



**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**

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Fourteenth 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 FROM THE 2010s

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

AN HISTORIC MOMENT

The 2010s: Open and Affirming

INTROIT FROM 2017

Sign of the Times

(Styles)

LIGHTING OF THE PEACE CANDLE

(Alycia Longriver, Native Amer. Micmac, '95)

Creator, open our hearts

to peace and healing between all people.

Creator, open our hearts

to provide and protect for all children of the earth.

Creator, open our hearts

to respect for the earth, and all the gifts of the earth.

Creator, open our hearts

to end exclusion, violence, and fear among all.

Thank You for the gifts of this day and every day.

2.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD OF GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Lectionary Liturgies)

The prophets of old spoke of God's justice, even when it was unwelcome.

Who will hear their message?

We will listen and we will hear!

Responding to God's call, Jesus traveled, preaching and teaching
all who would listen. Who will hear his message?

We will listen and we will hear!

Christ sent out disciples two by two, to spread the good news in any place that would
welcome them. Who will hear their message?

We will listen and we will hear!

God's prophets are among us still, around the world and in these pews.

Who will hear their message?

We will listen and we will hear!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

(Lectionary Liturgies)

The rumbling of thunder in the distance, the shade of an oak tree in the back yard,
the laughter of children splashing in the pool, the stars glittering on a moonless night:

all the gifts of the universe fill us with delight in every moment.

Great is Your imagination, Creation's Joy!

Broken,

You touch us to make us whole;

tear-stained,

You share our pain and struggles.

Gifter of Peace,

You replace our bitterness with hope.

Teacher of gentle words,

You transform our unbelief into service.

Great is Your love,

Christ, Companion of all people!

**Making hardened hearts as soft as a baby's breath; turning stiffened necks
so we can see the poor; placing wandering feet back on the path of
discipleship. Great is Your compassion, Spirit of grace.**

Creation's Joy, Christ Companion, Spirit of Grace,

**as we have responded to Your call to this set-aside time of prayer and
reflection, may Your Spirit of Grace deepen in us both our willingness and
our capacity to be Your joyful, peace-bringing, hope-creating disciples
as we burst through the doors and out into Your world once again.**

In Christ's name and for his sake we pray. Amen.

3.

***HYMN OF PRAISE #2068**

I Love You, Lord

(The Faith We Sing)

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

(Lectionary Liturgies)

When we look at the relationships we hope to have with one another, and with God, we must admit how broken we are. But, as we gather in the presence of God, we are promised forgiveness and healing, if we will confess our sins.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(Lectionary Liturgies)

You know how stubborn we can be, Holy God. You call us to serve others, and we stay in the coolness of our own homes. You would send us to where the hopeless live, but we are reluctant to leave the comfort of our complacency. You would feed us on the peace and joy of Your word, but we pull our chairs up to the tables of those who serve false promises. Forgive us, Guiding God. Transform our defiance into discipleship, and our rejection of others into the resurrection of welcoming all people as sisters and brothers in Christ. Help us to love as faithfully as You have always loved us, and send us forth to take the good news of Jesus Christ to everyone we meet.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE & FORGIVENESS

(Lectionary Liturgies)

We open our lips and confess our hearts. God hears our words and make us new, sending us out to bring hope and joy to all the world.

**We hear the good news, we believe the good news,
we will live out the good news. Thanks be to God. Amen!**

***GLORIA PATRI #35**

(Chalice)

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.**

4.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD

ANTHEM

SIMPLY SPEAKING

(There is Nursery care 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

Ezekiel 2:1-5 (Kathy Prevo)
(Page 636 in the Pew Bible)

GOSPEL

Mark 6:1-13 (Kathy Prevo)
(Page 768 in the Pew Bible)

SERMON

"The Unmiracle"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

***HYMN OF RESPONSE #464** **God of Grace and God of Glory** (*Chalice*)

INVITATION TO GIVING

OFFERTORY FROM 2013 ***Say Something*** (DPSM)

***DOXOLOGY #46** (*Chalice*)

**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Sharing of the Community

Prayers of the People 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.

BENEDICTION

***HYMN OF PARTING #611** **Rise Up, O Saints of God!** (*Chalice*)

POSTLUDE FROM 2017 ***Thunder*** (Marijam)

5.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reclaiming Jesus: Civil Discourse 5-Wk Session, 7-8pm

FREE and open to all! Every Wednesday, 7-8pm, OSC Fellowship Hall

With faithful consideration by the Deacons, OSC are hosting a 5-week session, guided by the *Reclaiming Jesus: Civil Discourse* curriculum, open to all interested OSC members and any of our neighbors in the wider community. For us, this requirement to be civil arises from our Christian faith; however, this curriculum is not based exclusively on the teachings of Jesus. For the full curriculum, visit the reclaimingjesus.org and click *Civil Discourse Curriculum* at the bottom of the page. Questions? Call Sandy Soho at 802-674-6503. Though this has started, there's still time to join! Let us know if you're interested – contact Sandy or call/email the church office: 802-674-5087 or oldsouthchurchwindsor@gmail.com.



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!