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**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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Twentieth 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.

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

'OUR STORIES'

Stories of Old South Presented by Current Members

INTROIT

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

(Rev. Dr. Bertrice Wood, pastor of Solon Community Church)

Come into this household of God that we might all listen to God's Word and discern the wisdom that comes only from God.

How can we discover such wisdom?

Reverence for God is the beginning of wisdom.

When we choose to live according to God's will and plan,

God will give to each of us a wise and discerning heart.

May God fill us with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs!

We have come to lift up in praise the songs and music from our hearts.

Jesus is here in our midst as living bread.

We want to be nourished and strengthened that we may remain with Him.

Jesus is so close to us that we can taste his presence.

Praise the Lord! Learn of God's compassion and mercy.

Praise the Lord with our hearts! Praise the Lord!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

(Rev. Dr. Bertrice Wood, pastor of Solon Community Church)

Wisdom On High, You have built a home within us. You have prepared a table before us. You have made the invitation, and You call our name. You whisper to us to leave behind the simple ways of the world that lead us into temptation, that cause us to seek worldly measures of success. We were taught that the wages of sin are death, and indeed, the ways of the world lead us to dead ends.

Wisdom on High, lead us into life. Breathe in us Your Spirit, and call us to Your ways of love, justice, and peace. Amen.

***HYMN OF PRAISE #464**

God of Grace and God of Glory

(*Chalice*)

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

(Rev. Dr. Bertrice Wood, pastor of Solon Community Church)

As Jesus gathers us together in His presence, let us turn now to name and confess the many ways we so often deny or overlook that what we need that comes only from beyond our imaginations and knowledge.

3.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Rev. Dr. Bertrice Wood, pastor of Solon Community Church)

All Wise God, we thank You for giving us this time to look into our words, thoughts and deeds. We confess that we fool ourselves into believing that we possess all of the knowledge that we need.

As we go from place to place, we try to block You out.

Even though we say we want to hear Your Word and speak with You,

we fail to see that we are always in Your presence. We stray seeking other gods, whose ways may be easy but cannot show us the ways of love and truth. We are afraid of being fed with the living bread of Jesus. Fill us with the Holy Spirit that we might live each day according to Your will and plan for us and for Your world. Help us to discern your wisdom that we might live eternally with You and Christ.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE & FORGIVENESS

(Rev. Dr. Bertrice Wood, pastor of Solon Community Church)

In God's wisdom and compassion, we receive grace that we might live anew, unburdened by the obstacles and pride of the past.

Continue to feast on the living bread which is given to us each day.

We give thanks to God who lifts us up with the gift of forgiveness.

***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.**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD

SPECIAL MUSIC

The Perfect Wisdom of Our God

(Townend, Getty)

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!)

4.

EPISTLE

Ephesians 5:15-20
(Page 892 in the Pew Bible)

(Lori Moeykens)

GOSPEL

John 6:51-58
(Page 815 in the Pew Bible)

(Lori Moeykens)

SERMON

What in the name of all that's holy, is wisdom?

RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

***HYMN OF RESPONSE #595**

Be Thou My Vision

(Chalice)

INVITATION TO GIVING

OFFERTORY

I Say a Little Prayer

(Franklin)

***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 #557**

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

(Chalice)

POSTLUDE

5.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sun., Aug. 19 Worship Service, 10:00am, Followed by Coffee Hour Future of OSC Rummage Sales Discussion

Please join us for a discussion about the future of this well-loved, community event and major fundraiser for OSC.

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

Auditions!

Auditions are THIS WEEK! There's still time to sign up, but hurry! Visit oldsouthchurch.com/joseph-and-the-amazing-technicolor-dreamcoat OR scan the QR Code below. Contact Sandy Soho or Laura Compton with any questions.



The Making of Joseph's Coat of Many Colors – OSC Style!

Joseph's coat will be handmade by OSC volunteers and it's a central prop in this production. We intend to keep it for many years to come. If you're interested in contributing to this meaningful piece, **bring in one piece of fabric per family to have it sewn into Joseph's Coat of Many Colors!** Make sure your family's fabric is at least 8"x8", but no larger than 16"x16"; bright in color but not fluorescent; solid colors are best. Fabric can be placed in the basket located in the entryway.

Behind the Scenes!

Childcare, quilters, prop help, coordinator of volunteers – this is a start of the growing list of some volunteer positions we'll need filled throughout the Joseph production. If you're interested in one or more areas, mention it to Sandy or Laura, AND send an email to oldsouthchurchwindsor@gmail.com, so we can add you to the list! It's all about COMMUNITY!

OSC 250th Anniversary Celebrations

Sunday, September 9th Pot Luck Following Worship

We'll share Old South Church memorabilia, photos, videos, and stories!

Sunday, September 16th

Our Hope For Years to Come, OSC's 250th Jubilee Celebration, 6:00pm

A concert by OSC musicians, performing music from throughout the last 250 years.

Sunday, September 23rd A Birthday Service and Celebration!

A worship service of celebration and rededication, marking the signing of the Covenant on September 21, 1768. A birthday luncheon will follow!