

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

March 13th, 2022 Second Sunday in Lent

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** 

Kyrie, Gott Vater in Ewigkeit, BWV 669

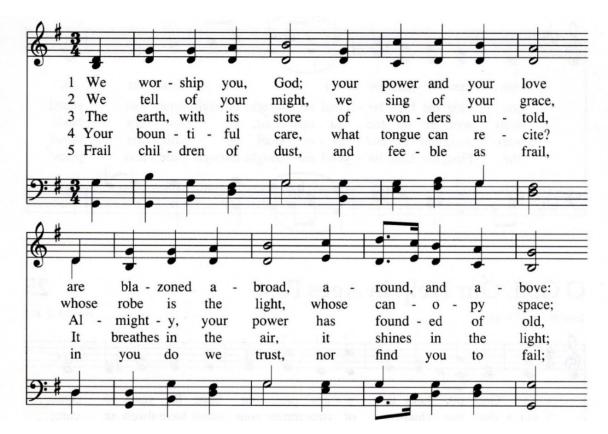
J. S. Bach

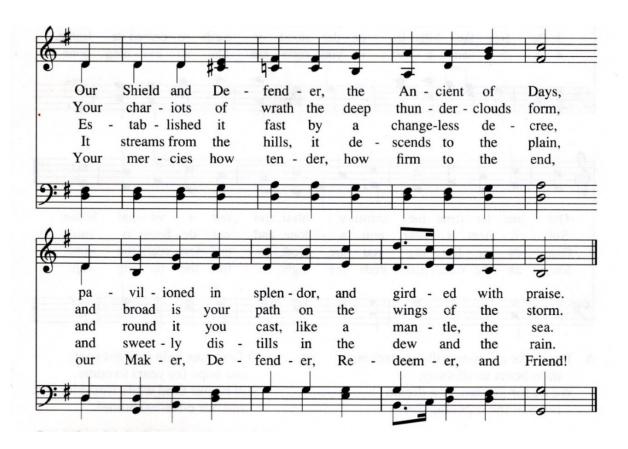
**HYMN** 

## We Worship You, God

LYONS

The Processional Banner Bearers are Mirabelle Berman Reinhardt and Sarah Cowles.





CALL TO WORSHIP Katherine A Schofield

One: Surely God is in this place and we did not know it!

Many: This is none other than the house of God, the gate of Heaven.

One: Let us abide in the place of the Almighty,

Many: finding refuge under the shelter of holy wings.

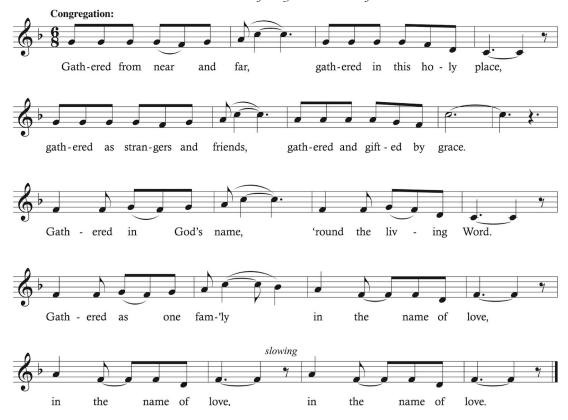
One: Let us enter God's gates with thanksgiving Many: and come into God's courts with praise!

### PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

#### Gathered in God's Name

**Solo:** Gathered in God's name 'round the living Word. Gathered as one family in the name of love.



### WORDS OF WELCOME

ANTHEM Jubilate in C Benjamin Britten

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands: serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his presence with a song.

Be ye sure that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and speak good of his Name.

For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting: and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: world without end. Amen. (*Psalm 100*)

(Though often ascribed masculine or feminine pronouns in prose and poetry, God is unbound by human concepts of gender.)

# THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

### Camille Julia Frenette

Godparents: Katie Baca and Kevin Conroy

#### Olivia Madeline Frenette

Godparents: Sylvan Baca and Elizabeth Frenette

Children of Julia and Michael Frenette Sisters to Isabel Ana Frenette

#### PRESENTATION AND INTRODUCTION

Nancy S. Taylor

#### LITANY OF BAPTISM

One: We are gathered to present Camille Julia and Olivia Madeline to the Church and to dedicate them to God. What can we affirm about them?

Many: They are children of God, made in God's image.

As these young ones grow and mature, how will they know they arechildren of God and how will they learn of the Christian story?

