



**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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Second Sunday after Pentecost

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 you silence all mobile devices during this service.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

Lighting of the Peace Candle

(Prayers of Pentecost; www.faithandworship.com)

For the Spirit of Peace

that calms our mind and stills our life, we give you thanks.

For the Spirit of Love

that touches hearts and reaches out, we give you thanks.

For the Spirit of Joy

that lifts our soul and gives us faith we give you thanks.

For the Spirit of Power,

that gift of grace for this your church, we give you thanks.

Peace, Love, Joy and Power

Holy Spirit bring to this earth Peace, Love, Joy and Power.

2.

Gathering Around the Word of God

Call to Worship

(Lectionary Liturgies)

With the faithful, as well as the foolish;
with the voiceless, and those who talk too much:
we gather to praise our God.

With those who find it easy to follow,
with those who stumble along the Way:
**we rejoice in Jesus, who makes us whole,
and calls us sisters and brothers.**

With all who are heirs to the promises of grace,
with all who share hope with others:
**we give thanks to the Spirit of peace,
who cradles us in the arms of hope.**

Prayer of the Day

(Lectionary Liturgies)

What have You to do with us, Holy God?

When others would push us away,
You cradle us in your heart;

when we have lost our directions,
You hand us Your map;

when others would chain us to the fears and prejudices,
You rush to rescue us.

What have You to do with us,
Brother of the outsiders?

When the powerful would put up walls to separate us,
You tear down all barriers;

when the angry would torment us with their hurtful names,
You call us Your sisters and brothers.

What have You to do with us, Spirit of grace and hope? When worries hassle us,
You would send them away;

when the world would damage our souls beyond recognition,
You gather us up in Your arms, healing every broken place.

Holy God, Brother of the Outsiders, Spirit of Grace and Hope
**In this hour of worship, cradle us, rescue us, tear down barriers
within and around us, gather us into Your arms and heal every broken space.
Open us to meet You and receive You. May it be so. Amen and Amen.**

3.

***Hymn of Praise**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

(#25, Chalice)

Call to Reconciliation

(Lectionary Liturgies)

With the angry words we use, with the things we do to others, it is as if we are saying to those around us, as well as our God, to keep away from us! But God is always ready for us to find the grace, the hope, the forgiveness being offered to us. Let us come, to tell of our lives, trusting the One who comes to be with us and save us.

Prayer of Confession

(Lectionary Liturgies)

We do not call them demons anymore, God who listens to us, but there are those words which chain our hearts to them - words which shame others. There are those actions which bind our lives to them - those fears which grab our hands, that anger which pushes away those around us. There are those thoughts that draw us into the shadows, where we seek to hide from You, hoping You do not see the lives we lead. Yet, You refuse to stay away but come closer to us in every moment, God who makes us whole. You would clothe us with grace, so we might be Your people in this world. You would tear down all that separates us from others, so we might be one. You would make us heirs to the promise of life and hope with our Brother, Jesus the Christ, who comes to heal us and make us Your children. Amen.

Moment of Silence

Assurance of God's Love and Forgiveness

(Lectionary Liturgies)

Hear the good news, dear friends. Our God comes, not to torment us, but to release us from all that keeps us from being God's beloved children. We are sisters and brothers of Jesus, those who have been blessed, forgiven, transformed.

Thanks be to God, who reaches out to us and shows us the way out of the shadows, pointing to the path of mercy and hope. 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.**

4.

Proclaiming the Word of God

Anthem

Simply Speaking

New Testament

Galatians 3:23-29
(Page 888 in the Pew Bibles)

(Patrick O'Connor, reader)

Gospel

Luke 8:26-39
(Pages 790-791 in the Pew Bibles)

(Patrick O'Connor, reader)

Sermon

(sigh) Must Change Always Bring Fear?

Responding to the Word of God

***Hymn of Response**

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

(#614, Chalice)

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**

Go In Peace

(#445, Chalice)

Postlude

*(The congregation is invited to exit during the Postlude.
Please be sensitive to those who wish to quietly remain.)*

5.

Announcements

Saturday, 6/29 Spring Cleaning Bee, 9:00am-11:00am

Spring arrived late and so are we, but gather your cleaning products, dust rags, and Swiffers and join us to spruce up our beautiful historic sanctuary! Task lists will be provided. Come join us for 2 hours of community, coffee, muffins, and let's say goodbye to cobwebs, dirt, and dust! Please see Donna Palatucci or Kathy Prevo with any questions.

Summer Lunch Program

Old South Church is responsible for pickup and delivery of meals every Monday from June 17th through August 23rd. If you're interested in being a driver and taking about ½ hour of your time or less, please add your name to the signup sheet in the foyer.

What is the Bible? A 6-week Summer Bible Study

Do you know the stories? Do you know how the Bible is organized and how those texts were chosen? Have you ever thought about all the different ways people approach the Bible and decided for yourself what to think? Join us this summer for *What Is the Bible? – A 6-week course* exploring the answers to all of those questions. Stay tuned for more details. Please see Betsy Burghardt if you have any questions.

Online Giving

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www.oldsouthchurch.com

