close-Up, a 20-minute tour of the Sanctuary, begins following worship at the front of the Sanctuary. Led by docent Allison Albaugh.

WELCOME TO OLD SOUTH CHURCH

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 urban church in the heart of Boston. Join us immediately following worship for fellowship and refreshments in the Gordon Chapel.

Today's scripture reader, Stephanie LaShoto, is our co-Senior Deacon.

The flowers today are given by John Weingartner in memory of former Old South Church member Richard W. Moll, August 25, 1934 - May 24, 2017.

If you need to stretch your legs during worship the Gordon Chapel has full audio of the Sanctuary service throughout.

Name tags facilitate community and help newcomers feel welcomed. If you don't see a tag with your name on it, let us know. For LARGE print bulletins or hearing assistance devices ask an Usher.

HEARING ASSISTED DEVICES

Old South has installed a *Hearing Loop* in the Sanctuary, the latest technology in hearing assisted devices.

1. If you have a hearing aid: the loop works directly for those whose hearing aids have a "T-Coil".
2. If you are hard of hearing but don't use an aid: ask for one of the devices that is paired with the loop.

Note: The sound will be best if you sit further inside the pews, away from the aisles. The loop does NOT work in the upper galleries. If your hearing aid is not receiving the signal from the loop you may need to consult your audiologist to have it adjusted.

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):

1. Park at the **Garage@100 Clarendon** (behind Back Bay Station), have your ticket validated at our Front Desk, and **you** pay the discounted rate of \$7 for up to 3 hours. Old South bears no cost.
2. Park at the **Prudential Garage** for up to 5 hours on Saturday or Sunday, have your ticket validated at our Front Desk, and the Prudential Garage will bill *Old South* (costing us \$15k - \$20k per year).

Sunday, October 1	8:30 am	First Worship Choir	
	9:00 am	FIRST Worship, Nancy S. Taylor preaching	
	9:45 am	Old South Café in the Gordon Chapel	
	10:00 am	Community Hour: <i>Christian Resistance and the Legacy of Niebuhr and Bonhoeffer</i>	
	10:00 am	Lectionary Bible Study	
	10:00 am	The Immigrant Experience, a panel discussion	
	11:00 am	FESTIVAL Worship, Nancy S. Taylor preaching	
	11:00 am	Photo Directory Photo Sessions (through 6:00 pm)	
	12:30 pm	Connections Lunch	
	12:30 pm	Confirmation Class	
	12:30 pm	The Immigrant Experience, a panel discussion	
	Monday, October 2	4:30 pm	Leadership Committee
		6:00 pm	Theological Book Group
7:00 pm		Christian Service and Outreach Committee	
7:30 pm		Spiritual Classics Reading Group – <i>East of Eden</i>	
Tuesday, October 3	5:30 pm	Old South Ringers Rehearsal	
	6:30 pm	Stewardship Committee	
	7:00 pm	Christian Formation Committee	
Wednesday, October 4	6:15 pm	Young Adult Book Group – <i>Jesus is the Question</i>	
	6:30 pm	Young Adult Book Group – <i>The Great Divorce</i>	
Thursday, October 5	12:00 pm	Women’s Small Group	
	6:00 pm	JAZZ Worship, John M. Edgerton preaching	
	6:30 pm	Old South Choir Rehearsal	
	7:00 pm	Through the Whole Bible Book Group	
	7:00 pm	Young Adult Book Group – <i>The Cost of Discipleship</i>	
	8:00 pm	Social Change and the Church Discussion Group	
Friday, October 6	12:30 pm	Planned Giving Committee	
Saturday, October 7		<i>All-Church Retreat on Cape Cod</i>	
Sunday, October 8	8:30 am	First Worship Choir	
	9:00 am	FIRST Worship, John M. Edgerton preaching	
	9:45 am	Old South Café in the Gordon Chapel	
	10:00 am	HEALING Worship	
	10:00 am	Lectionary Bible Study	
	11:00 am	FESTIVAL Worship, John M. Edgerton preaching	
	12:30 pm	Voices of Experience, a forum on Sanctuary Church	

OLD SOUTH CHURCH IN BOSTON MINISTERS, OFFICERS AND STAFF

Nancy S. Taylor, Senior Minister
John M. Edgerton, Associate Minister ❖ Anthony T. Livolsi, Associate Minister
James W. Crawford, Senior Minister Emeritus
Kate Nintcheu, Director, Children and Family Ministries
Donald A. Wells, Theologian in Residence ❖ June Cooper, Theologian in the City
Calvin Genzel, Wedding Outreach Minister ❖ Ken Orth, Healing Worship Minister
Carrie Swayne-Gerrish, Youth Leader ❖ Rebecca Bowler, Seminarian Intern
Carolyn Davis, Director, Old South Preschool
George Sargeant, Associate Organist and Choirmaster
Willie Sordillo, Music Coordinator, Jazz Worship
Peter Coulombe, Director, Old South Ringers ❖ Amy Budka, Children's Music Leader
Tim Harbold, Director, Gospel & Festival Choirs
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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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MEETING OF THE MEMBERS

As per vote of the Church Council, notice is hereby given of a special meeting of the members of Old South Church in Boston on Sunday, October 15 at 12:30 pm in the Sanctuary. This meeting is to consider the question of whether Old South Church shall become a Level 2 Supporting Congregation of the New Sanctuary Movement. In preparation, there are engagement opportunities each week in advance:

The Immigrant Experience

TODAY, 10:00 am (Chapel) and 12:30 pm (Sanctuary)

The Christian Service and Outreach Committee will hold engagement sessions, welcoming members of the wider community to share stories of what it's like to have family members who are undocumented. We will also hear from members of the church on their immigrant experiences.

