



Old South Church

Copley Square, Boston

*A Congregation of the
United Church of Christ*

Gathered 1669

April 30th, 2023

Fourth Sunday of Easter

*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 Hark! Ten Thousand Harps and Voices Diane Bish, *arr.*

*HYMN 251 **I Greet You, Sure Redeemer** TOULON

*CALL TO WORSHIP Katherine A. Schofield

One: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Many: In the gardens of our grief, he is risen.

One: Into the locked doors of our hearts, he comes.

**Many: Into the disappointment of fishermen with empty nets,
Christ is risen.**

One: Christ comes to us, bearing wounds and offering peace.

Many: Into our beautiful, broken world, Christ is rising.

One: Into every season of our lives, Christ is rising.

Many: Let us worship the Risen One! Amen.

** Indicates all who are able may stand*

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

WELCOME

Katherine A. Schofield

ANTHEM

For the Beauty of the Earth

Mack Wilberg, *arr.*

For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies,
Christ, our Lord, to you we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light,
Christ, our Lord, to you we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild,
Christ, our Lord, to you we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

LISTEN

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Kate M. Nintcheu

SCRIPTURE

John 21:1-14

Mark Chitty

*HYMN 173

You Have Come down to the Lakeshore

PESCADOR DE
HOMBRES

SERMON

Come and Have Breakfast

Ashley J. Popperson

*HYMN 504

You Walk along Our Shoreline

SALLY GARDENS

RESPOND

*CALL TO PRAYER

Donald A. Wells

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 Gracious and 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

Prayer

Arnold Sherman

THE OLD SOUTH RINGERS

Peter Coulombe, *director*

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OFFERTORY

With a Voice of Singing

Martin Shaw, *arr.*

With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard: Alleluia!

Utter it even unto the ends of the earth:
the Lord hath delivered the people, Alleluia!

O be joyful in God, all ye lands,
O sing praises to the honor of God's name,
Make God's praise to be glorious.

With a voice of singing...

*DOXOLOGY

Text: Composite (P. Z. Strodach; W. H. Draper [after Assisi]), alt.
Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, *Geistliche Kirchengesäng*, 1623, alt.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN 478 **I've Got Peace Like a River** PEACE LIKE A RIVER

*BIDDING TO MISSION AND BENEDICTION Ashley J. Popperson

POSTLUDE Toccata on "Gaudeamus Pariter" James Biery



Join us for Refreshments, Conversation, and Community
in the Gordon Chapel following the Postlude.

The flowers today are given by Carol Boggs
with gratitude to Helen McCrady who always makes the impossible possible.

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



NOTES ON TODAY'S MUSIC

Toccata on "Gaudeamus Pariter" comes from a set of three preludes on Easter hymns by American composer James Biery, who is Minister of Music at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church (Presbyterian) in Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan. *Gaudeamus Pariter* is the less familiar of two melodies associated with the Easter hymn *Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain*. The music takes the form of an improvised French-style toccata, in which the melody is heard in the pedal accompanied by carillon-like figures for the manuals.

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

PHILLIS WHEATLEY SUNDAY — May 14th, 2023 | 9AM & 11AM

Old South honors and learns from one of the saints of this church who was stolen from Africa, suffered the Middle Passage, was sold into slavery, and triumphed through her awesome wit and the mighty power of her pen.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY — November 5th, 2023 | 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 19th, 2023 | 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, 2023

FAMILY SERVICE WITH IMPROMPTU PAGEANT | 5PM

LESSONS AND CAROLS | 8PM

CAROLS AND COMMUNION | 11PM

HOLY WEEK 2024

Palm Sunday — March 24th | 9AM & 11AM

Maundy Thursday — March 28th | 7PM

Good Friday — March 29th | 12PM & 7PM

Easter Sunday — March 31st | 9AM & 11AM

MARATHON SUNDAY — April 14th, 2024 | 9AM & 11AM

Each year hundreds of marathoners join us for worship, where we pause to acknowledge the runners, their families, and volunteers in a special “Blessing of the Athletes.”

WEEKLY WORSHIP

First Worship *informal & vibrant* Sundays at 9 a.m. with communion

Festival Worship *grand & expressive* Sundays at 11 a.m.

Jazz Worship *with sax & soul* Thursdays at 6 p.m. with communion

Healing Worship *gentle & tender* 2nd Sundays at 12:30 p.m.

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!

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*
Ashley J. Popperson, *Associate Minister* ❖ Katherine A. Schofield, *Interim Associate Minister*
Donald A. Wells, *Theologian in Residence* ❖ June R. Cooper, *Theologian in the City*
David Story, *Wedding Minister* ❖ Ken Orth, *Healing Worship Minister*

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

Kate Nintcheu, *Director, Children & Family Ministries*
Summer Marsh, *Director, Old South Preschool*

Helen McCrady, *Senior Church Administrator* ❖ John Braught, *Director of Operations*
Jamie Garuti, *Multimedia Director* ❖ Linda Van Praet, *Accounting & Human Resources*
Alex Pickering, *Administrative Assistant* ❖ Emily Ross, *Archivist*
Rémy Hatfield-Gardner and William Wei, *Livestream Production Assistants*
Karen Hand, *Wedding Coordinator*

Elias Perez, *Senior Sexton* ❖ Ozo Nwodo, Richard Serebour, and David Brode, *Sextons*
Corey Spence, *Weekday Receptionist*
Shirley Bivins, Shelia Randolph, and George Sargeant, *Evening & Weekend Receptionists*

Phil Stern, *Moderator* ❖ Rob Gabler, *Clerk* ❖ Bill Bulkeley, *Treasurer*
Debby Kuenstner, *Chair, Board of Trustees* ❖ Kate Silfen, *Historian*
Christine Del Favero and Tony Rich, *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.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOMING OUR NEW CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR



We are excited to welcome our new Church Administrator on May 8th! Amelia Gerrard (they/them) most recently served as a case manager at Brookside Community Health Center, working with low-income families in Boston to access healthy food, resources and educational opportunities. Their background is grounded in leading community spaces, particularly with youth, immigrants and refugees, English language learners, and LGBTQIA+ community members. We are thrilled that they will have three weeks of overlap with Helen McCrady before her retirement to learn the ropes.

