

Old South Church *in* Boston ❖ June 1, 2025 ❖ 11:00 a.m.

Youth Sunday

Take heart, it is not too late to build a better world.

GATHER

Prelude

Salt

Lizz Wright

*OPENING SONG

Welcome to the Mystery

Swing! ♪ = ♪³♪

Wel-come to the mys-ter - y, wel-come to the great I AM.

Wel-come to the fam-i - ly of the liv-ing and the an - gel band.

Wel-come to all us sin-ners and saints, wel-come to be-liev-ers and to those who ain't.

Wel-come to the mys-ter-y, wel-come to the fam - i - ly.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. The first staff begins with a 'Swing!' tempo marking and a triplet symbol. The lyrics are written below the notes. The music is a simple, welcoming melody.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Chara B.

God is our light and our hope; whom shall we fear?

God is the stronghold of our lives; of whom shall we be afraid?

The heavens proclaim God's righteousness, and all the peoples behold Their glory.

We hear and are glad, the towns and cities rejoice,

For you, O God, are most high over all the earth.

Light dawns for the righteous, and joy for the upright in heart.

Come, let us sing to our God: let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

**Indicates all who are able may stand*

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

ANTHEM

A Million Dreams
from “The Greatest Showman”

Mac Huff, *arr.*

THE OLD SOUTH CHILDREN’S CHOIR

Aislin Kate Anderson, *director*
Yuexuan Joyce Wang, *accompanist*

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 it all sounds crazy.
They can say I’ve lost my mind
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 keepin’ 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.
Oh, 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.
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,
I close my eyes to see...

WELCOME

LISTEN

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Declan G.

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 5:13-16

Cole G.

*HYMN

This Little Light of Mine

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine...

Hide it under a bushel (no!), I'm gonna let it shine...

When I see my neighbor, I'm gonna let it shine

*During the hymn, children that wish may meet childcare staff
in the back of the sanctuary and proceed to the 3rd floor.*

SERMON

How Salt Imagery
Can Make Sense of Being the Light of the World

Mark S.

*HYMN 181

You Are Salt for the Earth, O People

BRING FORTH

RESPOND

*CALL TO PRAYER

Julia B.

God be with you.

And also with you.

May the peace of Christ dwell in your hearts.

Christ is our peace, our light, and our hope.

Let us pray. *Please be seated.*

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father 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

All the Poor and Powerless

CALL TO THE OFFERING

Evie P.



To give via ApplePay, GooglePay,
or Credit Card, scan the QR code.
You can also Text 44-321
and enter OSC to make a gift.

If you're new to Old South,
scan the QR code with your
smartphone camera
to tell us more about yourself.



OFFERTORY

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

Lloyd Larson, *arr.*

*Bless the Lord, O my soul,
O my soul, worship his holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul.
I'll worship your holy name.*

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning;
it's time to sing your song again.
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,
let me be singing when the evening comes.

You're rich in love and you're slow to anger,
your name is great and your heart is kind;
for all your goodness I will keep on singing,
ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

And on that day when my strength is failing,
the end draws near and my time has come;
still my soul sings your praise unending,
ten thousand years and then forevermore.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

BLESSING OF SENIORS

Kate M. Nintcheu,
Rory Razon,
Rachel J. Barton

*HYMN

Light of the World

Stephen Schwartz

You are the light of the world.
You are the light of the world.
But if that light's under a bushel, it's lost something kind of crucial,
You got to stay bright to be the light of the world.

You are the salt of the earth.
You are the salt of the earth
But if that salt has lost its flavor, it ain't got much in its favor
You can't have that fault and be the salt of the earth.

Refrain

**So let your light so shine before all,
Let your light so shine.
So that they might know some kindness again,
We all need help to feel fine.**

You are the city of God.
You are the city of God
But if that city's on a hill, it's kind of hard to hide it well
You gotta stay pretty in the city of God.

Refrain

You are the light of the world.
You are the light of the world
But the tallest candlestick ain't much good without a wick
You gotta live right to be the light of the world.

*BIDDING TO MISSION AND BENEDICTION

Mark S.

POSTLUDE

Bringing in the Light

Willie Sordillo



Welcome the Willie Sordillo Ensemble
Zoë Krohne, Renese King
Doug Rich, Willie Sordillo
to lead us in a Jazzy June.

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

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



GRADUATING SENIORS

Mark Snekvik is graduating from Boston Latin School. This summer, Mark will be traveling to Eastern Europe with his school and diving more in depth to learning Spanish and Mandarin Chinese. Next year, Mark will be attending Harvard College and is interested in pursuing a degree in Comparative Literature and Economics. He wants to write for the school newspaper and sing in the Gospel Choir. In his free time, Mark enjoys playing piano, writing, and going out with friends.

Liesel Krohne is graduating from Framingham High School. Liesel is a dedicated and talented athlete: she Captained her school's cross-country team for two years, ran varsity for three seasons, and her relay team placed 6th in Division 1 relays. Liesel will spend her summer running and enjoying the warm weather before attending Sacred Heart University in the fall. She hopes to major in Health Science and Radiography.

