SERVICE OF INSTALLATION

TO INSTALL
THE REV. DOCTOR NANCY S. TAYLOR
AS THE 20TH SENIOR MINISTER OF
THE OLD SOUTH CHURCH IN BOSTON

SUNDAY, MAY 22, 2005
THREE O’CLOCK P.M.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

Prelude: Toccata and Fugue, Op. 59
Max Reger

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Lord You Give the Great Commission
Abbot’s Leigh
(The words and music are printed on page six.)
The Procession:
United Church of Christ clergy and Ecumenical Guests
The Ministers of Old South Church
Participants in the Service

*CALL TO WORSHIP AND WORDS OF WELCOME

Leader: The world belongs to God,
All: The earth and all its people.
Leader: How good it is, how wonderful,
All: To live together in unity.
Leader: Love and faith come together,
All: Justice and peace hold hands.
Leader: If Christ’s disciples keep silent,
All: These stones would shout aloud.
Leader: Open our lips, O God,
All: And our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

RESPONSIVE PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Leader: Holy God, maker of all:
All: Have mercy on us.
Leader: Jesus Christ, servant of the poor:
All: Have mercy on us.
Leader: Holy Spirit, Breath of life:
All: Have mercy on us.
Leader: Where ignorance, self-love and insensitivity have fractured life in our communities,
All: Forgive us and shed your light, O God of love.
Leader: Where injustice and oppression have broken the spirit of peoples,

* Indicates all who are able may stand
All: Forgive us and shed your light, O God who frees.
Leader: Where hunger and poverty, illness and death have made life an unbearable burden,
All: Forgive us and shed your light, O God of grace.
Leader: Where we have loved liturgy more than justice, and words more good than deeds,
All: Forgive us and shed your light, O God of righteousness.
Leader: Where suspicion and hatred, conflict and war have challenged your goodness,
All: Forgive us and shed your light, O God of peace.
Leader: May God forgive us. May God’s light shine upon us and may God grant us peace.

SUNG RESPONSE
Dona Nobis Pacem
Palestrina, 1525-1549

GREETINGS
Welcome to Copley Square from Trinity Church
Bishop Herbert Donovan
Greetings from the Greater Boston Interfaith Organization
Rev. Hurman Hamilton

THE GIFT OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE
Psalm 8
Luke 4. 14-21
Rabbi Ronne Friedman
Canon Peter Southwell-Sander

*ACT OF PRAISE
Holy, Holy, Holy
Anon., Argentina
SERMON

*HYMN

God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian

God the Spirit, guide and guardian, wind-sped flame and hovering dove,
Breath of life and voice of prophets, sign of blessing, power of love:
Give to those who lead your people fresh anointing of your grace;
Send them forth as bold apostles to your church in every place.

Christ our Savior, sovereign, shepherd, Word made flesh, love crucified,
Teacher, healer, suffering servant, friend of sinners, foe of pride:
In your tending may all pastors learn and live a shepherd’s care;
Grant them courage and compassion shown through word and deed and prayer.

Great Creator, life bestower, truth beyond all thought’s recall,
Fount of wisdom, womb of mercy, giving and forgiving all:
As you know our strength and weakness, so may those the church exalts
Oversee its life steadfastly yet not overlook its faults.

Triune God, mysterious being, undivided and diverse,
Deeper than our minds can fathom, greater than our creeds rehearse:
Help us in our varied callings your full image to proclaim,
That our ministries uniting may give glory to your name.

THE PRAYERS (responsively)

Rev. Kim Crawford Harvie:  God’s spirit is with us in this sacred place. God’s spirit is with us in the community we make together. God’s spirit lives and rejoices when we hold God’s beloved world, and all the peoples of the world, on our hearts in prayer. Let us, therefore, rejoice God’s spirit by our sincere prayers.

All: We pray for all Creation, in the spirit of universal concern which we have witnessed in the life of Jesus.

Rev. Kim Crawford Harvie: We pray for your creation, O God, so beautiful and fragile, so plentiful and diverse … yet, so full of suffering, of abuse and misuse.