Voices of Experience

October 8, 12:30 pm (Mary Norton Hall)

We will welcome a guest speaker who is a central organizer of the New Sanctuary Movement in Boston, learning about sanctuary from the perspective of those doing the work.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DEAR HARRY

This month, our beloved Harry Huff would have turned 65. On Sunday, October 22, nearing a full year since his unexpected passing, we will take time as a church to celebrate Harry, his birth, and his extraordinary life with our church!

Festival Worship: Rev. Nancy Taylor will preach on “the disciple whom Jesus loved.” And of course there will be music: We’ll sing and play Harry’s favorite hymns and anthems, and share the music that reminds us of Harry.

Birthday Lunch Concert: The festivities will continue at 12:30 pm on the second floor with a meal featuring some of Harry’s favorite foods. Karen Hand and Ralph Watson have generously volunteered to cook and coordinate, with support from the Music Committee and volunteers.

CHILDREN + FAMILIES

CHILDCARE: Infants through grade 2 are welcome in our childcare ministries beginning at 8:40 am. Care is available uninterrupted all morning through Festival Worship.

CHURCH SCHOOL: Our Montessori-style Godly Play program invites children to see themselves as active participants in the story of faith. Today's curriculum: The Great Family (Preschool); Joseph (Early Elementary); Good Shepherd and World Communion (Older Elementary). Meet the Ancestors programming for middle school students will explore Genesis 1-11.

YOUTH GROUP: Students in grades 8-12 explore issues of life and faith on Sundays with Youth Leader Carrie Swayne-Gerrish.

PARENTS NIGHT OUT

PNO returns Friday, October 13. Children (age 6 months to grade 5) are cared for by vetted Children's Ministries staff and volunteers, while parents nurture their adult relationships around the Back Bay. Drop-off begins at 5:50 pm, and parents may pick-up early if desired. All children must be signed out by 10:00 pm. Cost: 1 child \$20; 2 children \$30; 3 children \$40. To register, email children@oldsouth.org.

PICTURE DIRECTORY

SIGN-UP: visit <https://tinyurl.com/osc-picture-directory>, or email **Kate Nintcheu** at children@oldsouth.org.

This fall all church members and friends are urged to have their pictures included in the new Old South Church picture directory. Appointments are still available on:

October 19 - 22

Thurs: 2 - 9 pm; Fri: 2 - 9 pm; Sat: 10 am - 6 pm; Sun: 11 am - 6 pm

ADULT EDUCATION

SUNDAYS *at 10:00 am between First and Festival Worship*

LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY: Engage the preached scripture text for the week in depth and detail and enjoy the lively discussion facilitated by our Boston University School of Theology Seminarian Rebecca Bowler.

COMMUNITY HOUR

Meeting John Calvin Again for the First Time

October 15, 22, and 29

In marking the 500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation, we will explore the life and theology of the reformer upon whose thought our own tradition rests: John Calvin. He was (in)famously preoccupied with questions of sinfulness and predestination – so we aren't supposed to like him! – and yet, so much of the intellectual liveliness and activist spirit of the Christianity we love and practice at Old South Church owes itself to him. Join us as we ponder his questions, puzzle over his conclusions, and reapply his thinking in new ways.

Christian Resistance and the Legacy of Niebuhr and Bonhoeffer

Concludes Today

WEEKDAYS

'FUN-AND-NOT-SCARY, AT-A-SNAIL'S-PACE READ THROUGH OF THE WHOLE BIBLE' STUDY: *Thursdays, 7:00 pm*. This time around we'll tackle the Book of Deuteronomy. Reading the Bible chapter by chapter, book by book opens us up to new allusions, parallels, and rich insights. Join Rev. Anthony Livolsi and get ready to geek out!

SMALL GROUPS: Do you seek to deepen your experience of community, cultivate spiritual friendships, and grow in your faith? Consider joining a Small Group! To get matched with a future group, fill out the interest form at <http://www.OldSouth.org/small-groups>. For more information, contact anthony@oldsouth.org.

SERVICE

FOREGO FOSSIL FUEL FRIDAYS

On September 13th, climate justice leaders, including representatives of the UCC, delivered a draft executive order to Gov. Charlie Baker to freeze all fossil fuel infrastructure in Massachusetts, and to instead invest in renewable energy. We will continue to visit Gov. Baker's office, increasingly often and in increasing numbers. We need UCC volunteers to take part in our weekly Friday lunch hour demonstrations at the State House. Sign up for one shift or more. Email Emma Brewer-Wallin, climate justice intern for the MA Conference, UCC: ebrewerw@gmail.com.

HEIFER FARM

The Christian Service and Outreach Committee is sponsoring two trips to Heifer International Farm in Rutland, MA – promoting sustainable solutions to global hunger, poverty, and environmental degradation. For more info, email outreach@oldsouth.org.

- **Saturday, October 28:** Day trip perfect for family participation!
- **Saturday/Sunday, November 11 & 12:** Overnight in the Global Gateway program. Suitable for adults and Grades 6+.

ROLLING FOOD DRIVE

We are collecting canned soup for the Allston-Brighton Food Pantry in September. Collection is in the stone entryway.

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 in the Sanctuary, for any length of time.

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