



All Church Worship – Old South Church in Boston

April 26th, 2020 ❖ 10:00 a.m.

CARE OF CREATION 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

Christ ist erstanden (Christ is Risen), BWV 627

J.S. Bach

WELCOME

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Nancy S. Taylor

Welcome to worship! Introduce yourself and connect with us by signing our Virtual Fellowship Pad!

HYMN

O How Glorious, Full of Wonder

IN BABILONE

(recorded March 31st, 2019)

**O how glorious, full of wonder is your name o'er all the earth,
God, who wrought creation's splendor, bringing suns and stars to birth!
Rapt in reverence we adore you, marveling at your mystic ways.
Humbly now we bow before you, lifting up our hearts in praise.**

**When we see your lights of heaven, moon and stars, your power displayed,
Who are we that you should love us, creatures that your hand has made?
Born of earth, yet full of yearning, mixture strange of good and ill,
From your ways so often turning, yet your love does seek us still.**

**You have set us in communion with the wonders of your hand,
Made us fly with eagle pinion, pilgrims over sea and land.
Soaring spire and ruined city, these our hopes and failures show,
Teach us more of human pity, that we in your image grow.**

**O how wondrous, O how glorious is your name in every land,
God, whose purpose shines before us toward the goal that you have planned!
Yours the will our hearts are seeking, conscious of our human need.
Spirit in our spirit speaking, make us yours, O God, indeed.**

INVOCATION

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Amo Ngoepe

ATTEND

SCRIPTURE

Job 12: 7-10

Maddy Case

HOMILY

Katherine A. Schofield
and the Climate Change Task Force

HYMN

Touch the Earth Lightly

TENDERNESS

**Touch the earth lightly, use the earth gently,
nourish the life of the world in our care:
gift of great wonder, ours to surrender,
trust for the children tomorrow will bear.**

**Let there be greening, birth from the burning,
water that blesses and air that is sweet,
health in God's garden, hope in God's children,
regeneration that peace will complete.**

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Shawn M. Fiedler

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.

RESPOND

SPECIAL RECOGNITION: LEVEL TWO GREEN CONGREGATION

Richard Hassinger
SNEUCC Environmental Ministries Team

CALL TO THE OFFERING

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Katherine A. Schofield

OFFERTORY

The Kingdom
(recorded May 19, 2019)

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 fullness 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.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Nancy S. Taylor

HYMN

We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky

ENDLESS SONG

**We cannot own the sunlit sky, the moon, the wild-flowers growing,
For we are part of all that is within life's river flowing.
With open hands receive and share the gifts of God's creation,
That all may have abundant life in every earthly nation.**

**When bodies shiver in the night and weary wait for morning,
When children have no bread but tears, and war horns sound their warning,
God calls humanity to awake, to join in common labour,
That all may have abundant life, oneness with their neighbour.**

**God calls humanity to join as partners in creating
A future free from want or fear. Life's goodness celebrating,
That new world beckons from afar, invites our shared endeavor
That all might have abundant life, and peace endure forever.**

BIDDING TO MISSION AND BENEDICTION

Katherine A. Schofield

**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*

Mitchell Crawford, *Minister of Music*

Kate Nintcheu, *Director, Children & Family Ministries*

Donald A. Wells, *Theologian in Residence* ❖ June R. Cooper, *Theologian in the City*

Amo Ngoepe, *Pastoral Resident*

David Story, *Executive Assistant to the Senior Minister* ❖ Ken Orth, *Healing Worship Minister*

Martha Schick, *Youth & Young Adult Ministries Leader*

Carolyn Davis, *Director, Old South Preschool*

George Sargeant, *Associate Organist & Choirmaster*

Tim Harbold, *Director, Gospel Choir* ❖ Willie Sordillo, *Director, Jazz Worship Music*

Peter Coulombe, *Director, Old South Ringers* ❖ Amy Budka, *Children's Music Leader*

Phil Stern, *Moderator* ❖ Rob Gabler, *Clerk* ❖ Bill Bulkeley, *Treasurer*

Randy Billings, *Chair, Board of Trustees* ❖ Kate Silfen, *Historian*

Reuben Bonilla-Santiago & Susan Navia, *Senior Deacons* ❖ Vicki Newman, *Pledge Secretary*

Helen McCrady, *Senior Church Administrator* ❖ John Braught, *Director of Operations*

Jamie Garuti, *Communications Administrator* ❖ Rebecca Pasipanodya, *Assistant Church Administrator*

Linda Van Praet, *Accounting & Human Resources* ❖ David Albaugh, *Street Outreach Worker*

Allison Albaugh, *Wedding Coordinator* ❖ Emily Ross, *Archivist*

Elias Perez, *Senior Sexton* ❖ Ozo Nwodo, Richard Serebour, & David Brode, *Sextons*

Corey Spence, *Weekday Receptionist*

Shirley Bivins, Rubia Reyes, George Sargeant, & Vernon Walker, *Evening & Weekend Receptionists*

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.