



**Old South Church, UCC
The First Congregational Church and Society
Windsor, Vermont**

~ All Members Ministers ~

**2018 – Celebrating 250 Years of Worship
and Community Service**

**OLD SOUTH CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
WINDSOR, VERMONT**

**The Rev. Constance Moser
The Rev. Karen Lipinczyk
Laura Compton
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**Bridge Pastor
Bridge Pastor
Director of Music
Accompanist**

June 3, 2018

Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Welcome to Old South Church. If you are visiting today, we are glad that you're here. Please take a minute to sign your name and address in the guest book outside the Sanctuary. Our service is responsive; the Worship leader reads what is written in regular print and the Congregation is invited to respond with what is written in **bold**. The "*" indicates that all who are able may stand, but feel free to sit if it is more comfortable. We use two hymnals: *The Chalice Hymnal* (blue) and *The Faith We Sing Hymnal* (black, soft cover). The hymnal is indicated with the hymn selections.

We respectfully ask that all cell phones be turned off during the service as they interfere with our wireless sound system.

PRELUDE *May I Suggest* (Werner)

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

AN HISTORIC MOMENT **1960s: Old South Joins UCC**

INTROIT *O Worship the King* (Callahan)

LIGHTING OF THE PEACE CANDLE (Lao Tzu - 6th century bce, ABLF)

If there is to be peace in the world,	there must be peace in the nations.
If there is to be peace in the nations,	there must be peace in the cities.
If there is to be peace in the cities,	there must be peace between neighbors.
If there is to be peace between neighbors,	there must be peace in the home.
If there is to be peace in the home,	there must be peace in the heart.

Holy God, we long for peace. Fill our hearts with the spirit of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, who calls us to this high and holy aspiration. May we establish peace in all that we do, in Your name we pray. Amen.

2.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD OF GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

(*Touch Holiness*, edited by Ruth Duck & Maren Tirabassi)

We have encountered the Word,
calling us into communion with God and with each other,
and calling us into discipleship to carry on Christ's work in our world.
So we come together here, joining hands in the great quest:
To worship God, to love each other, and to serve the world.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

(*Touch Holiness*, edited by Ruth Duck & Maren Tirabassi)

Gracious God, we give You thanks for June with its roses and its rains,
for all that is green and alive and growing, for weddings and their anniversaries, for
school children counting the days till summer vacation,
and for reunion times of remembering childhood days.

All these rejoice our hearts, and so we give You thanks.

We also thank You for those assurances of our faith that are beyond the changing of
the seasons--for the promise of forgiveness and healing,
for the resurrection and our trust in eternal life, for the scriptures of Israel's history
and the gospel story of God's love made flesh for us in Christ Jesus.

**For all that blesses us, as a congregation and as individuals,
we give You thanks and praise, O gracious God. Amen.**

***HYMN OF PRAISE #75**

I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry

(*Chalice*)

PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD

SIMPLY SPEAKING

(There is Nursery downstairs for infants and children through Pre-K age.
For older children, there are activity packets at the back of the church – help yourselves!)

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 43:1-7, adapted

(Kier Olsen DeVries)

(The Message)

NEW TESTAMENT

Ephesians 4:1-7, adapted

(Kier Olsen DeVries)

(The Message)

REFLECTION

Why Did You Call?

***HYMN OF RESPONSE FROM 1966 #494**

(*Chalice*)

They'll Know We Are Christians

3.

THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION

PRESENTATION OF CONFIRMANDS

QUESTIONS FOR THE PARENTS

QUESTIONS FOR THE CONFIRMANDS

PRAYERS

(Pastor and Confirmands Pray Together)

Let us pray:

ALL: Almighty God, who in baptism received these Your servants into the church, forgave their sins and promised them eternal life, increase in the gifts of Your Holy Spirit. Grant them love for others, joy in serving You, peace in disagreement, patience in suffering, kindness toward all people, goodness in evil times, faithfulness in temptation, gentleness in the face of opposition, self-control in all things. Thereby strengthen them for their ministry in the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE ACT OF CONFIRMATION AND LAYING ON OF HANDS

O God, in the grace of Jesus Christ... serve you in the world.

Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFIRMATION

We rejoice, O merciful God... through Jesus Christ.

Amen.

***CONGREGATION'S WELCOME**

Let us, the members of Old South Church,
express our welcome and affirm our mutual ministry in Christ.

We greet you with joy as partners in the common life of this church. We promise you our continuing friendship and prayers as we share the hopes, the joys, and the labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses to Jesus Christ our risen Lord. Amen.

OFFERING OF GIFTS

ANTHEM

Be Not Afraid

(Courtney)

4.

INVITATION TO GIVING

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY #46**

(Chalice)

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

OLD SOUTH COVENANT

**We do now, in the presence of God and with His strength,
solemnly agree to give our lives to the Lord,
to attend and join in the worship of this Church,
to pray alone and with our families,
to study the Bible and to lead our children
and others under our care in the ways of the Lord.
We bind ourselves to the members of this Church,
to live with them and watch over them with love,
to bear with them their burdens,
to participate in the cultivation
of the unity of spirit in honor of God,
and to build up in each other a spiritual strength
unto our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who are 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.**

***BENEDICTION**

***HYMN OF PARTING FROM 1967 #286**

This Is The Day

(Chalice)

POSTLUDE

5.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Sun., June 3 Communion, Confirmation, & Worship Service, 10:00am
Confirmation Reception, Following Service**

Fri., June 8 OSC Hosts Breakfast for the WHS Class of 2018, 9:00am
Check the sign-up sheets in the entryway to see how you can help.

Sat., June 9 Tour of OSC Cemetery, 1:00pm
Barbara Rhoad and Cathy Hoyt will be hosting a tour of the Old South Cemetery.

**Sun., June 10 Children's Sunday, Worship Service, 10:00am
Ice Cream Sundaes and Coffee Hour, Following Service
OSC History: A Showing of Videos**

The 250th Anniversary Committee will present three videos during coffee hour in the Church Vestry. Please stay and enjoy a touch of our church past.

Wed., June 20 OSC Hosts Community Supper at Amer. Legion, 5:00pm

If you're interested in helping set up, serve, clean up, or bringing a dish, please contact Mary McNaughton. Enjoy a free meal while listening to live music from Michael McNaughton!

Choir Rehearsal, 7:00pm



Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

In conjunction with the 250th Anniversary Celebration and the 50th Anniversary of **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat**, OSC will be presenting a community-performed musical on October 12th and 13th at the Windsor High School's Lois White Theater! We welcome your involvement! There are many more details to come, but for now – mark your calendars and get ready to audition! Auditions will be held at OSC and the dates will be: Wednesday, August 22nd, 5-7pm; Saturday, August 25th, 9am-1pm; Sunday, August 26th, 5-7pm. There will be an easy online sign-up form, so you can lock in a preferred timeslot – link to be announced soon! If you have questions, contact Laura Compton or Sandy Soho. Stay tuned for more exciting info!



Windsor Summer Picnic Series

Do you have an hour to spare this summer to help with the Summer Picnic Series? OSC has committed to helping each Monday between June 20th and August 13th (8 Mondays). We need drivers to sign up for an hour to pick up and deliver meals to a couple of sites in Windsor. If you're able to help, please use the signup sheet on the Missions bulletin board in the Foyer or contact Mary McNaughton for more information.