



Phyllis Wheatley Sunday Children's Promenade — May 13th, 2018 ❖ Colin Pape, *photographer*

All Church Worship — Old South Church *in Boston*

May 10th, 2020 ❖ 10:00 a.m.

Mother's Day & Phillis Wheatley 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

Hold On!

Calvin Taylor

MOTHER'S DAY PROCLAMATION (1870)
by Julia Ward Howe

Read by the women of (G)RACE Speaks:

*Karin Wetmore, Mercedes Ridao, Ruth Purtilo, Laura Spooner-Fleming, Eliette Hilaire,
Deb Washington, Amo Ngoepe, Ros Modelo, Sheila Robinson, Janel Davis*

Arise then ... women of this day! Arise, all women who have hearts! Whether your baptism be of water or of tears!

Say firmly: "We will not have questions answered by irrelevant agencies. Our husbands will not come to us, reeking with carnage, for caresses and applause. Our sons shall not be taken from us to unlearn all that we have been able to teach them of charity, mercy and patience. We, the women of one country, will be too tender of those of another country to allow our sons to be trained to injure theirs."

From the voice of a devastated Earth a voice goes up with our own. It says: "Disarm! Disarm! The sword of murder is not the balance of justice."

Blood does not wipe out dishonor. Nor violence indicate possession. As men have often forsaken the plough and the anvil at the summons of war, let women now leave all that may be left of home for a great and earnest day of counsel. Let them meet first, as women, to bewail and commemorate the dead. Let them solemnly take counsel with each other as to the means whereby the great human family can live in peace ...each bearing after his own time the sacred impress, not of Caesar, but of God.

HYMN

Down By the Riverside

GOIN TO LAY DOWN MY BURDEN

Recorded February 16th, 2020

**Gonna lay down my burden down by the riverside,
down by the riverside, down by the riverside;
gonna lay down my burden down by the riverside,
gonna study war no more.**

Refrain:

**I ain't gonna to study war no more, ain't gonna to study war no more,
ain't goin' to study war no more.**

**I ain't gonna to study war no more, ain't gonna to study war no more,
ain't goin' to study war no more.**

**Gonna lay down my sword and shield down by the riverside,
down by the riverside, down by the riverside;
gonna lay down my sword and shield down by the riverside,
gonna study war no more. (refrain)**

**Gonna try on my long white robe down by the riverside,
down by the riverside, down by the riverside;
Gonna try on my long white robe down by the riverside,
gonna study war no more. (refrain)**

**Gonna try on my starry crown down by the riverside,
down by the riverside, down by the riverside;
Gonna try on my starry crown down by the riverside,
gonna study war no more. (refrain)**

WELCOME

<http://tinyurl.com/osconnect>

Nancy S. Taylor

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

PRAYER
by Maya Angelou

Amo Ngoepe

**Father, Mother God,
Thank you for your presence
during the hard and mean days.
For then we have you to lean upon.**

**Thank you for your presence
during the bright and sunny days,
for then we can share that which we have
with those who have less.**

**And thank you for your presence
during the Holy Days, for then we are able
to celebrate you and our families
and our friends.**

**For those who have no voice,
we ask you to speak.**

**For those who feel unworthy,
we ask you to pour your love out
in waterfalls of tenderness.**

**For those who live in pain,
we ask you to bathe them
in the river of your healing.**

**For those who are lonely, we ask
you to keep them company.**

**For those who are depressed,
we ask you to shower upon them
the light of hope.**

**Dear Creator, You, the borderless
sea of substance, we ask you to give all the
world that which we need most — Peace.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Nancy S. Taylor

ATTEND

SCRIPTURE

Psalms 137: 1-4

Shawn M. Fiedler

When Israel was in Egypt's land,
(Let my people go!)
 Oppressed so hard they could not stand.
(Let my people go!)

Refrain:
*Go down, Moses, way down in Egypt's land,
 Tell old Pharaoh to let my people go.*

No more in bondage shall they toil,
(Let my people go!)
 Nor spill their blood on Egypt's soil.
(Let my people go!)
(refrain)

Oh, let us all from bondage flee,
(Let my people go!)
 And let us all in Christ be free.
(Let my people go!)
(refrain)

REFLECTION

June R. Cooper

CHORAL RESPONSE

I Love the Lord, Who Heard My Cry
Recorded August 25th, 2019

Richard Smallwood, *arr.*

I love the Lord, who heard my cry and pitied every groan.
 Long as I live and troubles rise, I'll hasten to God's throne.

I love the Lord, who heard my cry and chased my grief away.
 O let my heart no more despair while I have breath to pray.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Amo Ngoepe

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

CALL TO THE OFFERING

<http://tinyurl.com/osc-online-giving>

Katherine A. Schofield

OFFERTORY

Total Praise
MEMBERS OF THE FIRST WORSHIP, GOSPEL, AND FESTIVAL CHOIRS
Tim Harbold, *conductor*
Recorded March 18th, 2018

Richard Smallwood

God, I will lift mine eyes to the hills,
Knowing my help is coming from You.
Your peace you give me in time of the storm.
You are the source of my strength;
You are the strength of my life;
I lift my hands in total praise to You. Amen

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN

We Shall Overcome

WE SHALL OVERCOME

**We shall overcome, we shall overcome,
we shall overcome some day;
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe,
we shall overcome some day.**

**Our God will see us through, our God will see us through,
our God will see us through some day,
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe,
our God will see us through some day.**

BIDDING TO MISSION AND BENEDICTION

June R. Cooper

**OLD SOUTH CHURCH IN BOSTON
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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.