All: God, in your mercy, hear our prayers for your whole creation. We pray now for the followers of the world’s religions.

Mr. Russell Gregg: Holy God, God of Mystery and Majesty, make us teachable and open to the ways of others: curious and generous when we happen upon unfamiliar beliefs and practices. May all who call upon you be instruments of healing and peace, of reconciliation and unity.

All: God, in your mercy, hear our prayers for all who call upon you. We pray now for those who suffer deprivation or poverty.

Mr. Russell Gregg: We pray for refugees who have neither home nor homeland; for all prisoners; for those who are ill in body, mind or spirit; for the oppressed and those who suffer; for those who are hungry and for those who have lost hope.

All: God, in your mercy, hear our prayers for these your children, known and unknown to us. We pray now for the communities represented here.

Rabbi Devon Lerner: Gracious and holy God, we pray for the institutions and organizations, the churches and temples represented here. Grant us strength when we feel small and weak in the face of the obstacles before us. Grant us courage when we lose our heart and our nerve. Grant us voices when we are prone to silence.

All: God, in your mercy, hear our prayers, open our voices, and give us courage. We pray now for peace among the nations and peoples of the earth.
Rabbi Devon Lerner: We pray for peace in the holy land, for Israelis and Palestinians; for peace in Iraq and Afghanistan; for peace in Darfur and Northern Ireland; for peace in Dorchester and Roxbury; for peace in our cities and on our streets; for peace in our homes and in our hearts.

All: God, in your mercy, be with us as we join together to work for your peace in our world. We pray now for the ministry of each and every one of us.

Mr. Donald B. Taylor: O God who calls us to be your disciples, we thank you for the ministry that all believers share. Help us to exercise our own ministries of care and witness not only in our places of worship, but also in the communities in which we live, the places where we work, and to those with whom we come into contact. May our words and actions reflect your love and compassion for your world and its splendidly varied people.

All: God, in your mercy, give us caring and compassionate hearts. We now pray for the ministry of The Old South Church.

Mr. Donald B. Taylor: Gracious God, on this day we pray especially for Nancy and for the Old South congregation. Bless their ministries of word, sacrament, and pastoral care, as well as their outreach in the wider community. Ministering together in your name, may they give witness to your ways of justice, peace, hope and healing.

All: To you, O God we offer up our hopes and fears and praise. Amen and amen.

CHORAL AMEN Roland M. Carter

CALL TO THE OFFERING Mr. Tadd Allman-Morton
Offering in aid of UCC seminarians and the Greater Boston Interfaith Organization.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM William Mathias
As truly as God is our Father, so just as truly is God our Mother. In our Father, Grace, to the Holy Spirit we are made whole. It is I, the strength and goodness of Fatherhood. It is I, the wisdom of Motherhood. It is I, the light and grace of holy love. It is I, the Trinity. It is I, the unity. I am the sovereign goodness in all things. It is I who teach you to love. It is I who teach you to desire. It is I who am the reward of all true desiring. All shall be well, and all manner of thing shall be well. Amen. – Julian of Norwich (b. 1342)

*SONG OF PRAISE Lasst Uns Erfreuen
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ the Word in flesh born low; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; One God, Triune, whom we adore.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION Dr. Ian Holland

THE ORDER FOR INSTALLATION

GREETING Rev. Dr. Thomas Clough

PRESENTATION Mr. Russell Gregg

COVENANT

Old South Affirms the Covenant (unison)
We, the community of Old South Church, receive Nancy Taylor as our pastor and teacher, promising to labor with her in the ministry of the gospel and to give her due honor and support. We gather with her and with the United Church of Christ as a sign of our mutual ministry in Christ’s name.
Metropolitan Boston Association Members Affirm the Covenant (unison)
We, the members of the Metropolitan Boston Association of the United Church of Christ gather with you, the people, and the pastor and teacher of Old South Church as a sign of our covenant and in celebration of our mutual ministry in Christ’s name.