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 serve as a sanctuary in the city of Boston.

NEW AT OLD SOUTH?

Welcome! We are so glad you're here! Please take a moment to fill out a friendship pad so that we can be in touch with you. If you have any questions or would like to talk to a minister to learn more about the church, contact Associate Minister Ashley Popperson at ashley@oldsouth.org.

Children are welcome in all aspects of worship. We also offer childcare from 8:20am-12:30pm every Sunday and Church School at 10am. For questions about our children's and family ministries, email children@oldsouth.org.

For LARGE print bulletins or children's bulletins, please ask an Usher.

An accessible, single-stall restroom is available near Reception. More restrooms are available, ask at the reception desk.

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 & concerts). For more information check out www.oldsouth.org/your-first-visit or see the front desk.

LEARN MORE

Check out the church website www.oldsouth.org for more on the history and ministries of Old South. See www.oldsouth.org/calendar for a calendar of current events.

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OLD SOUTH CHURCH *in* BOSTON — MINISTERS, OFFICERS, & STAFF

John M. Edgerton, *Senior Minister*
Ashley J. Popperson, *Associate Minister* ❖ Rachel J. Barton, *Associate Minister for Transformation*
Gracie Paterson, *Nancy S. Taylor Leadership Fellow* ❖ Kat Woodard, *Seminarian*

Donald A. Wells, *Theologian in Residence* ❖ June R. Cooper, *Theologian in the City*
David F. Story, *Wedding Minister* ❖ Kenneth H. Orth, *Healing Worship Minister*

James W. Crawford, *Senior Minister Emeritus* ❖ Nancy S. Taylor, *Senior Minister Emeritus*

Mitchell Crawford, *Minister of Music*
Audrey Woodhams, *Creative Director for Thursday Night Church*
Tim Harbold, *Director, Gospel Choir* ❖ Peter Coulombe, *Director, Old South Ringers*

Kate Nintcheu, *Director, Children & Family Ministries*
Summer Marsh, *Director, Old South Preschool*
Aislin Kate Anderson, *Children's Choir Director* ❖ Yuexuan Joyce Wang, *Children's Choir Accompanist*

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

Maren Batalden, *Moderator* ❖ Rob Gabler, *Clerk* ❖ Donna Matson, *Treasurer*
Debby Kuenstner, *Chair, Board of Trustees* ❖ Kate Silfen, *Historian*
Rebecca Bowen & Laurie Stickels, *Senior Deacons*

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.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

YOUTH SUNDAY

Sunday, June 1, at First and Festival Worship

On the last day of our regular program year, Old South's Youth Group will lead worship they have crafted. During Festival Worship we will celebrate and lift up this year's graduating High School Seniors, including our morning's preacher, Mark S.

END OF THE PROGRAM YEAR CELEBRATION BRUNCH

Sunday, June 1, 10am, second floor Mary Norton Hall

Sign up to set-up, clean-up, or bring a dish at tinyurl.com/2025YearEndPotluck

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

RETIRED AND READY VISITS THE ATHENAEUM

RSVP by Today, June 1, to Charlotte Simpson at char.r.simpson@gmail.com

June 3, 11am, 10 1/2 Beacon Street,

Have you had a visit to the Athenaeum on your bucket list but never followed through? If so, here's your opportunity. Join us on June 3rd at 11 AM for a self guided tour. The Athenaeum is located at 10-1/2 Beacon Street, very close to the Park Street and Government Center T stops on the red and green lines. Tickets are \$10. Lunch will follow at the Beacon Hill Books and Cafe.

PENTECOST SUNDAY

OPEN DOOR AWARD & BOOK SIGNING WITH DAN MCCLELLAN

Sunday, June 8, beginning at Festival Worship

Dr. Dan McClellan is the country's most popular biblical scholar. With a million followers on social media, Dan has done amazing work to expand access to rigorous biblical scholarship. He will be honored with the Open Door Award on Sunday June 8 at

Festival worship. Following that event, he will hold a book signing and author talk in the sanctuary for his upcoming book: *The Bible Says So: what we get right (and wrong) about scripture's most controversial issues*. Tickets are free, please go to tinyurl.com/DanMcClellanatOSC to register to help estimate attendance.



PRIDE @ OLD SOUTH

BOSTON PRIDE FOR THE PEOPLE

Saturday, June 14

Out of the church and into the streets! Old South will be hosting UCC churches from across the region to march together in Boston's Pride parade. We will gather in Gordon Chapel, beginning at 10:15am. We will travel from there to gather at our designated formation area (TBD) for the parade which begins at 11am. The parade will finish at Beacon St and Park St, between the Public Garden and the Common. Old South Church will host a Hospitality Station under the Portico on Boylston street from 10am-12pm. Volunteer at tinyurl.com/PrideHospitality.

