



## Old South Church

*Copley Square, Boston*

*A Congregation of the  
United Church of Christ*

*Gathered 1669*

June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023

## Youth Sunday

*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	<i>O Lux Beata Trinitas</i>	Amy Summers
*HYMN 11	<b>Bring Many Names</b>	WESTCHASE
*CALL TO WORSHIP		Aria C
One:	Come, all you whose souls thirst for the living God.	
<b>Many:</b>	<b>We come in search of help and hope.</b>	
One:	Come, you who are acquainted with grief or oppression.	
<b>Many:</b>	<b>We come bearing our doubts, our wounds, and our fears.</b>	
One:	Come, you who are in need of good news.	
<b>Many:</b>	<b>We come in search of joy, truth, and light.</b>	
One:	Come and find refuge in God your rock.	
<b>Many:</b>	<b>Let us again praise the One who is our help and our hope.</b>	

*\* Indicates all who are able may stand*

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*Please greet those around you, offering “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

ANTHEM

“A Million Dreams”

Mac Huff, *arr.*

from *The Greatest Showman*

OLD SOUTH CHILDREN'S CHOIR • Aislin Kate Anderson, *director*

I close my eyes and I can see a world that's waiting up for me,  
that I call my own.  
Through the dark, through the door,  
through where no one's been before—  
but it feels like home.

They can say, they can say it all sounds crazy.  
They can say, they can say I've lost my mind.  
I don't care, I don't care, so call me crazy:  
We can live in a world that we design.

'Cause every night I lie in bed, the brightest colors fill my head,  
A million dreams are keeping me awake:  
I think of what the world could be,  
a vision of the one I see.  
A million dreams is all it's gonna take,  
a million dreams for the world we're gonna make.

There's a house we can build, every room inside is filled,  
with things from far away.  
The special things I compile, each one there to make you smile  
on a rainy day.

However big, however small, let me be part of it all,  
share your dreams with me.  
You may be right, you may be wrong,  
but say that you'll bring me along,  
To the world you see.  
To the world I close my eyes to see.

## **ATTEND**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Sonja PL

SCRIPTURE

Deuteronomy 24:21  
Matthew 8:20  
James 2:15-17

Ryan C

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



# RESPOND

RECOGNITION OF  
GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

Kate Nintcheu  
Jimmy Kamel

CALL TO THE OFFERING



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OFFERTORY

The Kingdom

André J. Thomas

Righteousness, peace, joy in the Holy Ghost—  
that's the Kingdom of God.

Don't you want to be a part of the Kingdom?

Come on everybody!

Oh, yes, there's joy in the Kingdom!

Oh, yes, there's peace in the Kingdom!

Oh, yes, there's love in the Kingdom!

“The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof.” \*

We are part of the earth, and it is part of us.

The perfumed flowers are our sisters,  
the deer, the horse, the great eagle—

these are our brothers.

All things are connected.

Rivers, our brothers; earth, our mother.

The earth is the Lord's.

*\*Psalm 24:1*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*HYMN 495

**Called as Partners in Christ's Service**

BEECHER

\*BIDDING TO MISSION AND BENEDICTION

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.

Text: *Don Besig and Nancy Price, 1988*  
Tune: *Don Besig, 1988*  
*Adapt. Mitchell Crawford, 2022*

POSTLUDE

Fanfare

Alec Wyton



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

The flowers today are given in thanksgiving for a good life, one day at a time,  
by Elizabeth (41 years), and Betty (39 years).

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



## 2023 Graduating High School Seniors

**Amos Batalden** is graduating from Meridian Academy, and will be interning at the design firm Sasaki over the summer. In the fall, he is headed to MIT to study engineering.

**Mirabelle Berman Rinehardt** is graduating from Boston Latin School and plans to begin at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois. She's currently planning on studying something engineering-related in college and looks forward to playing trumpet in the Northwestern marching band in the fall.

**Nicky Black** is graduating from Boston Latin School and will attend his top choice school next year, Boston University. Nicky is heading into physical therapy, a highly ranked program that he is excited about.

**Ryan Chitty** is graduating from Newton South High School. He will attend Indiana University, where he plans to major in Chinese and International Studies.



## Notes on Today's Music

London-based composer Amy Summers hails from North Somerset, England. She studied at the University of Nottingham, where she was a choral scholar at Nottingham Cathedral, and later at Trinity College of Music. She has received commissions from institutions and ensembles throughout the United Kingdom, including the aforementioned Nottingham Cathedral, the BBC Singers, and the Ludlow English Song Festival.