Many: We will tell them about Abraham and Sarah, the parents of our faith; about Moses and Miriam who led our ancestors out of bondage; about Mary and Joseph's openness to mystery; about the Savior, Jesus.

In turn, what will we expect of them?

Many: We look forward to sitting with them at the Lord's Table, sharing with them the costs and joys of discipleship, learning and growing with them in the Christian pilgrimage, and declaring with one voice our faith in God and God's son, Jesus.

Do you, Julia and Michael, parents, assume your primary responsibility for fulfilling these expectations by growing with your children in the Christian faith, helping them to become faithful members of the church of Jesus Christ, and by offering them the nurture and support of the Christian church? And do you, Katie and Kevin, Sylvan and Elizabeth, godparents, agree to guide your godchildren into becoming engaged and complete human beings, teaching them about personal sacrifice for a greater good, about grace and reconciliation at times of human weakness, and the power of unconditional love for all people?

Parents/Godparents: We happily and genuinely accept this serious duty.

And Old South Church, do you pledge to maintain a nurturing and challenging Christian environment for Camille and Olivia?

Many: We do, for they belong to us as well.

One: Then, may God be with us.

Many: God help us. Amen.

BLESSING THE WATER

ACT OF BAPTISM

### CONGREGATIONAL WELCOME

Sara Donahue, Deacon

We rejoice in God's empowering love, freely given to each and all. We welcome you, newly baptized, into the circle of love in Christ's Church. We promise to pray for you, to seek the depths of faith with you, to support you, and to love you. We covenant with you to love God with all our hearts, minds, souls, and strength, and our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.

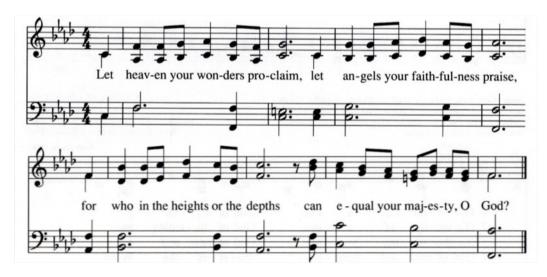
# **ATTEND**

SCRIPTURE Psalm 97:1-7 Pam Roberts

### HYMN Let Heaven Your Wonders Proclaim

MARTINEZ

The **Congregation** sings the refrain *only*— the choir sings each verse.



**SERMON** 

Gathering: The Church-Going Habit Inspired by a sermon preached by the Rev. George Gordon, 15th Senior Minister of Old South Church in Boston Shawn M. Fiedler

**HYMN 470** 

Golden Breaks the Dawn

LE P'ING

CALL TO PRAYER

Nancy S. Taylor

One: God be with you.

Many: And also with you.

One: We lift our eyes to the hills—from where will our help come? Many: Our help is from God, who made heaven and earth.

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 and Worship God

Lim Swee Hong, arr.

Come and worship God with songs of praise, Give our thanks and bless God's name. God is great, full of mercy and love, In spirit and truth, let's worship God.

# **RESPOND**

#### CALL TO THE OFFERING

Howard Cha-Young Kim



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

OFFERTORY I Was Glad David Hurd

I was glad when they said unto me, let us go to the house of the Lord. Now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity with itself:
to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord,
the assembly of Israel, to praise the Name of the Lord.
For there are the thrones of judgment, the thrones of the house of David.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: may they prosper who love you.

Peace be within your walls, and quietness within your towers.

For my brethren and companion's sake, I pray for your prosperity.

Because of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek to do you good.

(Psalm 122)

## BLESSING AND REDEDICATION OF SPACES

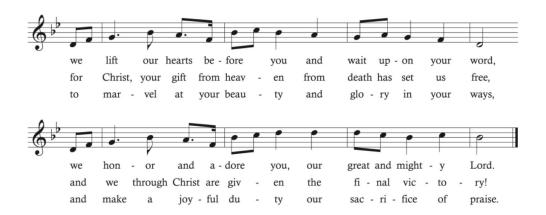
Nancy S. Taylor

**HYMN** 

## O God, Beyond All Praising

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### BIDDING TO MISSION AND BENEDICTION

Shawn M. Fiedler

David N. Johnson

POSTLUDE Trumpet Tune in A

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The flowers today are given in loving memory of Valerie Papillo by Steve Dutton.



