



Sketch by Carolyn Brown, *Worshipping With Children*



**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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Twenty Third 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

(Lectionary Liturgies)

Here, in this place, we will not be afraid to sing the good news.

We will praise our God, now and always.

Here, with this people, we will not fear in living the good news.

We will walk with Jesus, as He comes with justice in His hands.

Here, in these moments, we will not be scared to tell the good news.

We will be open to all the Holy Spirit is doing in our midst.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

(Lectionary Liturgies)

On Your holy road, Heart of faithfulness,

those blinded by fear will see hope;

those deafened by doubt's cries will hear grace;

those who have only crumbs will be filled with love.

On Your holy road, Heart of justice,

bullies will become mentors for those they tormented;

those who can't find the right words will compose songs of wonder;

those who trip over their worries will dance in the streets.

On Your holy road, Heart of grace,

those convinced of their ways will learn to change their minds;

those whose hearts are barren deserts will bloom with bouquets of

laughter; those who have buried faith under a mound of words will

see it resurrected in compassion for others.

We long to journey on Your holy road, Heart of faithfulness, of justice of grace.

Speak directly to each and all of us in this hour that hope, grace, love,

compassion, wonder, dancing, and laughter will be gifts we carry into

Your world. So may it be. Amen.

***HYMN OF PRAISE #95**

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

(Chalice)

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

(Lectionary Liturgy)

So many choices, and we make the wrong ones; so many paths to take,

and we go down the wrong ones; so much good we could do,

and all we do is offer empty words. Let us bring our lives and hearts

to our God, who is our help and hope, in this and every moment.

3.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(Lectionary Liturgies)

**We say that we are good listeners, God of holy ways,
but we turn stopped up ears to the vulnerable around us.
We say that we live as Your people, but too often, put ourselves
ahead of the people we love. We say that we are people of faith,
but then try to overwhelm people with words, rather than acts of
service. We say so much, God of compassion, that we cannot hear
You calling us to faithful living. Have mercy on us and send us out to
offer kindness to the lonely. Have mercy on us and send us to be
generous with the love You offer. Have mercy on us, so we might be
open to all the chances we will have to follow, and to serve alongside
our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.**

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE & FORGIVENESS

(Lectionary Liturgies)

Whisper it. Say it. Shout it. Sing it!

Our God comes with justice, not judgment; with hope, not a heavy hand;
with grace, not grudges. This is the good news for us.

**We will not be scared to tell anyone, and everyone, of our God
who overflows with mercy, who sets us free, who watches over us.
Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! 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.**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD

ANTHEM

Healer of Our Every Ill

(Haugen)

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!)

EPISTLE

James 2:1-17

(Pages 919-920 in the Pew Bible)

GOSPEL

Mark 7:24-37

(Page 770 in the Pew Bible)

SERMON

Always with the Interruptions

4.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

***HYMN OF RESPONSE #2175** **Together We Serve** (*The Faith We Sing*)

INVITATION TO GIVING

OFFERTORY

***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 #2241** **The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve** (*TFWS*)

POSTLUDE

5.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sun., Sep. 9 Worship Service, 10:00am
250th Celebration Pot Luck Luncheon Following Worship

Join us for a slide/video presentation during the meal!

Mon., Sep. 10 Rummage Sale Committee Meeting, 6:00pm

Anyone interested is welcome to attend.

Wed., Sep. 19 OSC Hosts Community Dinner at Amer. Legion, 5pm

Anyone who wants to help by bringing a dish, serving, or setting/cleaning up, please contact Mary McNaughton.

Tue., Sep. 25 Cabinet Meeting, 6:30pm

Committee Chairs are required to attend. All others are welcome.

OSC 250th Anniversary Celebrations

Historic Moments Booklet

The 250th Committee is making arrangements to compile the "Historic Moments" in to a booklet. We are going to add "Our Stories" that have been presented in church to the booklet. If you would like to contribute an Old South story of your own please email it to the church (oldsouthchurchwindsor@gmail.com), or give a copy to Kathy Prevo or John Dangelo.

250th Rededication Plant Decorations

Order mums to decorate the sanctuary for our 250th Celebration and Rededication Service! Use the order form in the bulletin or contact the church office.

Deadline: Today! Order forms are located on the table in the entryway.

Sunday, September 16th

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

A concert by OSC musicians, performing music from throughout the last 250 years, followed by a reception. FREE and open to the public.

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!

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

UPDATE!

Due to a number of factors, the production of *Joseph...* has been postponed until Spring of 2019. We still have a few open roles to cast, and we'll definitely be looking for volunteers – childcare, quilters, prop help, etc. We're also looking for a Stage Manager, a Costumer, and possibly an Assistant Choreographer. So, stay tuned and keep spreading the word!

If you have questions, or interest in helping or being a part of the cast, please send an email to oldsouthchurchwindsor@gmail.com or speak with Sandy Soho, Laura Compton, or Jaimie Bernstein.

Show Dates:

Saturday, June 1st, Evening Show
Sunday, June 2nd, Matinee

