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# Welcome

**All Souls, seeking to be a church not just for ourselves, exists to be a vibrant expression of who God is—gracious, present, hospitable.**

Launched in 2010, we are a worshipping community rooted in the belief that the historic Christian gospel is true, compelling, and promises to change our lives powerfully, in the direction of freedom, wholeness, and hope.

We seek to embody and articulate this gospel of grace, bringing about spiritual, social, and cultural renewal in Seattle and, through it, the world.

Please feel the freedom to participate actively in worship or to just listen and observe at your discretion. It is a time to process freely and safely the audacious claims of Jesus, and the inevitable tension between the beauty and scandal of God's grace, freely given to you.

As a church, we are part of that historical, counter-cultural community that Jesus started and continues to build, sustain, and perfect.

Anyone is welcome in worship, and we encourage you to come as you are. We understand that visiting a church for the first time can be intimidating. So it's our commitment to walk you through each component of the worship service so no one feels like an outsider. There will be no obscure, tribal language. No 'in-house' moments.

Our worship is structured, with liturgy and rich music that connects us to the church of old and those who've gone before us—we are deeply rooted in something much larger than ourselves or our own cultural moment. But worship should be accessible and enjoyable if it's to be meaningful.

We haven't heard the gospel for what it really is if we don't find it at once horribly offensive and staggeringly beautiful.

It is both heart-breaking and heart-mending.

All Souls is a space to begin, or begin again, from anywhere. **So let us explore. *Let us worship!***

## Exploring?

Do you have questions about the Christian faith?

Do you wrestle with intellectual barriers that make belief seem implausible, even irresponsible?

Do you struggle to reconcile a good God with a hurting world?

We recognize that belief is hard. That's why:

- We value questions, and the people who ask them
- We prize being a community where you can belong before you believe
- We assume, each Sunday, that there are people present who are not convinced
- We desire to talk to skeptics not about them
- You are welcome here...

So, be curious. Doubt. Ask. Explore.

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## How do I get connected?

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## All Souls Kids + Youth

[allsoulsseattle.org/kids](http://allsoulsseattle.org/kids) ( /youth )

## How can I serve?

[allsoulsseattle.org/connect](http://allsoulsseattle.org/connect)

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GOD HUGS YOU.  
YOU ARE ENCIRCLED BY THE MYSTERY OF GOD.

- HILDEGARD VON BINGEN (12c)

# Order of Worship

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT / MARCH 16, 2025



*Our community gathers on Sundays to enter the presence of the Lord and offer him praise, as he graciously invites us to do. We come to sing, pray, encounter God's Word, celebrate Communion, and simply to be together. **This is a space to begin, or begin again, from anywhere.***

STANDING

**Bold** text is read together by the congregation. Plain text is read by the leader. Responsive readings remind us that during corporate worship God speaks to his people and we respond together as a community.

*If you, or someone with you this afternoon, has special needs we do not want to miss an opportunity to serve you.*

*Please introduce yourself and let us know how we can support you best.*

## Call to Worship

Come Ye Sinners

*In the Bible, God calls us to worship, because it is not our natural impulse to come to Him. But He calls, reminding us of His pursuing love, and we respond in gratitude.*

*words by Joseph Hart (1759) tune "BEACH SPRING" (1844) - arr. Hymns of the People*

Come ye thirsty, come and welcome  
God's free bounty glorify  
True belief and true repentance  
Ev'ry grace that brings you nigh  
I will rise and go to Jesus  
He will save me from my sin  
By the riches of His merit  
There is joy and life in Him

Come ye sinners poor and needy  
Bruised and broken by the fall  
Jesus ready stands to save you  
Full of pardoning love for all

He is able, He is able  
He is willing doubt no more  
He is able, He is able  
He is willing doubt no more  
Let not conscience make you linger  
Nor of fitness fondly dream  
All that He requires of sinners  
Is to turn and trust in Him  
He will save you, He will save you  
'Tis the gospel's constant theme  
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'Tis the gospel's constant theme

Matthew 16:24

Jesus told his disciples, "If any of you would come after me you must deny yourself and take up your cross and follow me."

## Acclamation and Prayer

Book of Common Prayer

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins. **His mercy endures forever.**

Let us pray.

**Almighty God, you bring to light things hidden in darkness, and know the shadows of our hearts; cleanse and renew us by your Spirit, that we may walk in the light and glorify your name, through Jesus Christ, the Light of the world. Amen.**

# What a Friend We Have in Jesus

words Joseph Scriven (1855) music Charles Converse (1868) arrangement Sing Team (2017)

What a friend we have in Jesus

All our sins and griefs to bear

What a privilege to carry

Everything to God in prayer!