### **TODAY'S CALENDAR**

8:45 a.m.	Childcare 3 <sup>rd</sup> flr (available through 12:30 p.m.)
9:00 a.m.	FIRST Worship, (h)
9:45 a.m.	Coffee Hour in Gordon Chapel
10:00 a.m.	Community Hour: The Forum, 2 <sup>nd</sup> flr (h)
10:00 a.m.	Festival Choir Rehearsal
10:00 a.m.	Drop-In Bible Study, 4th flr (h)
10:00 a.m.	Youth Group, (h)
10:00 a.m.	Church School (b)
11:00 a.m.	FESTIVAL Worship, (h)
12:15 p.m.	Coffee Hour in Gordon Chapel
12:15 p.m.	(G)RACE Speaks Anti-Racism Workshop, (h)
12:30 p.m.	HEALING Worship (Zoom only)
1:15 p.m.	O.W.L. Program (offsite)
	9:00 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:15 p.m. 12:15 p.m. 12:30 p.m.

(h) indicates hybrid activity, links at oldsouth.org/Sundays



Check out the church website at <a href="mailto:nww.oldsouth.org/Sundays">nww.oldsouth.org/Sundays</a> for everything Sundays, <a href="mailto:nww.oldsouth.org/calendar">nww.oldsouth.org/calendar</a> for a calendar of events, and the general website <a href="mailto:nww.oldsouth.org">nww.oldsouth.org</a> for more on the history and other information about this storied ship of faith!

### **NOTES ON TODAY'S MUSIC**

The musical "canticles" of the Anglican Church — liturgical hymns or psalms, usually with Biblical texts — most often exist in pairs (Magnificat and Nunc dimittis; Te deum and Jubilate, etc.), allowing the use of a "set" of canticles within the context of a single worship service. Early in his career, composer Benjamin Britten wrote a Te deum in C major for which a companion canticle was never released (one was composed, however: the early Jubilate in E-flat was published posthumously, in 1984). Some thirty years after composing this Te deum, a request from HRH the Duke of Edinburgh compelled Britten to complete the set; the result was the Jubilate in C we hear today. The writing is often for pairs of voices — sopranos with tenors; altos with basses — which move along in parallel phrases, though subtly offset from one another. This practice, called heterophony, was gleaned from the eastern music Britten encountered during this period of his life. Much of the music is lighthearted and even playful in character, but is contrasted with sudden passages of stark quiet and calm. Prince Philip's reaction to the work was not recorded.

Come and Worship God incorporates indigenous Thai music adapted for Christian worship in Thailand by the husband and wife team of Ruth and Inchai Srisuwan, who direct the work of the Thai Faith and Music Foundation. The piece uses the pipe organ to simulate the timbre of the khaen (also spelled khene) — a Thai mouth organ bearing similarities to the harmonica.

The setting of Psalm 122 (I Was Glad) by American composer David Hurd was intended to convey something of the splendor of the famous setting of the same text by C. Hubert H. Parry, but on a more modest scale. Written for the Cathedral of St. Paul in Des Moines, Iowa, Hurd's setting nevertheless contains all the trappings of the Anglican cathedral music style. The opening is characterized by bold expressions and splashy fanfares, with the blues-inflected harmonies of the tranquil central portion standing in relief. Dr. Hurd served for 39 years as Professor of Sacred Music and Director of Chapel Music at General Theological Seminary in Manhattan, and is currently Director of Music for the Church of St. Mary the Virgin in Times Square.

-Mitchell Crawford, Minister of Music

### OLD SOUTH CHURCH IN BOSTON MINISTERS, OFFICERS, & STAFF

Nancy S. Taylor, Senior Minister & James W. Crawford, Senior Minister Emeritus
Katherine A. Schofield, Interim Associate Minister & Shawn M. Fiedler, Acting Associate Minister
Donald A. Wells, Theologian in Residence & June R. Cooper, Theologian in the City
Howard Cha-Young Kim, Pastoral Resident & jessica young chang, Seminarian
David Story, Wedding Minister v Ken Orth, Healing Worship Minister

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

Kate Nintcheu, Director, Children & Family Ministries Martha Schick, Youth & Young Adult Ministries Leader 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 Ralph Watson, Snowden Partnership Coordinator & Karen Hand, Wedding Coordinator Rémy Hatfield-Gardner & William Wei, Livestream Production Assistant

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

Phil Stern, Moderator & Rob Gabler, Clerk & Bill Bulkeley, Treasurer
Kristi Geary, Chair, Board of Trustees & Kate Silfen, Historian
Paul Brouillette & Susan Navia, 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.



