September 22nd, 2019 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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	Elevation, op. 2	Marcel Dupré	
*HYMN 429	God, Bless Our Homes	CHARTERHOUSE	
*CALL TO WORSHIP		Shawn M. Fiedler	
One:	O God, you are the gathering one, who calls us to love one another,		
Many:	Because love is from God.		
One:	You are the gathering one, who calls us into relationship;		
Many:	To love and work, to support and heal.		
One:	You are the gathering one, who calls us into community with all people;		
Many:	To bring justice and hope, freedom and truth.		
One:	May we proclaim God's love in all that we say and do.		
Many:	y: In all creation, in our relationships, may God's love be made		
	known. Amen.		

*A SIGN OF OUR UNITY AND RECONCILIATION

* Indicates all who are able may stand

WORDS OF WELCOME

ANTHEM

For the Beauty of the Earth

Mack Wilberg, arr.

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night, hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light: (*refrain*)

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild: (*refrain*)

ATTEND

SCRIPTURE	Mark 3:31–35	Pam Roberts		
*HYMN 362	When Love is Found	O WALY WALY		
During the hymn children are invited to leave for choir and care.				
SERMON		Katherine A. Schofield		
*HYMN 533	Children of God	WELWYN		
*CALL TO PRAYER One: God be with you.		Amo Ngoepe		
Many:	And also with you.			
One:	May the peace of Christ dwell in your hearts.			
Many:	Christ is our peace, our light, and our hope.			

One: Let us pray. You may be seated.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

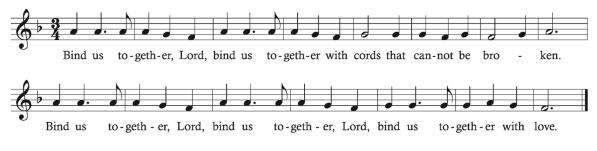
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE

Bind Us Together

Bob Gillman

Refrain: *choir and congregation*



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*)

RESPOND

CALL TO THE OFFERING

Shawn M. Fiedler

OFFERTORY

Faith of Our Mothers Phil Stern, *oboe*

Sally Ann Morris

Faith of our mothers, living still, through gifts derided, calls denied, striving undaunted through the years, till bolted doors have opened wide: faith of our mothers, firm and strong, voices long silenced rise in song!

Faith of our sisters, serving still, with towel and basin, cup and bread, tending earths needs with patient care, till hearts are healed and hungers fed: faith of our sisters' art and skill, loving with heart and mind and will.

Faith of our daughters, hoping still, venturing pathways yet untrod, partners in witness to the world, seeking a living, moving God: faith of our daughters, bold and true, restless till Christ makes all things new.

Faith of our families, growing still, varied in gender, class, and race, patchwork of patterns, shapes, and hues, vast as the mantle of God's grace: faith of our families, growing faith, we honor you in life and death.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN Insert	We Are the Body of Christ	SOMOS EL CUERPO DE CRISTO
*BIDDING TO MISSION	N AND BENEDICTION	Katherine A. Schofield
POSTLUDE	Allegro moderato et energico, Op. 28, No. 11	Christian Cappelen

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TODAY'S WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS: Pam Roberts, Member of the Church Council **Phil Stern,** Oboist and Vice Moderator of the Church Council

Join us for **Refreshments & Fellowship** in the Gordon Chapel following the Postlude. **New here?** Join a few Old Southers at **The Welcome Hub** by the piano immediately following the Postlude.

Close-Up, a 20-minute tour of the Sanctuary, begins following worship at the front of the Sanctuary. Led by Docent **Liz Morgan**.

The flowers today are given by **Bob Hohler** in loving memory of **Barbara Hohler**, who always gave the Sunday flowers on her birthday.

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WELCOME TO OLD SOUTH CHURCH

For LARGE print bulletins or children's bulletins please ask an Usher. The Chapel has full audio of the service if you need to stretch your legs.

HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES

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 https://www.oldsouth.org/your-first-visit or see the front desk.

OTHER INFORMATION ABOUT OLD SOUTH

Check out the church website at **www.oldsouth.org/calendar** for a calendar of events, and the general website **www.oldsouth.org** for more on the history, support staff, and other information about this storied ship of faith!

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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.