O what peace we often forfeit

O what needless pain we bear

All because we do not carry

Everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations?

Is there trouble anywhere?

Jesus, Savior is our refuge

Take it to the Lord in prayer

Are we weak and heavy laden?

Cumbered with a load of care?

Jesus knows our every weakness

Take it to the Lord in prayer

*chorus* Oh what a friend!

Oh what a friend in Jesus (repeat)

Blessed Savior you have promised

All our burdens you will bear

May we ever Lord be bringing

All to you in earnest prayer

Soon, in glory bright unclouded

Face to face will be our prayer

Joyful praise and endless worship

Will be our sweet portion there

*chorus*

Music at All Souls is comprised of "psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs" (Eph. 5:19).

These are often works that date back as far as Jewish antiquity, anchoring us in the ancient roots of Christian faith. Sometimes these are newer works that reflect prayerfully and prophetically on our current moment.

They contain theological richness and focus on God's character and redemptive work. They also lend poetic voice to our deepest emotional expressions: praise and thanksgiving, anger and sorrow, hope and joy.

We sing because we believe God is with us—present in our worship; inhabiting the praises of his people.

## Steadfast

words and music Sandra McCracken (2016)

I will build my house

Whether storm or drought

On the rock that does not move

I will set my hope in your love O Lord

And your faithfulness will prove

*chorus*

You are steadfast, steadfast

By the word you spoke all the starry host

Are called out by name each night

In your watchful care I will rest secure

As you lead us with your light / *chorus*

I will not trust in the strength of kings

On your promise I will stand

I will shout for joy I will raise my voice

Hallelujah to the Lamb / *chorus*

In the moment of emptiness

All was fulfilled

In the hour of darkness

Your light was revealed

In the presence of death

Your life was affirmed

In the absence of holiness

You are still God / *chorus*

## BE SEATED

Confession happens within the context of relationship, both with God and each other.

We confess together, in community, before a gracious God who has given us Himself. Confession both acknowledges our need for mercy and celebrates its abundance in Christ.

## Confession

*from* The Anglican Church of New Zealand

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from every kind of wrong.

Let us confess our sins.

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned**

**In what we have thought and said,**

**In the wrong we have done and in the good we have not done. continues...**

Sin, in its essence, is a word that means, "an obsession or worship of oneself." Martin Luther described sin as "curving in on oneself," which causes a relational breach not only with people we harm, but also with God by not giving God the place He deserves in our lives as our loving Creator and Savior.

**We have sinned in ignorance. We have sinned in weakness.  
 We have sinned through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry. We repent and turn to you.  
 Forgive us, for our Savior Christ's sake,  
 and renew our lives to the glory of your name. Amen.**

*Let's acknowledge our need for Jesus to do what we cannot: heal, forgive, and restore where we have harmed, hurt, and broken. After a brief silence we will sing our confession.*

T.J. Williams / E. Wilson

Lord, ha - ve mer - cy. Christ, ha - ve mer - cy. Lord, ha - ve mer - cy on \_\_\_\_\_ me. *Fine*

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Ky - ri-e e-lei - son, Chris-te e-lei - son, Christ, ha - ve mer - cy on \_\_\_\_\_ me. *D.C. al Fine*

## Receiving of Grace

Ephesians 1:7

*We serve a God of limitless power and might. Yet, in all of his power he looks on us with mercy, and draws us into his family, because of what Jesus Christ has done.*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, forgive your sins, strengthen you by the Holy Spirit, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. **Amen.**

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him:

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace.

## Blessing for Learning

*All Souls Kids classes (Lions PreK-1st and Bears 2nd-5th) are dismissed at this time, and will return prior to Communion.*

Lord, bless these children whom you love, as they discover in their own language who you are.

**Give them a sense of being known and loved by you,** and the freedom to come fully as themselves.

Bless our teachers, and be present in their every word and interaction.

**Help us all to become learners. Beloved children, go in peace. Amen.**

*Please stand and sing as kids go out and we prepare to hear from God's Word.*

*Words William True Sleeper music Greg Thompson and Indelible Grace (2000).*

**Out of my bondage, sorrow and night**

**Jesus I come, Jesus I come**

**Into Thy freedom, gladness and light**

**Jesus I come to Thee**

**Out of my sickness into Thy health**

**Out of my wanting into Thy wealth**

**Out of my sin and into Thyself, Jesus I come to Thee**

**Out of my shameful failure and loss**

**Jesus I come, Jesus I come**

**Into the glorious gain of Thy cross**

**Jesus I come to Thee**

**Out of earth's sorrows into Thy balm**

**Out of life's storms and into Thy calm**

**Out of distress to jubilant psalm Jesus I come to Thee**

## the Collect for the Day

*A “collect” is a summarizing prayer in the Book of Common Prayer that helps us to pray collectively (where the word “collect” comes from) linking a promise from the biblical story with a need for that promise to be true and experienced among us.*

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities that may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## the Readings

*It has been the practice of the church for thousands of years to have portions of the Bible read during worship. We do this because we are people who need to be shaped by all of God’s Word.*

Genesis 15:1-18

After this, the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision:

“Do not be afraid, Abram.