O Lux Beata Trinitas (O Light of the Blessed Trinity) dates from 2021 and was commissioned for inclusion in "Gregoriana," an anthology of twelve plainchant-based compositions by contemporary women composers. Trinitarian symbolism abounds. Its key signature of Eb has three flats and the piece is mostly in 3/4 meter. The chant is presented unadorned in the treble at the outset above sustained notes in the left hand and pedal, creating a sonic impression of light. From there it is woven into a richer and more dense texture as the music passes through a number of unrelated keys and works its way to two brief climaxes. Finally the opening material returns and the piece ends with the simplicity in which it began.

Alec Wyton was an English-born organist, composer and teacher who came to the United States in 1950 at the invitation of the Episcopal bishop of Dallas and in 1954 became Organist and Choirmaster at the Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine in Manhattan. He held the post until 1974. He also taught at Union Theological Seminary and the Manhattan School of Music. He served as president of the American Guild of Organists from 1964 to 1969 and was the coordinator of the commission that produced The Hymnal 1982, the one used in most Episcopal churches today.

His jazz and blues inflected "Fanfare" was written to showcase the two contrasting solo trumpet stops at opposite ends of the cathedral, the Tuba Mirabilis and the State Trumpet, and is dedicated to G. Donald Harrison, who built the organ. Old South's E.M. Skinner organ is equipped with two similarly-positioned stops.



## 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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](http://www.oldsouth.org/your-first-visit) or see the front desk.

## LEARN MORE

Check out the church website at [www.oldsouth.org/calendar](http://www.oldsouth.org/calendar) for a calendar of events, and the general website [www.oldsouth.org](http://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*

Amelia Gerrard, *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

## YOUTH SUNDAY AT FIRST AND FESTIVAL

*This Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, First and Festival Worship*

On Sunday June 4<sup>th</sup>, the last day of our regular program year, Old South's Youth Group will lead worship services at both First Worship and Festival Worship.

Come and join us as we experience services our teens have crafted, centering around the dilemma of homelessness, including a sermon from high school junior, Quinn G. During Festival Worship we will celebrate and lift up this year's graduating high school seniors.

## END OF THE PROGRAM YEAR CELEBRATION BRUNCH

*This Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, 10 a.m., 2<sup>nd</sup> floor*

Go to [tinyurl.com/2023OSCSpringPotluck](https://tinyurl.com/2023OSCSpringPotluck) to sign up

We will mark the end of our church school and program year with an All-Church Potluck Brunch. Bring a dish to share - or just come hungry! We will gather to thank the teachers and volunteers who make Community Hour and Church School so excellent.



## CONNECTIONS LUNCHEON

*Following Festival Worship this Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup> in the 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Guild Room*

To be a member of Old South Church is to enter the company of Revolutionary Era heroes, abolitionists, suffragettes, anti-poverty crusaders, and poets. Our saints include Benjamin Franklin, Samuel Adams, Phillis Wheatley... and maybe you! Want to learn more about the life of this community of faith and break bread with other newcomers and church members? Join our Connections Info Session!. For more information contact [katherine@oldsouth.org](mailto:katherine@oldsouth.org) for more info.



## THE FORMOSA DUO:

**Chi-Chen Wu, piano and Sam Ou, cello**

*Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m.,*

*Kaji Aso Studio, 40 St Stephen St., Boston*

*Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, 3 p.m., Gordon Chapel*

*Free admission*

Enjoy music by Boulanger, Liszt, Schumann, and Rachmaninoff

## PRIDE MONTH AT OLD SOUTH CHURCH

### QUEER ANTHEMS THROUGH THE DECADES AT JAZZ WORSHIP

*Thursday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m.*

Put on your best flannel shirt, sequined blazer, or crop top and join us for Jazz Worship on Thursday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. We'll sing loud and proud to LGBTQIA+ anthems through the decade as we offer gratitude for those who came before us and move with the Spirit toward a fabulous future for all.

### BOSTON PRIDE FOR THE PEOPLE

*Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023*

Old South is marching! Out of the church and into the streets! We will gather in Mary Norton Hall to prepare signs beginning at 10 a.m.. We will then gather at our designated formation area (TBD) to gather for the parade, which begins at 11 a.m.. The parade will finish at Beacon St and Park St, between the Public Garden and the Common. **Hospitality Station:** Old South Church will host a Hospitality Station under the Portico on Boylston street from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. To add your name to the schedule go to [tinyurl.com/2023PrideHospitality](https://tinyurl.com/2023PrideHospitality).