### **UKRANIAN REFUGEE SUPPORT**

Donate at http://tinyurl.com/OSC-online-giving or reach out to Helen@oldsouth.org

Old South is launching a matching campaign to support Ukranian refugees. We are partnering with Marborough UCC and the Diakonia of the Lutheran Church in Poland (www.diakonia.org.pl). They are helping both refugees that fled to Poland (mainly women and children) and the Diakonia of the German Lutheran Church in Ukraine, centered in Kharkiv that is being bombed as we speak. Help is given by Diakonia to people regardless of their religion or lack thereof. The outreach committee is donating \$2000 and we would love to mobilize more congregational support as well.

### PASTORAL TRANSITION LISTENING SESSION MARCH 13th

10:00 a.m. Community Hour and at tinyurl.com/OSCForum Fill out the Transition Survey at tinyurl.com/OSCtransitionform

We've assembled a Transition Committee to draft the Church Profile for Old South's next Senior Minister, and we want to hear from YOU! What personal qualities are you looking for in our next Senior Minister? What important skills should the next Senior Minister possess? What is God calling Old South to become in the coming years? You can also reach out to transition@oldsouth.org with your thoughts and/or to request a Transition Committee rep to conduct a listening session with your small group or committee.

### **COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE**

Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., 2nd floor

The Red Cross continues to experience a severe blood shortage. Want to help out? Donate blood to help end the critical shortage status with the Red Cross. Go to tinyurl.com/BloodDriveOSC or call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) to make an appointment.

# **CONNECTIONS Two Opportunities!**

Saturday, March 19th, at 10 a.m, in Rev. Taylors office or

Sunday, March 20th, 12:15 p.m. 4<sup>th</sup> floor Guild Room or tinyurl.com/March22Connections

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? Join our Connections Info Session! For more info contact Rev. Katherine Schofield at katherine@oldsouth.org.

#### **HEALING WORSHIP**

Sunday, March 13th, at 12:30 p.m., on Zoom at tinyurl.com/OSCHealing

Join us to take a moment for rest and renewal in the presence of God and other spiritual companions. 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.

### **UPCOMING COMMUNITY HOUR FORUMS: OLD SOUTH AT THE OSCARS**

Sundays, 10:00 a.m., 2nd Floor Mary Norton Hall and on Zoom, go to tinyurl.com/OSCForum to join Join us each week as we explore an Oscar-nominated film through the lens of Christian faith. Come, having seen the movies, and channel your inner Siskel (or Ebert) ... or just be prepared for spoilers!

- 3/20 "Don't Look Up" Two low-level astronomers must go on a giant media tour to warn humankind of an approaching comet that will destroy planet Earth. Starring Leonardo DiCaprio and Jennifer Lawrence. Available on Netflix.
- 3/27 "Encanto" The Madrigals are an extraordinary family who live hidden in the mountains of Colombia in a charmed place called the Encanto. The magic of the Encanto has blessed every child in the family with a unique gift -- every child except Mirabel. However, she soon may be the Madrigals last hope when she discovers that the magic surrounding the Encanto is now in danger. Music by Lin-Manuel Miranda. Available on Disney+.

### **GREEN TIP**

### A CREATION-CARING LENT: WEEK TWO - FOOD

Go to tinyurl.com/OSCLent2022-2 to read this week's full reflection

Go to tinyurl.com/OSC2022LentCommitment to mark your commitment

Eating is a moral act. How can we ensure that our food choices honor, rather than exploit God's creation. IF YOU CAN ONLY DO ONE THING, reduce your red meat consumption. Click here for this week's full reflection on Consumption, and to mark your commitment.

### LENTEN DEVOTIONAL: VINCENT VAN GOGH AND THE BEAUTY OF LENT

Access the devotional at tinyurl.com/2022SaltDevotional

Gather at the Forum on Palm Sunday, April 10th, at 10:00 a.m. to discuss

Vincent van Gogh devoted his life to light: the light of creation, the light of painting, the light of God's grace – and the light in humanity, mind, body, and soul. In just ten years of his short life, from age 27 to 37, he created more than 2000 luminous works of art – go to tinyurl.com/SaltVanGoghLinks see some of his paintings – shimmering with vitality, with passion, and above all, with light. The word "Lent" refers to the "lengthening" light, the growing days that, in time, will coax the sunflowers to open, the wheat fields to rise again, and the irises to bloom. This Lent the Christian Formation Committee invites you to dive weekly into the words of Scripture and the paintings and letters of Vincent van Gogh such that each will shine light on the other and point toward simple, powerful practices you can try yourself, or with your family or friends.