I am your shield,  
your very great reward.”

2 But Abram said, “Sovereign Lord, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?” 3 And Abram said, “You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir.”

4 Then the word of the Lord came to him: “This man will not be your heir, but a son who is your own flesh and blood will be your heir.” 5 He took him outside and said, “Look up at the sky and count the stars—if indeed you can count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.”

6 Abram believed the Lord, and he credited it to him as righteousness.

7 He also said to him, “I am the Lord, who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to take possession of it.”

8 But Abram said, “Sovereign Lord, how can I know that I will gain possession of it?”

9 So the Lord said to him, “Bring me a heifer, a goat and a ram, each three years old, along with a dove and a young pigeon.”

10 Abram brought all these to him, cut them in two and arranged the halves opposite each other; the birds, however, he did not cut in half. 11 Then birds of prey came down on the carcasses, but Abram drove them away.

12 As the sun was setting, Abram fell into a deep sleep, and a thick and dreadful darkness came over him. 13 Then the Lord said to him, “Know for certain that for four hundred years your descendants will be strangers in a country not their own and that they will be enslaved and mistreated there. 14 But I will punish the nation they serve as slaves, and afterward they will come out with great possessions. 15 You, however, will go to your ancestors in peace and be buried at a good old age. 16 In the fourth generation your descendants will come back here, for the sin of the Amorites has not yet reached its full measure.”

17 When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, a smoking firepot with a blazing torch appeared and passed between the pieces. 18 On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram.

7 Hear my voice when I call, Lord;

**be merciful to me and answer me.**

8 My heart says of you, "Seek his face!"

**Your face, Lord, I will seek.**

9 Do not hide your face from me,

**do not turn your servant away in anger;**

you have been my helper.

**Do not reject me or forsake me,**

**God my Savior.**

10 Though my father and mother forsake me,

**the Lord will receive me.**

11 Teach me your way, Lord;

**lead me in a straight path**

**because of my oppressors.**

12 Do not turn me over to the desire of my foes,

**for false witnesses rise up against me,**

**spouting malicious accusations.**

13 I remain confident of this:

**I will see the goodness of the Lord**

**in the land of the living.**

14 Wait for the Lord;

**be strong and take heart**

**and wait for the Lord.**

Philippians 3:17-4:1

17 Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. 18 For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. 19 Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. 20 But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, 21 who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

4 Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

*Please stand. Just before the gospel reading, the church has traditionally sung a refrain of praise to celebrate God's desire to draw near to us, even becoming one of us taking on our humanity in Jesus Christ.*

*Music: Porter's Gate "Drive Out the Darkness" (2020)*

**Come O Come. Be our light. Drive out the darkness.**

**Come, and end all the violence. Come, do not be silent. Come, cling to your promise.**

**Come, break all injustice. Come, Jesus, Come.**

Luke 13:31-35

31 At that time some Pharisees came to Jesus and said to him, "Leave this place and go somewhere else. Herod wants to kill you."

32 He replied, "Go tell that fox, 'I will keep on driving out demons and healing people today and tomorrow, and on the third day I will reach my goal.' 33 In any case, I must press on today and tomorrow and the next day—for surely no prophet can die outside Jerusalem! 34 "Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing. 35 Look, your house is left to you desolate. I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you Lord Christ.**

Homily

Lenten Invitations

Rev. Kara Nichols Barrett



## Prayers of the People

*Weekly we come before God to ask for help, comfort, saving, hope, peace not just for ourselves, but for the world God has made in love and is redeeming by love. This week's prayer is sung with spoken intercessions. Submit requests for prayer and care to [prayer@allsousseseattle.org](mailto:prayer@allsousseseattle.org). Prayers are received by the pastoral team. Please respond with the parts in bold.*

*from The Anglican Church of New Zealand*

Sing:

Teach us to number our days  
That we may apply our hearts to Your ways  
Teach us to number our days  
with wisdom and grace.

