

OLD SOUTH CHURCH CELEBRATES



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

All Church Worship — Old South Church in *Boston*

February 7th, 2021 ❖ 10:00 a.m.

**The First Sunday in Black History Month
The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany**

*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

Adagio from the Sonata in F minor, Op. 65, No. 1

Felix Mendelssohn

WELCOME

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Shawn M. Fiedler

Welcome to worship!

*Go to the above site to find our Virtual Friendship Pad
and all things Sunday!*

THE PEACE

God is here! As we your people, meet to offer praise and prayer,
 May we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.
 Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts
 wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.

Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold;
 Here as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old.
 Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore
 what it means in daily living to believe and to adore.

Sovereign God, of earth and heaven, in an age of change and doubt,
 Keep us faithful to the gospel, help us work your purpose out.
 Here, in this day's celebration, all we have to give, receive:
 we, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!

INVOCATION

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Katherine A. Schofield

ATTEND

SCRIPTURE

Mark 1:32-39

Deb Washington

REFLECTION

Demons

Nancy S. Taylor

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST STATEMENT OF FAITH

Adopted by the General Synod in 1959

**We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit,
 God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God,
 and to your deeds we testify:
 You call the worlds into being,
 create persons in your own image,
 and set before each one the ways of life and death.
 You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.
 You judge people and nations by your righteous will
 declared through prophets and apostles.
 In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior,
 you have come to us
 and shared our common lot,
 conquering sin and death
 and reconciling the world to yourself.
 You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit,
 creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ,
 binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.**

You call us into your church

**to accept the cost and joy of discipleship,
to be your servants in the service of others,
to proclaim the gospel to all the world
and resist the powers of evil,
to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table,
to join him in his passion and victory.**

You promise to all who trust you

**forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace,
courage in the struggle for justice and peace,
your presence in trial and rejoicing,
and eternal life in your realm which has no end.**

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you.

Amen.

HYMN

Jesus Calls Us, o'er the Tumult

ST. ANDREW

**Jesus calls us, o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea;
day by day that voice still calls us, saying, "Christian, follow me,"
saying, "Christian, follow me."**

**As of old, Saint Andrew heard it by the Galilean lake,
turned from home and toil and kindred, leaving all for Jesus' sake,
leaving all for Jesus' sake.**

**Jesus calls us from the worship of the treasures we adore,
from each idol that would keep us, saying, "Christian, love me more,"
saying, "Christian, love me more."**

**In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease,
Jesus calls, in cares and pleasures, "Christian, love me more than these,"
"Christian, love me more than these."**

**Jesus calls us! By your mercies, Savior, may we hear your call,
give our hearts to your obedience, serve and love you best of all,
serve and love you best of all.**

PASTORAL PRAYER

Reamogetje S. Ngoepe

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Ever-loving and holy God, holy is your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven,
give us this day our daily bread and forgives us our trespasses as we forgive those who have trespassed against
us, lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For yours is the Kingdom, the power and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

PRAYER RESPONSE

My Lord, What a Morning
Recorded February 9th, 2020

Harry T. Burleigh, *arr.*

My Lord, what a morning
My Lord, what a morning
Oh, my Lord, what a morning
When the stars begin to fall.

TWO MINUTES OF BLACK HISTORY

Bay State Banner

June R. Cooper

s
"Speaking Out with (G)RACE Speaks": Black History Moment

Sing Out, March On (excerpt)

RESPOND

CALL TO THE OFFERING

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Thomas A. Mitchell

*Click the link above to donate online
and find all things Sunday!*

OFFERTORY

Be Now My Vision
THE OLD SOUTH RINGERS
Peter Coulombe, *director*

arr. Karen Thompson

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

Yoo-Kyung Kim
Nancy Lane
Tom Ralston
Betsy Roberts

PRESENTATION

Katherine A. Schofield

LITANY OF INTENT

One: Friends in Christ, we are all received into the church through the sacrament of baptism. These people have found nurture and support in the midst of the family of Christ. They have been led by the Spirit to affirm their baptism and to claim in our presence their covenantal relationship with Christ and the members of the Christian church.

All: They are here, as we are here, to endeavor to love God with all our heart, soul, and mind, and our neighbors as ourselves. God help us.

One: Friends who are joining, we rejoice in your pilgrimage of faith which has brought you to this time and place. We give thanks for every community of faith which has been your spiritual home, and we celebrate your presence in this household of faith. Do you promise, by the grace of God, to continue in your pilgrimage of faith, to be Christ's disciple, to resist oppression and evil, and to witness to the work and word of Jesus Christ as best you are able?

Those joining: We do.

One: Do you promise to walk with us in faithfulness and in Christian love? And do you promise, that so far as able, you will participate in the life of this church, by worshipping God with us, and offering your time, talent and means for the ministry of this church and for the larger church of which this is a part?