PRIDE WORSHIP WITH RAINBOW DISCO COFFEE HOUR

Sunday, June 15, at First and Festival Worship

Join us for Pride Worship at Old South Church! We will gather as our most fabulous selves to worship the God who made us fearfully and wonderfully. Services at 9am and 11am. Rainbow Disco Coffee Hour at 10am & 12pm.

PRIDE SHIRTS FOR PURCHASE

Go to tinyurl.com/2025PrideShirt to order

Our Queerly Beloved Pride Shirts are now available - made to order and mailed to your home! You can choose from different styles (t-shirts, hoodies, etc.), including youth sizes, and many color options for each style.

NEW TO OLD SOUTH? COME TO CONNECTIONS LUNCH

Sunday, June 8, 12:15pm

Connections lunches are great places to get to know other newcomers, learn more about Old South, and get more deeply connected. If you would like to join us for lunch or are interested in joining Old South as a member, please email Ashley Popperson.

VESPERS HEALING WORSHIP

Sunday, June 8, 5pm on Zoom, [Click here 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.

REMOTE SMALL GROUP

Sunday, June 8 at 4pm EST on Zoom, Go to tinyurl.com/OSC2025RemoteGroup to join

Join fellow Old Southerners on Zoom for a time of fellowship and reflection particularly for our members for whom in-person events are not easily accessible. It will be a time of fellowship and conversation, enjoying one another's good company!

LAST SUNDAY TO SIGN UP SACRED REBELLION EXHIBIT PRIVATE TOUR

Saturday June 7, 2:00 p.m, contact Kate Silfen at to sign up at ksilfen5@gmail.com

Join Old South Historian Kate Silfen for a private tour of the Congregational Library & Archives' new in-person exhibition, Sacred Rebellion: Congregationalists in Revolutionary Massachusetts. The exhibition highlights the stories of Massachusetts Congregationalists drawn from the CLA's important collections -- including some Old South Church stories!

JAZZY JUNE AT OLD SOUTH CHURCH

Get ready for a Jazzy June next month during Festival Worship! It will be a feast of swinging, soulful music, brought to you through the combined efforts of the Willie Sordillo Ensemble, Summer Choir, and Gospel Choir. This musical series will be an uplifting way to bid farewell to the Sanctuary before we decamp to the Chapel for July and August. In particular, we're thrilled to bring elements of Old South's groundbreaking Jazz Worship to our Festival service during these weeks. Come prepared to sing some of your favorite tunes, and revel in the artistic chemistry of Willie, Zoë, and the band.

SUMMER CHOIR

Contact Mitchell Crawford at mitchell@oldsouth.org for more information

The Old South Summer Choir is a welcoming and encouraging community of those who love to sing. This ensemble is an integral part of Festival Worship from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day, gathering at 10am to prepare for the 11am service. Summer Choir is a great opportunity to check out our music ministry, share your love of singing, grow your musical abilities, or try something new. No experience or preparation is necessary. Feel free to join us as your Sunday schedule allows!

GREEN TIP: Avoid Fast Food

Avoid Fast Food Did you know the biggest contributor to the waste floating in the oceans (49%) is from fast food? Not only is fast food often unhealthy, it creates a ton of garbage! Instead of fast food, opt for wholesome meals with lots of fruits and veggies. You will find better food comes in less packaging and you'll feel better too.

MONDAY SMALL GROUP STARTING NEW BOOK

Mondays, 7pm, Gordon Library, for more info contact Jenniferhkeen@gmail.com

Do you have interest and time, for a pre summer June read?? We're starting a new read for the Monday night Small Group: *The Book of Hope, A survival Guide for Trying Times*, by Jane Goodall. We'll look at Goodall's take on a world that seems so troubled, how do we hold on to hope? Jane Goodall, the world's most famous living naturalist, and Douglas Abrams, the internationally bestselling co-author of *The Book of Joy*, explore through intimate and thought-provoking dialogue one of the most sought after and least understood elements of human nature: hope. In *The Book of Hope*, Jane focuses on her "Four Reasons for Hope": The Amazing Human Intellect, The Resilience of Nature, The Power of Young People, and The Indomitable Human Spirit.

CHRISTIAN SERVICE AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE SEEKS GRANTEES WE ARE PROUD TO PARTNER WITH LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS

Email outreach@oldsouth.org to provide your suggestions by June 30

The Christian Service & Outreach Committee (CSOC) continues Old South's history of service by supporting the work of local non-profits through grant giving and connecting our grantees with the human capital our congregation has to offer. Each year, CSOC reviews local non-profit organizations and invites several to apply for consideration for one of our grants or awards. We are soliciting recommendations from the congregation for organizations to consider for 2025. We are particularly interested in learning about Boston-based non-profits that serve the local Boston community and offer hands-on volunteer opportunities.

WEEKLY WORSHIP

Join us in person, on Facebook, and YouTube

Thursday night church, Thursdays at 6:00 p.m.

FIRST Worship Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

FESTIVAL Worship Sundays at 11:00 a.m.

VESPERS HEALING Worship, Second Sundays at 5:00 p.m. via Zoom



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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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