Pray:

For the hungry and the overfed  
**May we have enough.**

For the mourners and the mockers  
**May we laugh together.**

For the victims and the oppressors  
**May we share power wisely.**

For the peacemakers and the warmongers  
**May clear truth and strong love lead us to harmony.**

For the silenced and the propagandists  
**May we speak our words in truth.**

For the troubled and the sleek  
**May we live together as wounded healers.**

Sing:

Teach us to number our days  
That we may apply our hearts to Your ways  
Teach us to number our days  
with wisdom and grace.

Pray:

**Jesus, our friend and guide,  
Lead us from death to life,**

**From falsehood to truth;  
From despair to hope,**

**From fear to trust;  
From hate to love,**

**From war to peace.  
Let your peace fill our hearts,  
our neighborhoods, our world.**

Sing:

Teach us to number our days  
That we may apply our hearts to Your ways  
Teach us to number our days  
with wisdom and grace.

## Grateful Giving

Offer unto God a sacrifice of thanksgiving.

Psalm 50:14



## the Peace

The Peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

PRAYERS FOR THOSE  
NOT COMMUNING

*Because All Souls is a church  
not only for the convinced but  
also for those journeying  
toward trust in Jesus, we gladly  
extend room for you to  
consider and dialogue.  
Use the prayers below during  
Communion as guides to reflect  
upon and respond to what God  
is doing in your life.*

PRAYER FOR THOSE  
SEARCHING FOR TRUTH

*Jesus, you claim to be the way,  
the truth, and the life. Grant that  
I might be undaunted by the  
cost of following you as I  
consider the reasons for doing  
so. If what you claim is true,  
please guide me, teach me,  
and open to me the reality of  
who you are. Give me an  
understanding of you that is  
coherent, convincing, and that  
leads to the life that you  
promise. Amen.*

PRAYER OF BELIEF

*Jesus, I admit that I am weaker  
and more sinful than I ever  
before believed, and yet,  
through you, I am more loved  
and accepted than I ever dared  
hope. I thank you for paying my  
debt, bearing my punishment  
on the cross, and offering  
forgiveness and new life.  
Knowing that you have been  
raised from the dead, I turn  
from my sin and receive you as  
Savior and Lord. Amen.*

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

*Lord Jesus, you have called us  
to follow you in baptism and in  
a life of committed discipleship  
in your church. Grant that I may  
take the necessary steps to be  
one with your people, and live  
in the fullness of your Spirit.  
Amen.*

*\* Hosanna means "save me!"  
but with Jesus came to mean  
"salvation is here!"*

## Communion

*Communion, also called the Lord's Supper or the Eucharist, is the family meal of Christians.*

### INVITATION + THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts! **We lift them up to the Lord!**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, O Lord,  
Holy Father, almighty and everlasting God. We give thanks to you with those who have gone  
before us, and with brothers and sisters around the world, and along with the angels and all  
the company of heaven, we praise you with one voice.



### BREAK BREAD

*For as often as we eat this bread and drink the cup, we proclaim the Lord's death  
until he comes. (1 Cor 11:23-26)*

Therefore, together, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine,  
that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood  
of Christ. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, that we may be one with all who share this  
feast. **As this bread is Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in the  
world, for by him, with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory  
is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.**

### DRAW NEAR

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us;

**Therefore, let us keep the feast.**

# We Will Feast in the House of Zion

written by Sandra McCracken and Joshua Moore (2015)

<i>chorus</i> We will feast in the house of Zion	In the dark of night, before the dawn
We will sing with our hearts restored	My soul be not afraid
He has done great things	For the promised morning, oh how long
We will say together	O God of Jacob be my strength / <i>chorus</i>
We will feast and weep no more	Every vow we've broken and betrayed
We will not be burned by the fire	You are the faithful One
He is the Lord our God	And from the garden to the grave
We are not consumed by the flood	Bind us together, bring shalom / <i>chorus</i>
Upheld, protected, gathered up / <i>chorus</i>	

God Most High, **We thank you for welcoming us, teaching us and feeding us. We deserve nothing from you but in your great mercy, you have given us everything in your Son Jesus Christ. We love you and give ourselves to you to be sent out for your work. Grant us your blessing, now and for ever. Amen.**

## Restore Us Again

words and music Paul Zach (2018)

We longed for Egypt in the wilderness	We have trusted in the meaningless
A kingdom made of dust	And chased a life of ease
Built an idol out of happiness	Now we wander in the shadow lands
A paradise of rust	Where comfort is our king
<i>pre-chorus</i> We lost all the meaning	<i>pre-chorus and chorus</i>
Drowned out the feeling	Holy Spirit
Our hearts barely beating	Bring us life once again
<i>chorus</i> Restore us again	Holy Spirit
God of our salvation	Lead our hearts back to you (repeat)
Revive us again in your unfailing love	<i>chorus</i>
Restore us again	
God of our salvation	
Revive us again in your unfailing love	