## ANTI-RACISM SEMINARS (Sundays or Wednesdays)

Next Sunday session March 13th at 12:15 p.m

Next Wednesday session March 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

Go to tinyurl.com/Antiracism-Training-2022 to join, passcode: OSCBoston

(G)RACE Speaks offers two four-week interactive seminars to facilitate dialogue on the intra-racial church, intra = within or inside one group. Through personal stories, dialogues are focused on understanding and finding the means of dealing with conscious and unconscious racial behavior. Open to all. To help us plan, please sign up with nst@oldsouth.org, noting whether you will participate Sundays or Wednesdays. Ideally, you will can attend all four modules. (G)RACE speaks facilitates holy conversations around race among the members and friends of Old South Church. Schedule and more info at oldsouth.org/grace-speaks.

### **GRANT OPPORTUNITY - FAITH JOURNEYS: YOURS AND OURS**

As a part of our collective commitment to be a Teaching Church, the Christian Formation Committee announces the opening of a small grants program intended to support Old South members on our faith journeys and encouraging us to bring our own learning back to the community. Grants of up to \$3,000 will be awarded to Old South members to support experiences leading to personal spiritual growth and faith formation (such as attendance at a conference or enrollment in a course, participation in an advocacy or service learning endeavor, leadership development or training, or immersion experiences that enable intersectional relationship-building). Awardees will be expected to bring their experience back to the church to enable others to learn and grow in some way. Go to oldsouth.org/faithjourneys to learn more or apply.

#### **BIBLE STUDY**

Sundays at 9:00 a.m., 4<sup>th</sup> floor Sam Johnson Room, and Zoom at tinyurl.com/OSCBibleStudy
Delve into the day's scripture passage heard in worship. Led by our ministerial staff, this no-homework Bible study delights in taking a scholarly look at ancient texts. Don't leave your questions at the door; we need them. For more information contact jessica young chang at jess@oldsouth.org.

#### **COVID PRECAUTIONS**

- As of March 7<sup>th</sup>, masking is OPTIONAL (except for Church School teachers and children in classrooms)
- Masks are available at the front desk for those who choose to wear one
- We strongly encourage everyone to be fully vaxxed and boosted, to attend to handwashing, and to refrain from entering the building if you have so much as a sniffle.

#### PASTORAL TRANSITION CELEBRATION TEAM

The Celebration Team has been convened to plans ways to celebrate the tenure of Reverend Nancy Taylor. Save the date for a Celebration following worship on her final Sunday, May 22! In the coming weeks we will announce ways you can participate in celebrating and honoring Nancy, up to and including her final Sunday. This week we leave you with this reminder of The Taylor Leadership Fellowship.

# HONORING NANCY | THE NANCY S. TAYLOR LEADERSHIP FELLOWSHIP

Old South Church in Boston has long been a teaching church. Rev. Taylor's commitment to nurturing, guiding and mentoring seminarians and new ministers is a hallmark of her tenure at Old South Church. To honor and preserve this legacy, the Celebration Team announces the creation of the Nancy S. Taylor Leadership Fellowship. This program will be funded through an endowment and offered annually to a seminary student. The "Taylor Fellow", in addition to the seminarian Old South already supports, targets seminary students in their third or final year. To learn more about the fellowship visit oldsouth.org/nancy. To contribute to this endowment, visit oldsouth.org/donate.

## HOSPITALITY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR APRIL, MAY AND JUNE

Sign up today at https://tinyurl.com/SprHospitality2022

We are SOOOOOO excited to be returning to our two Sunday services (9 a.m. First and 11 a.m. Festival) in time for Easter and Marathon Sunday. Please consider joining in the warm welcome everyone who walks through our doors experiences. We are looking for ushers and welcomers for First and Festival Worship on Sundays and ushers for Jazz Worship on Thursdays. You can also let us know if you are available to usher for the 9 a.m., 11 a.m., and 1 p.m. Easter and Marathon Blessing Services on Easter Sunday.

### WEEKLY WORSHIP

Join us in person, on Vimeo, Facebook, and YouTube
JAZZ Worship, Thursdays at 6:00 p.m.
FIRST Worship Sunday 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.