

Old South Church
Copley Square, Boston
A Congregation of the
United Church of Christ
Gathered 1669

June 26th, 2022

Third 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 Fantasy in G, BWV 572 J. S. Bach

*HYMN 25 O God, Our Help in Ages Past ST. ANNE

*CALL TO WORSHIP Katherine A. Schofield

One: God of the universe, we invite your presence in this sacred place!

Many: The heavens and earth declare your majesty!

One: Our mighty fortress in times of trouble,

our calm wind in times of peace,

Many: We give thanks for your faithfulness, O God!

One: Open our hearts to receive you, to feel the presence of the Holy Spirit

Many: Ignite our hearts once again, usher in your kin-dom!

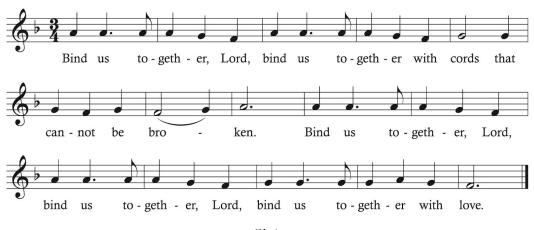
^{*} Indicates all who are able may stand

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

*SUNG RESPONSE

Congregation: (refrain)



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

Revelation 21:1-5a

Deborah Washington

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

SERMON

A Pentecostal Imagination

Howard Cha-Young Kim

*HYMN 613

O Holy City, Seen of John

MORNING SONG

RESPOND

*CALL TO PRAYER

Shawn M. Fiedler

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

Come, Holy Ghost

Thomas Attwood

Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire, And lighten with celestial fire; Thou the anointing Spirit art, Who dost Thy sevenfold gifts impart. Thy blessed unction from above Is comfort, life and fire of love;

Teach us to know the Father, Son, And Thee, of both, to be but One; That through the ages all along This may be our endless song:

Praise to Thy eternal merit,
Brooding Mother, Holy Spirit.

-John Cosin, based on Veni, Creator Spiritus

CALL TO THE OFFERING

Donald A. Wells



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.

If I can stop one heart from breaking, I shall not live in vain;
If I can ease one life the aching, or cool one pain,
Or help one lonely person into happiness again, I shall not live in vain.

-Emily Dickenson

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN 263

O Spirit of the Living God

ST. MATTHEW

*BIDDING TO MISSION AND BENEDICTION

Howard Cha-Young Kim

*SUNG RESPONSE









POSTLUDE

Nun danket alle Gott, BWV 657

J. S. Bach



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

The Flowers today are given in fond memory of her sister Wink by Martha Coleman

Close-Up, a twenty minute tour of the Sanctuary, begins following Worship at the front of the Sanctuary.

Led by docent Chuck Gerlinger.



NOTES ON TODAY'S MUSIC

J.S. Bach's Fantasy in G, sometimes referred to as Piéce d'Orgue because of the French influence on its composition, is a youthful work. It is in three sections. The outer sections are free and improvisatory while the more structured middle is reminiscent of the first movement of a French Classic organ mass. The final section is rather harmonically daring and would be bold even for a more mature Bach!

Thomas Attwood was a chorister at the Chapel Royal and later studied with Mozart in Vienna. He returned to England in 1787 and was appointed organist of St. Paul's Cathedral in 1796, remaining there until his death. Today Attwood is chiefly remembered for his sacred music, although he composed over 30 theater works and other secular music as well. Come, Holy Ghost is a simple anthem whose exquisite turns of phrases reflects his indebtedness to Mozart.

Jean Berger was a German Jewish composer who was born Arthur Schlossberg and took a French name after he was forced to flee his homeland for Paris by the Nazis. While today's Scripture assures us that God will wipe away all our tears once we reach Heaven, Berger's setting of Emily Dickinson's text reminds us that this promise does not absolve us of our responsibility to comfort the afflicted in the here and now.

Bach's Nun danket alle Gott (Now Thank We All our God) is the seventh of a collection of chorale preludes known as the "18 Great" or "Leipzig" Chorales. It consists of compositions which Bach revised and expanded from earlier works during the last decade of his life. As with several others in the set, Bach treats the melody in chorale motet fashion. There are four sections, each devoted to a single phrase of the hymn. The melody is heard mostly unadorned in the soprano with counterpoint derived from it in the lower voices.

—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 <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.



COME EXPLORE SATURDAY HOSTING

Meeting and light lunch Sunday, July 3rd, following Festival Worship, 2nd floor RSVP by July 1st to Liz Morgan at morgan.e1@icloud.com

Who knows where Old South's owl lives? Our little owl is one of the sights that delights visitors from all over the world. Especially during summer months, thousands of people step into our sanctuary and are greeted on Saturdays by an Old South host. Hosts greet visitors on Saturdays between Easter and Thanksgiving in 21/2 hour shifts, and the very rewarding experience requires only an interest in people and a love of Old South. You will have an opportunity to meet and talk with other host and docents and build your confidence in sharing what you know about Old South with visitors . By the way, you can find the owl tucked into the engaged column near the stairs leading to the south balcony. Her nest is a short flight across the nave in the opposing column.

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 of 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!

UKRAINIAN REFUGEE ASSISTANCE UPDATE

Through the generosity of Old South's members and friends, we have contributed over \$37K to help 900 Ukrainian Refugees through 4 churches in the Krakow area.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy birthday to all our members and friends born in June. Join us in the Gordon Chapel after Festival Worship for cake and singing.

GREEN TIP: USE A CLOTH PRODUCE BAG

Smaller cloth bags can serve multiple purposes at a grocery store or farmers market. Use them for fruits, veggies, bulk products, bread, etc. Ditch those flimsy plastic bags in the produce department and bring your own. These can be purchased, easily sewn from scrap fabric, or you can use something already around your house like an extra pillowcase! Go to oldsouth.org/tips-greening-your-life to learn more and take on the Climate Commitment.

PRAYER FOR THE PASTORAL TRANSITION

For over three centuries, the people of Old South Church in Boston have been led by the Holy Spirit to call twenty faithful Senior Ministers. Now, we continue to discern God's will and future, as we search for the twenty-first Senior Minister of this ship of faith.

PRAYER FOR GOD'S GUIDANCE AND STILL-SPEAKING VOICE

Eternal God, Ancient of Days: you have watched over this congregation through more than three centuries of tumult and progress; you have guided us through the making of a new nation, through bloody wars, economic crises and struggles for civil and human rights; you have comforted us through storms and illness, and mentored and challenged us at times of great national decision. We give you thanks for forebears whose lives have been true, lovely and brave, and whose stories we tell, whose memories we cherish, whose example remains the plumb line by which our lives are measured.

Holy One, God of our mothers and fathers, in this time of momentous decision and discernment, keep our ears tuned to your stillspeaking voice, our hearts open to your tip-toes entrance, our souls quickened by your Holy Spirit, our discipleship true to the way and cause of Christ. Enable us to so hear your voice, to so see in our minds' eyes your vision and will for us, that we may arise with courage and conviction, affirming with the prophets of old "Your will, O God, is our dearest desire. We, your people, are at your divine disposal. Here we are! Send us!" Amen.

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

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.