PRAYER OF INSTALLATION
Rev. John A. Nelson

DECLARATION
Rev. Dr. Thomas Clough

CHORAL BLESSING
An Irish Blessing
Jeremy Young

COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION
Rev. Dr. Nancy S. Taylor

*RECESSIONAL HYMN
In the Midst of New Dimensions
New Dimensions
(The words and music are printed on page seven.)

POSTLUDE
Toccata from Symphony No. 5
Charles-Marie Widor

The congregation is invited to be seated for the Postlude.

ū RECEPTION IN GORDON CHAPEL ū
The Old South congregation warmly invites you to a reception in the Gordon Chapel following the service. Join us for refreshments and conversation.

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE
Dr. Gregory Peterson, Minister of Music and Organist, Old South Church
The Rev. Jennifer Mills-Knutsen, Assistant Minister, Old South, Co-chair, Greater Boston Interfaith Coalition
The Rev. June Cooper, Executive Director, City Mission Society, Boston
The Rt. Rev. Herbert A. Donovan, Jr., Interim Rector, Trinity Episcopal Church, Copley Square, Boston
The Rev. Hurmon Hamilton, Co-chair, Greater Boston Interfaith Organization and Senior Minister, Roxbury Presbyterian Church
Rabbi Ronne Friedman, Senior Rabbi, Temple Israel, Boston
The Rev. Canon Peter Southwell-Sander (Nancy’s husband)
The Rev. Dr. J. Mary Luti, Senior Pastor, First Church, Congregational, Cambridge
The Rev. Kim Crawford Harvie, Senior Minister, Arlington Street Church
Mr. Russell Gregg, former Moderator of Old South; served on the Senior Minister Search Committee
Rabbi Devon Lerner, Co-Chair of the Freedom to Marry Coalition
Mr. Donald B. Taylor, Executive Vice President, COO, American Healthways (Nancy’s brother)
Mr. Tadd Allman-Morton, Ministerial Intern, Old South Church
Dr. Ian Holland, Deacon, Old South Church; enrolled at Andover Newton Theological School
The Rev. Dr. Thomas Clough, Associate Conference Minister, Metropolitan Boston Association, UCC
The Rev. John A. Nelson, Senior Pastor, The Dover Church
The Rev. Dr. Nancy S. Taylor, Senior Minister, Old South Church in Boston
Lord, You Give the Great Commission

1. Lord, you give the great commission: "Heal the sick and
2. Lord, you call us to your service: "In my name bap-
3. Lord, you make the common holy: "This my body,
4. Lord, you show us love's true measure: "Father, what they
5. Lord, you bless with words assuring: "I am with you

1. preach the word: Lest the church neglect its mission,
2. tize and teach: That the world may trust your promise,
3. this my blood: Let us all, for earth's true glory,
4. do, forgive: Yet we hoard as private treasure
5. to the end: Faith and hope and love restoring,

1. and the gospel go unheard, help us witness
2. life abundant meant for each, give us all new
3. daily lift life heavenward, asking that the
4. all that you so freely give, May your care and
5. may we serve as you intend and, amid the

1. to your purpose with renewed integrity.
2. fervor, draw us closer in community.
3. world a round us share your children's liberty.
4. mercy lead us to a just society.
5. cares that claim us, hold in mind eternity.

Refrain

With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.
In the Midst of New Dimensions

Julian Rush, 1985; alt.

Gen. 9:12–16; Exod. 13:21–22; Num. 14:14

C C/B F C F Am7 Dm7 G7sus4 G7

1 In the midst of new dimensions, in the face of changing ways,
2 Through the flood of starving peoples, warring factions and despair,
3 As we stand a world divided by our own self-seeking schemes,
4 We are man and we are woman, all persuasions, old and young,
5 Should the threats of dire predictions cause us to withdraw in pain,

C C/B F C F Am7 Dm7 G C

Who will lead the pilgrim peoples wandering in their separate ways?
Who will lift the olive branches? Who will light the flame of care?
Grant that we, your global village, might envision wider dreams.
Each a gift in your creation, each a love song to be sung.
May your blazing phoenix spirit redeem the church again.