SACRED CONVERSATIONS

Sunday, April 30th, 12:30 p.m., Mary Norton Hall

Lunch provided,

RSVP at tinyurl.com/2023OSCSacredConversation

How's your faith journey on becoming an anti-racist Christian? Have you participated in the (G)RACE Speaks Anti-Racist Curriculum? Are you still on your faith journey in using the Fruits of the Spirit to eliminate all forms of bias, prejudice, and racism. Join us as we gather to share our thoughts and perceptions to examine if we have:

- Become multi-culturally competent people who resist racism;
- Challenged prejudice, intolerance, and racism at Old South Church and the community wherever it exists;
- Gained an understanding of the connection between racism and other forms of oppression;

Please join us to share what the church as a whole needs to do in order to move forward in making Old South Church in Boston a place and people of enhanced Christian fellowship no matter one's skin color!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Happy Birthday to our members born in the month of April. Join us for cake and singing at Coffee Hour following Festival Worship.



OLD SOUTH FORUM

Sundays, 10 a.m., 2nd Floor Mary Norton Hall, and on Zoom, password: Community

This casual, no-commitment, come-when-you-can forum hosts series on a variety of topics. Clergy, congregation members, and special guests share in leading sessions.



Current Revolution

Sunday, April 30th

Current Revolution, short films and discussion exploring the possibilities of a just transition to a clean energy economy where the well-being of workers and frontline community members is valued, instead of neglect.

The Resurgence of Phillis Wheatley

Sunday, May 7th

This year, as Boston celebrates the 250th anniversary of the Boston Tea Party and the beginning of the American Revolution, we also celebrate the 250th anniversary of the publication of Phillis Wheatley's book of poetry. While we celebrate our historic Old South member on May 14th—we will LEARN about how Phillis has re-emerged in the public eye and imagination over the last few years the week before—on May 7th during our 10am Community Hour Forum. Join us to track the resurgence of Phillis Wheatley, and perhaps learn something new about her story and our story.

PHILLIS WHEATLEY SUNDAY

Sunday, May 14th

Join us as we celebrate this extraordinary young woman (who was baptized into the church on August 18th, 1771). Don your Sunday best, come to church and join us as we promenade to the Boston Women's Memorial to fete Phillis Wheatley on the occasion of her birthday.



CALLING ALL CUPCAKES MAKERS AND BUYERS

Sunday May 14th, Go to tinyurl.com/2023OSCCupcakes to sign up!

Calling all cupcakes makers and buyers -- please sign up to bring cupcakes to share as we celebrate historic OSC member Phillis Wheatley. Cupcakes will be served after we promenade

to Phillis' statue at the Women's Memorial on the Commonwealth Ave mall. Please direct all questions to Kate Nintcheu at children@oldsouth.org.

VESPERS HEALING WORSHIP

Sunday, May 14th, 5 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.



SEEKING STAFF ACCOUNTANT

Full announcement at oldsouth.org/news/now-hiring-staff-accountant

Old South Church in Boston is seeking a full-time Staff Accountant to execute the day-to-day duties of the business office including paying invoices, completing payroll bi-weekly, basic HR duties, making bank deposits, data entry, and maintaining and monitoring financial records.

PASTORAL TRANSITION NEWS

Read the full report at oldsouth.org/updates-senior-minister-search-committee

The Senior Minister Search Committee has extended written invitations to the small group of candidates who have accepted the opportunity for deeper engagement with us. Each will join us for a day and a half of exercises including small and larger group meals, Bible study, a hands on experience with our unhoused neighbors, an exercise that engages our church staff in planning worship, reflection with church staff on our budget and use of our building, an extended interview with the Search Committee, and an opportunity to close the experience with us in a small informal vespers service. We anticipate that we will have had the opportunity to meet all of our candidates by mid May and anticipate a continued process of discernment following these in-person experiences.

GREEN TIP: E-Waste and Trees

With technology use advancing worldwide, electronic waste (e-waste) is a growing problem worldwide. According to the Global E-waste Monitor 2020 tinyurl.com/E-wastemonitor, the world generated 53.6 million metric tons of e-waste in 2019, while only 17.4% was collected and recycled. Earth911 is trying to change that with the E-Waste for Trees Program tinyurl.com/E-WasteforTrees that plants 20 mangrove trees for each accepted mobile phone, tablet, or laptop.

HEARD IT AT COUNCIL

Go to <https://oldsouth.org/news/heard-it-council-april-2023> to read the latest update from Church Historian Kate Silfen. The Council meeting included discussions of staff transitions and the treasury.

JAZZ WORSHIP

Thursdays, 6 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 p.m.

WORSHIP ON YOUTUBE LIVE

Not a fan of Vimeo? We have a way for you to tune in to worship! Simply go to youtube.com/OldSouthChurch to visit our YouTube page once we go live 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.

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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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