## Benediction

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Let us go forth and serve our world as those who love our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

**Thanks be to God!**

*All Souls welcomes all who are trusting in Jesus Christ for salvation, understand the meaning of the Lord's Supper, and are in good standing with congregations that proclaim the gospel to receive Holy Communion with us.*

*Please note that we use wine and non-alcoholic grape juice for Communion. For those with wheat allergies, a gluten-free cracker is available in place of the bread (ingredients: cauliflower, brown rice flour, tapioca starch, coconut milk powder, pumpkin seeds, sunflower seeds, sesame seeds, mustard powder, sea salt, garlic powder, onion powder).*

### **A word to parents:**

*Children are welcome at the communion table. To receive the Lord's Supper, a child must have been baptized and received as a communing member by the leadership of this church or the governing body of the church to which you belong. If you have any questions about how this process works, please speak with one of our pastors.*

*Scripture appears in the English Standard Version (ESV) or the New International Version (NIV) unless otherwise noted.*

*Our pastoral staff and other leaders are available following the service for prayer or to answer any questions you may have about All Souls.*

## Announcements

**Listening Conversations** The Friday's pastoral email was an invitation to hear from the All Souls community as we plan for the next year and also prepare for our Pentecost when we hear from each other about how the Holy Spirit has been at work drawing us more deeply into life with Jesus.

**Sign up for a Listening Conversation** (in person or via video call):

With R.J.: various times and days via the QR code >>

With Sonya: Monday evenings and any time Tuesday, [sonya.luchauer@gmail.com](mailto:sonya.luchauer@gmail.com)

With Nicole: reach out for a time, [nicoleashleybennett@gmail.com](mailto:nicoleashleybennett@gmail.com)

With Kara: reach out for a time, [kara@allsoulsseattle.org](mailto:kara@allsoulsseattle.org)

With Suzanne: reach out for a time, [suzanne@allsoulsseattle.org](mailto:suzanne@allsoulsseattle.org)



**Confirmation** During the worship service on **March 30th**, 15 All Souls youth will be confirmed by Bishop Brian Wallace. Reception to follow.

## Lent 2025 staying hungry for the feast Jesus is preparing

**Wednesday Worship Service + Meal** join us from 6-6:20p prayer in the Commons followed by a potluck soup dinner from 6:20-7:15. An email goes out on Tuesdays, you can subscribe below, with some a prayer and some fasting “tips” for those fasting and fasting alternatives for those not. We invite you to come as you are on Wednesday evenings whether you fasted or not during Lent.

**Read** about fasting in Scot McKnight's book *Fasting* or **Watch** the Practicing the Way introduction to Fasting.

Fasting: To Offer Ourselves to God, video 1 or: McKnight “Fasting” Intro + Chapter 3

Fasting: To Grow in Holiness video 2, or ch. 6

Fasting: To Amplify Our Prayers video 3, or ch. 4

Fasting: To Stand with the Poor video 4, or ch. 8

## Group Life

### Home Groups

In a world that pushes us toward isolation, we need community— a place where we're known, loved, and belong. Home Groups are one of the main ways we learn to receive and extend the hospitality of Christ in our neighborhoods. See page 11 for details and contact R.J. March ([rj@](mailto:rj@)) to learn more.

### Youth Group —

Youth group meets on **Wednesdays 6:30-8p at Trinity**. Dinner included. All middle and high school students welcome! Contact [Suzanne@](mailto:Suzanne@) for information about youth ministry at All Souls.

**Lenten season youth group:** Come early for vespers at 6p! If not, come at regular time. We will join All Souls for dinner before heading to our small groups for lessons.

**Middle School Bingo Night** at Village Green, **March 18th 6:30p**

**Warm Springs summer service trip: July 26th-Aug 3rd.** Confirm by paying a deposit of \$150 by April 1st. Contact [suzanne@allsoulsseattle.org](mailto:suzanne@allsoulsseattle.org) for more details.

## Weekly Friday Email

**Stay connected:** learn about ways to grow and serve with All Souls by subscribing and adding our email [info@allsoulsseattle.org](mailto:info@allsoulsseattle.org) to your contacts.



# Confirmation

## What is confirmation?

Confirmation is a “rite” or practice of the church connected to baptism. In baptism, a person receives the Holy Spirit and becomes a member of the family of God. In confirmation, we pray for daily increase in the Holy Spirit, in the life of the baptized person, for Christian life in the service of Christ and his kingdom.

