



**A Multifaith Service of Prayer,
Celebration, and Resolve**

Old South Church *in* Boston
Sunday, October 3, 2021
3 p.m.

Order of Worship

PRELUDE	Wake, Now, My Senses	traditional irish Mitchell Crawford
PROCESSIONAL	Here I Am, Lord <i>“Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?’ And I said, ‘Here am I; send me.’”</i> —Isaiah 6:8	Daniel Laurent Schutte
INVOKING THE SPIRIT		Rev. Dr. Nancy S. Taylor
WELCOME & LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT		Rev. Fred Small
CALL TO PRAYER		Imam Ibrahim Sayar
HYMN	For the Beauty of the Earth Words: Folliot S. Pierpoint (1835-1917) (adapted) Fourth stanza by Miriam Therese Winter (1938-) Music: Conrad Kocher (1786-1872) <i>Please rise in body or in spirit.</i>	
	For the beauty of the earth, for the splendor of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies: <i>Refrain:</i> <i>Source of all, to thee we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.</i>	For the joy of human care, neighbor, stranger, parent, child, for the kinship we all share, for all gentle thoughts and mild: <i>Refrain</i> For the good that love inspires, for a world where none exclude, for a faith that never tires, and for every heart renewed: <i>Refrain</i>
	For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night, hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light: <i>Refrain</i>	

A LITANY OF SORROW

Rev. Vernon K. Walker

United Nations Environmental Sabbath

Worship leader: We have forgotten who we are.

We have forgotten who we are

We have alienated ourselves from the unfolding of the cosmos

We have become estranged from the movements of the earth

We have turned our backs on the cycles of life.

Congregation: *We have forgotten who we are.*

Worship leader:

We have sought only our own security

We have exploited simply for our own ends

We have distorted our knowledge

We have abused our power.

Congregation: *We have forgotten who we are.*

Worship leader:

Now the land is barren

And the waters are poisoned

And the air is polluted.

Congregation: *We have forgotten who we are.*

Worship leader:

Now the forests are dying

And the creatures are disappearing

And the humans are despairing.

Congregation: *We have forgotten who we are.*

Worship leader:

We ask forgiveness

We ask for the gift of remembering

We ask for the strength to change.

WAMPANOAG PRAYER & SONG Hartman Deetz

LAMENT FOR CREATION Rev. Dr. Margaret Bullitt-Jonas

MEDITATION Yenkuei Chuang

SONG OF LAMENT Kojo No Tsuki Robert A. Jonas
Performed on the shakuhachi (Japanese bamboo flute)

PRAYERS Dr. Bijoy Misra

SINGING TOGETHER Rabbi Shoshana Meira Friedman
More Waters Rising by Saro Lynch
Please rise in body or in spirit.

SERMON Rev. Traci Blackmon

PRAYER S. Tess Browne, SCN

OFFERTORY Send Me Old South Jazz Ensemble
Words and music by Willie Sordillo

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A LITANY OF HEALING

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Worship leader: We join with the earth and with each other.

To bring new life to the land

To restore the waters

To refresh the air

Congregation: *We join with the earth and with each other.*

Worship leader:

To renew the forests

To care for the plants

To protect the creatures

Congregation: *We join with the earth and with each other.*

Worship leader:

To celebrate the seas

To rejoice the sunlight

To sing the song of the stars

Congregation: *We join with the earth and with each other.*

Worship leader:

To recall our destiny

To renew our spirits

To reinvigorate our bodies

Congregation: *We join with the earth and with each other.*

Worship leader:

To create the human community

To promote justice and peace

To remember our children

Congregation: *We join with the earth and with each other.*

Worship leader:

We join together as many and diverse expressions of one loving mystery:
for the healing of the earth and the renewal of all life.

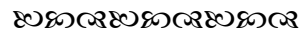
SINGING TOGETHER Rabbi Shoshana Meira Friedman
The Tide Is Rising *by Shoshana Meira Friedman & Yotam Schacter*
Please rise in body or in spirit.

BENEDICTION Rev. Dr. Margaret Bullitt-Jonas

POSTLUDE Fanfare by William Mathias
Mitchell Crawford

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Old South Church Jazz Ensemble

Kelly Lopez, *vocals*

Doug Rich, *bass*

Willie Sordillo, *saxophone*

Carolyn Wilkins, *piano*

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A NOTE ON THE INCLUSIVE DIMENSIONS OF GOD'S GRACE

Old South Church in Boston, in the name of its host, Jesus Christ, and in the spirit of Christ's invitation carved into the stone of this church's portico, "Behold I Set Before You an Open Door," welcomes all who seek to know God. Following the One who we believe is Sovereign and Savior, we affirm that each individual is a child of God, and recognize that we are called to be like one body with many members, seeking with others of every race, ethnicity, creed, class, age, gender, marital status, physical or mental ability, sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression to journey together toward the promised realm of God. We invite everyone to join in the common life and mission of our reconciling community through participation and leadership in this congregation, and by fully sharing in the worship, rites and sacraments of this church. As we all move forward with the work of this church, we commit ourselves to making justice and inclusivity a reality in this congregation and in the world. On the threshold of Christ's open door, we rely upon the



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