Those joining: We do.

One: Friends, we then welcome you as partners in the common life of this church and share our covenant of mission with you.

All: We pledge to give ourselves to the one whom Jesus called “Abba, Father,” as the God in whose love we are grounded, and to Jesus Christ, God incarnate, who rules our lives. We give ourselves to God the Holy Spirit, the One who sustains, recreates and guides us. We promise to walk in covenant with one another, with the wider church, and with the Old South Church, secure in God’s grace, and prepared in gratitude to live by the promise and serve in the hope of the Gospel.

THE RIGHT HAND OF CHRISTIAN FRIENDSHIP

Laura Koepnick, Deacon

HYMN

You Are Salt for the Earth, O People

BRING FORTH

**You are salt for the earth, O people: salt for the reign of God!
Share the flavour of life, O people: life in the City of God!**

***Bring forth the reign of mercy, bring forth the reign of peace;
Bring forth the reign of justice, bring forth the City of God!***

**You are a light on the hill, O people: light for the City of God!
Shine so holy and bright, O people: shine for the City of God! *(refrain)***

**You are a seed of the Word, O people: bring forth the reign of God!
Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice, grow in the Kingdom of God! *(refrain)***

BIDDING TO MISSION AND BENEDICTION

Nancy S. Taylor

POSTLUDE

This Little Light of Mine

Calvin Taylor



In lieu of flowers gifts have been made to the Allston Brighton Food Pantry
in remembrance of Anne Flaherty O'Donnell and clan
by Jim O'Donnell



New Members

Yoo Kyung Kim

After working as the music director at various churches, she retired from the West Parish Church, UCC, in Andover in 2018. She has been singing in the Tanglewood Festival Chorus for more than 20 years. She and her husband are originally from South Korea. They are the founding members of the Korean Cultural Society of Boston and spend a lot of time for the organization. Her husband, Byung, teaches computer science at UMass/Lowell, and they have two grown up daughters. She has just started taking guitar lessons and enjoys it. She also enjoys watching many old "classic" movies.

Nancy Lane

Nancy has lived in Newton since 1997, with a brief time in Nashville from 2015-2018. Originally from Pennsylvania, she was a life-long Presbyterian before arriving in Massachusetts. In her church life, she has been a deacon, a choir member, a Sunday school teacher, and done whatever else needed doing. She is mostly retired from her career as a psychologist, where she worked on mental health policy and Medicaid programs. She loves to travel, and before Covid, went to India, China, and Egypt to learn their history and cultures. South America is next on the list. She has a son and daughter-in-law here in Boston. Nancy is happy to be joining Old South and participating in its large faith community.

Tom Ralston

Tom is not new! He has attended Old South since the 1980's and joined as an Associate Member in 2008. Tom is becoming a full member today as he will begin serving a term as a Deacon in March. Tom came to Boston for graduate school and has lived here ever since. He retired in 2018 and currently volunteers and supports several non-profits in the greater Boston area.

Betsy Roberts

Betsy lives in Mount Desert, Maine moving to live there year round in 2005 after retiring from thirty three years in the Biology Department at Colby College. She grew up in south central New Hampshire. Church has been important for most of her life; She decided to be baptized and to join the congregational church in her home town when she was 16. In addition to being involved with church, she enjoys keeping track of her grandchildren as they grow up and go to college and beyond, volunteering with trail maintenance in Acadia National Park, gardening, sailing, knitting, sewing, and all things at home. She is grateful to have found a meaningful warm welcome at OSC.



A Note on Today's Music from *George Sargeant, Associate Organist and Choirmaster:*

Dr. Calvin Taylor is a well-known contemporary African-American organist, piano, and composer. Rather than holding a settled church position he travels and concertizes widely in order to share his music with as many people as possible. Among his organ works are two collections of five settings of spirituals. Both were commissioned by and are dedicated to Marilyn Mason, who was Dr. Taylor's teacher while he pursued graduate studies at the University of Michigan. They are a unique synthesis of the baroque-style chorale prelude with the harmonic languages of jazz and gospel music. *This Little Light of Mine* is a sparkling, delightful piece that features the organ's zimbelstern, a set of rotating bells. In addition to being an appropriate to the celebration of Black History Month, the text of the spiritual also speaks to the ongoing liturgical season of Epiphany.



INFORMATION ABOUT OLD SOUTH

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

**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*
Reamogetje S. Ngoepe, *Pastoral Resident*
David Story, *Wedding Minister* ❖ Ken Orth, *Healing Worship Minister*
Martha Schick, *Youth & Young Adult Ministries Leader*
Thomas A. Mitchell, *Seminarian*

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*

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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.



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