## Confirmation refers to the rite in which a baptized person:

Makes a public confession of faith in Jesus and commits to follow Jesus as Lord;

Receives a strengthening of grace through the laying on of hands, that the Holy Spirit may fill them more and more for ministry in Church and the world; and

Renews their baptism vows.

## Strength for Perseverance

Suffering is one of life’s guarantees. Confirmation seeks to equip for that suffering in such a way that with Paul in Romans 5:3-5, we can “know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.” Confirmation is about maturity that leads to perseverance through a deepening or strengthening of the Christian life.

## Strength for Participation

Confirmation is also about mission or vocation. In baptism, a person is sealed with the Holy Spirit and marked as Christ’s own forever. In confirmation, a person is strengthened by the Holy Spirit for following Christ and serving God’s kingdom. Scripture teaches that the Holy Spirit gives gifts for building up the body of Christ (1 Cor. 12:7). Confirmation invokes the Holy Spirit’s anointing and blessing on baptized persons for proclaiming the gospel in word and deed. In this regard, confirmation is similar to ordination. It marks a person for service in God’s kingdom.

## Confirmation at All Souls

Confirmation is being introduced into the life of All Souls through our Youth ministry beginning with 8th graders and up. We intend to offer a confirmation cohort every other year for youth. In the future, we hope to offer confirmation to adults who desire the gift of this strengthening rite in their perseverance and participation with God and His coming Kingdom.

## How you can participate:

*Pray* for the fourteen youth beginning the confirmation journey, the sponsors (Sonya Luchauer, Kira Brown, Erik Bennett, Wenbo Wei, Tyler Ashby, and Jeff Case) who will companion them, and the leaders (Luke Crook, Suzanne Case, and R.J.) who will teach and facilitate retreats. *Pray* for youth, sponsors and leaders to know more deeply who God is and how God sees and loves us and the world; *To reveal* what community in Christ makes possible; *To help* identify personal ways we can work and serve in God’s Kingdom; and *To taste* how meaningful life can be with the support of mentors and friends.



### *Contribute to Meals*

We will be providing meals for each of our evening gatherings, as well as during the on site retreat. Please use the QR code to sign up to help with a meal!

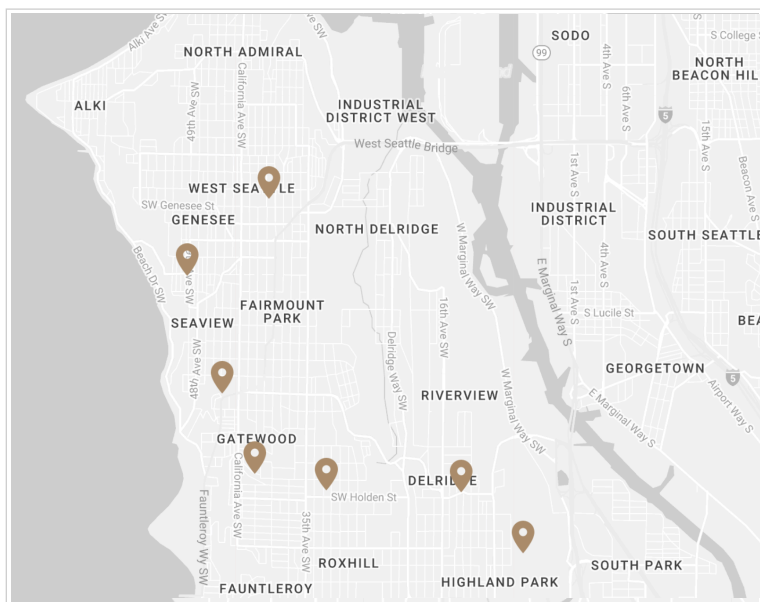


### *Cover Costs*

Each family paid a fee for their youth to cover the cost of the retreat. We are hoping to raise funds through donation to cover the costs of materials and supplies (including a confirmation backpack for each confirmand with books and supplies), and to cover the retreat registration for each adult volunteer attending. The goal is to raise \$2500. Follow the QR code and select “Confirmation” from the drop-down menu to contribute.

# Home Group Map + Details

These are open groups anyone can join at any time,  
built to be a place to share—food, stories, hopes, and life.