### GET YOUR PRIDE SHIRT!

*Go to [tinyurl.com/OSCpride](https://tinyurl.com/OSCpride), shirts are made to order*

Our brand new 2023 Old South Pride T-Shirts are NOW AVAILABLE! They come in a large variety of styles, colors and sizes, including Youth T's, sweatshirts, and tanks. We encourage you to order yours NOW so that they will arrive in time for Pride!

### PRIDE WORSHIP WITH RAINBOW DISCO COFFEE HOUR

*Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 10 a.m.*

Join us for Pride Worship at Old South Church! We will host a single worship service at 10 a.m. in order to gather in greater solidarity. We will give the Open Door Award to the Boston Chapter of Drag Queen Story Hour in thanksgiving for the artistry that opens the way for more and more of God's children to see themselves in their full, diversely splendid glory. Following Worship, we'll gather in Gordon Chapel for Rainbow Disco Coffee hour, featuring delicious treats, fabulous music, and even more fabulous community.

### PRIDE NIGHT AT FENWAY PARK

*Tuesday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, 7:10 p.m., only 15 tickets available*

Join Old South members and friends for the annual Pride Night at Fenway Park as the Red Sox take on the Colorado Rockies. Tickets are \$40 each; only 15 spots available! Financial assistance is available. Email [ashley@oldsouth.org](mailto:ashley@oldsouth.org) to order tickets.

## **MONUMENTAL ONE-DAY RETREAT @OSC**

*June 17<sup>th</sup>, 8:45 a.m. - 4 p.m. (lunch provided), All Ages Welcome, Free (donations accepted)*

Go to [tinyurl.com/2023OSCOneDay](https://tinyurl.com/2023OSCOneDay) to register by June 11<sup>th</sup>

What are monuments for? Whose stories do they hold up for celebration? Whose stories do they erase or bury?

- In our first workshop of the day, led by Wee The People Boston's Francie LaTour, we explore statues and monuments (famous and not so famous), question what they mean, and reimagine how they can celebrate values of community, equity, and justice. Hands-on making for all ages!
- Our day continues with a second workshop for adults focusing on monuments and representation at Old South, led by Old South pastors and leaders, along with our guest. Children will have their own afternoon activities with Children's Ministries staff.

## **HEARD IT AT COUNCIL**

Go to [oldsouth.org/news/heard-it-council-may-2023](https://oldsouth.org/news/heard-it-council-may-2023) to read the latest update from Church Historian Kate Silfen. The Council meeting included discussions of the treasury, Christian Service and Outreach Grants, and Senior Minister Search updates.

## **SUMMER GREEN TIP: Use Natural Light**

Using natural light helps to decrease the need to use artificial lights in your home – saving energy in the long run. Research also suggests natural light boosts Vitamin D, decreases seasonal depression, improves sleep, and improves health.

## **PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE**

The Pastoral Search Committee has reached a unanimous decision about the candidate God is calling to serve as the 21st Senior Minister of Old South Church. Our discussions were rich and complex and prayerful – joyful and hopeful to be sure but also personal and humbling and at times painful. Through the process, we came to know and understand one another and the church we love more deeply. We believe we have heard God's voice in one another and we are thrilled to be ready to present our recommendation to the Church Council on June 13th. Following the deliberation and discernment of the Church Council, we anticipate introducing the candidate to the church. The candidate will preach at a Sunday service – hopefully in late June! The service will be followed by a congregational meeting in which we will discuss and vote to call a new Senior Minister.

## VESPERS HEALING WORSHIP

Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, 5 p.m. on Zoom, go to [tinyurl.com/OSCHealing](https://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.

## JAZZ WORSHIP

Thursdays, 6 p.m., in the Gordon Chapel or at [oldsouth.org/jazz](https://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 p.m.

## VOLUNTEER WITH OUR PARTNERS:

### MATTAPAN FOOD AND FITNESS COALITION



Go to [tinyurl.com/2023MattapanFarmersMarket](https://tinyurl.com/2023MattapanFarmersMarket) to sign up

Mattapan Food and Fitness Coalition is one of our Christian Service and Outreach Grantees. In addition to their amazing work advocating for community health, they operate the Mattapan Square Farmer's Market. Helping with the Farmer's Market is one of the ways you can volunteer and make a difference. The market runs Saturdays, July-October. It is not only a place to purchase healthy food, but also serves as a place to bring residents together and a resource for health education and other social issues. The market's 17<sup>th</sup> season runs July 8<sup>th</sup> through October 28<sup>th</sup>.

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## WEEKLY WORSHIP

Join us in person, on Vimeo,  
Facebook, and YouTube

**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

**Vespers Healing Worship** *gentle & tender* 2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays at 5 p.m.



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