Refrain

Am Em F C F C G7 C Dsus4 D7 G7sus4 G7 Am

God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar, We your

Em F C F C/E F C/E F C/E C/E Dm7 G7 C

people, ours the journey now and ever, now and ever, now and ever more.
THE MINISTERS OF OLD SOUTH CHURCH PROCESSING IN THE SERVICE
Mr. Tadd Allman-Morton, Ministerial Intern, Old South Church; The Rev. T. Thomas Boates, Chair of the Board, The American Congregational Association; The Rev. Dr. James W. Crawford, Minister Emeritus, Old South Church; The Rev. Patricia Hazeltine, Church School Director, Old South Church; The Rev. Dr. Merle Jordan, Pastoral Counselor; The Rev. Linda J. Knight, Chaplain, Massachusetts General Hospital; The Rev. Ned H. Martin, retired UCC clergy; The Rev. Jennifer Mills-Knutsen, Assistant Minister, Old South Church and Co-chair, Greater Boston Interfaith Coalition; The Rev. James J. Olson, Associate Chaplain, Boston University; The Rev. Dr. Kenneth Orth, Pastoral Counselor, Pastoral Psychotherapist and Spiritual Director; Dr. Gregory Peterson, Minister of Music and Organist, Old South Church; The Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Rice-Smith, Visiting Scholar, Harvard Divinity School; The Rev. Canon Peter Southwell-Sander; The Rev. Dr. Nancy S. Taylor, Senior Minister, Old South Church; The Rev. Donald Wells, Executive Director, Massachusetts Bible Society; The Rev. Elinor Yeo, retired UCC Clergy; The Rev. Richard Yeo, Acting Director of the Walker Center

UCC & ECUMENICAL MINISTERS PROCESSING IN THE SERVICE
The Rev. Jean Alexander, United Parish of Auburndale; The Rev. Pamela L. Foster, Vicar, Trinity Church in the City of Boston; The Rev. R. William Franklin, Associate for Adult Christian Formation, Trinity Church in the City of Boston; The Rev. Dr. Clifford Green; The Rev. Dr. Earl K. Holt III, King’s Chapel, Boston; The Rev. Christine Jaronski, First Church, UCC, Charlestown; The Rev. Anne Mansfield Minton; The Rev. Catherine Michael, Stratford Street United Church; Rev. John R. Odams, Pilgrim Trinitarian Congregational Church; The Rev. Dr. H. Paul Santmire; The Reverend Daniel Smith, First Church in Cambridge, Congregational, UCC; The Rev. Dominic Taranowski, First Congregational Church, Melrose; The Rev. Mark Welch, Jr., North Congregational Church in Woburn

THANK YOU

I am grateful to my mother, Nancy Taylor, and brother, Don Taylor who traveled to Boston for this service from their homes in New York and Nashville, respectively. Many thanks to each person here: ecumenical guests, UCC clergy, the Old South Choir and Gregory Peterson. Profound gratitude to Mary Luti, preacher and teacher.

Thank you to each and all of you who have taken precious Sabbath hours to be with Old South today.

THE OLD SOUTH CHOIR

Soprano
Alice Andrews
*Alecia Batson
Elizabeth England
Whitney Guy
Lisa Loveland
+Jeanne Lucas
Dawn Patterson
Ann Peterson
Gloria Platt
*Adriana Repetto
Elizabeth Tustian

Alto
Pam Amidon
Monica Bauer
*Carrie Cheron
Joan Christenson
Mary Lou DeLacy
Alliea Groupp
*Rebecca O’Brien
Susan Stern

Tenor
Neil Bauer
*Keith Brinkley
David Elliott
Tim Jarrett
*Nathan Troup

Bass
*Harry Baechtel
Erik Gustafson
Gary Griffiths
Mike Hand
Russell Nile
Curt Siddall
Mark Strickland
*Graham Wright

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+Assistant Conductor

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