## ALASKA

Peter + Kara Barrett

**Every other Sunday, 6-7:30p**

indoors, mixed group of adults, kids welcome, meal included

## GATEWOOD - NORTH

Andrew + Jen Eckert and Steve + MaryAnn Simmons

**Every other Thursday, 6-7:30p**

online, mixed group of adults, kids welcome, meal included

## GATEWOOD - SOUTH

Luke + Terri Crook

**Every other Sunday, 6-7:30p**

mixed group of adults, meal included

## HIGHLAND PARK - EAST

Jeff + Suzanne Case

**Every other Sunday, 6-7:30p**

indoors, mixed group of adults, kids welcome, meal included

## HIGHLAND PARK - SOUTH

R.J. + Carolyn March

**Every other Sunday, 10-11:30a**

mixed group of adults, kids welcome, meal included

## SEAVIEW

Dustin + Kelley Long

**Every other Tuesday, 6-7:30p**

mixed group of adults, kids + teens welcome, meal included

## WESTWOOD

Thad + Lauren Williams and Erik + Nicole Bennett

**Every other Wednesday, 6-7:30p**

mixed group of adults, kids welcome

To connect with one of these groups,  
visit: [allsoulsseattle.org/connect](https://allsoulsseattle.org/connect)



# All Souls Kids + Youth on Sundays

Our ministry exists to help children in partnership with families to know Jesus, and experience his love.



## Sunday School

Sunday school classes are offered during worship October through June. We currently have two classes: Lion Class (PreK-1st grade), and Bear class (2nd-5th).

Students will be signed in upon class arrival and signed out after dismissal back into worship.

**First time here? Welcome! All Souls Kids staff and volunteers are here to greet you and answer any questions.**

Kids will be dismissed from the service to their teachers prior to the scripture reading, and escorted to their classrooms. Teachers will bring students back to rejoin families just before the Lord's Supper.

Both classes will meet your teachers at the back of the sanctuary.

Nursery is provided for the entire worship service, ages 1-3. Parents: sign your little one in and out in the Giraffe (nursery) classroom. Nursing mothers are welcome to use the nursing mother's room as needed, located next to the sanctuary.

## What happens in class

Classes begin with a greeting and lighting of the Christ Candle. Each student is invited to share a response to a question relating to the theme of the lesson.

Next, we dive into the story of the week, followed by discussion. Discussion questions point to God's character, His rescue plan for the world, and the unending hope and love available to us because of Jesus. After the discussion, students participate in a short activity like acting out the story or a simple craft.

This fall, we are practicing prayers of Help, Thanks, and Wow! Classes close the prayer time in the Lord's Prayer, together.

After the worship service, children are offered a lollipop as part of the benediction, or blessing. When we hand them the lollipop we say "Peace be with you". The response is "And also with you"

## F.A.Q.

*child protection policies >>*



*Can I join my child in class, if they need me?*

Absolutely! Parents may accompany children to class for as long as needed.

*Can my child stay in the service with me?*

Yes! Children of all ages are welcome in the service at any time. Clipboards with paper and WikiSticks are available for busy hands.

*What's the curriculum?*

Our lessons follow the big story of the Bible using content from Dwell, the Jesus Storybook Bible, and pastor created content.

*Is there an at-home connection?*

Yes! Each week's scripture passage will be included in the all church email, the Friday prior to class, to give families a heads up about what your child will be learning. Families are encouraged to talk about the story at home by asking children to retell the story and something new they learned about God.

## Giving as Part of Worship

All we have is given to us by God. Our offerings express this joyful dependence and our commitment to join God in his work of renewal. Whether we have much or little, God calls us to treasure and trust Him above all. So we are to give as generously as we are able, knowing that He who met our most dire need through Christ will continue to provide for every need we have. All giving goes toward ministry initiatives of All Souls and the relief of those in need.

While there are many ways to contribute financially to God's Kingdom, scripture says the Church is the primary means by which that kingdom is established on earth. So, God calls us first and foremost to be faithful in the regular, ongoing support of one's local church body through tithes and offerings. If you haven't made tithing a practice, please consider adopting this as a spiritual practice—that you might grow in faith.

We recognize, too, that as the church, we must consistently remind one another of the truth that everything we have is a gift from the Lord.

The Bible says that 'we know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for our sake he became poor, so that we through his poverty might become rich' (2 Corinthians 8:9). Jesus' death on the Cross represents the most generous gift ever given—when he gave up everything in order to reconcile us to God.

Giving cheerfully, sacrificially, and consistently is a part of our worship—not because it's something churches do, but because giving in response to the gospel is intended to be worshipful. When we are generous with others we are reminding one another of the great generosity of God.

All Souls seeks to build community, love our neighbors, and work for peace and justice within Seattle. Our desire in giving is not only to meet our own financial needs, but to be able to serve those in need in our city and neighborhoods.

There are a few ways, in addition to during worship, that you can contribute financially to All Souls:

- Mail a check, or set up automatic bill pay through your bank, payable to:

All Souls  
7551 35th Ave SW  
Seattle, WA 98126

- Visit [allsoulsseattle.org/give](https://allsoulsseattle.org/give) (ACH now available)



- For any assistance or questions about:

Giving on a recurring basis via EFT (electronic fund transfer), stock donation, or non-cash contribution options (e.g. property or vehicle donation) please contact [bookkeeper@allsoulsseattle.org](mailto:bookkeeper@allsoulsseattle.org)

*The intentional financial participation of those who consider All Souls their church home is vital. If you are not already tithing regularly, please prayerfully consider doing so. If you have questions about tithing or biblical guidelines for giving, please ask. If you are our guest today, please feel no obligation to give.*

*We thank God for your partnership in this work, and invite you to ask him how you might best reflect his radical, sacrificial generosity with your own.*

**Fiscal Year 2024/25** began October 1, 2024 with the intention this year to invest in becoming “a countercultural community of the well-rested” through experiencing rest and extending rest to others. You can learn more by using the QR code >> Our new budgeted average expense is \$44,000/month.





# All Souls KIDS!

What's something you  
HEARD during worship today?

A GUIDE FOR  
EXPLORING  
WHO GOD  
IS TO US!

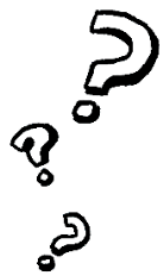
Did you hear any  
words that were  
NEW to you?



AS YOU  
LISTEN...



Draw something that  
inspired your IMAGINATION:



What's ONE question  
you'd want to ask  
your parents or pastors?

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What's ONE question  
you'd want to ask GOD?

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Who do you want, or need,  
GOD to be to you today?

PRAY:

Ask GOD to take  
care of everything you  
need. He always hears  
you, because He loves you!

draw!  
color in!

# All Souls KIDS

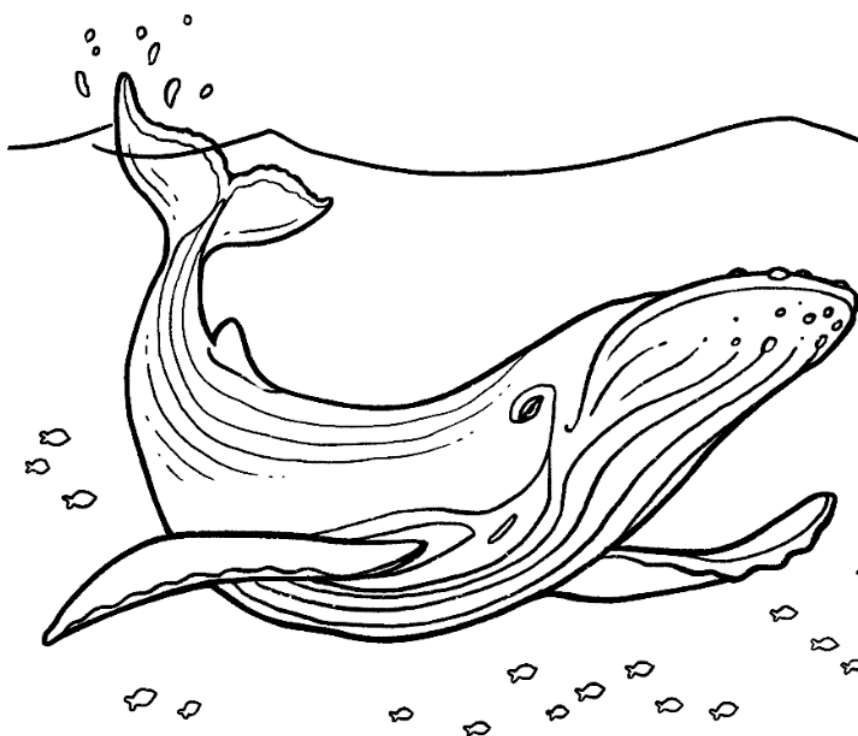
doodle page

for kids  
of ALL ages!



The earth is  
the LORD's,  
and everything  
in it...

...the world and all  
who live in it.  
PSALM 24:1



# All Souls

of The Diocese of Churches for the Sake of Others (C4SO)

## PASTORAL

Rev. R.J. March, *rector*  
Rev. Kara Nichols Barrett, *priest*  
Suzanne Case, *pastor, community*  
Steve Simmons, *prayer + listening*

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It is the smallest of all seeds,  
but when it has grown it is  
larger than all the other garden  
plants and becomes a tree, so  
that birds of the air come and  
make nests in its branches.

Matthew 13:32