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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.

How do I get connected?

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TO FORGIVE IS TO SET A PRISONER FREE
AND DISCOVER THE PRISONER WAS YOU

LORRIE TEN BLOOM

Order of Worship

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT / APRIL 6, 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

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 and music by The Brilliance (2015)

From dust we've come
And dust we are and shall return
Be still my soul and let it go, just let it go

chorus Glory to God
Glory to God in the highest (2x)

Naked we came
And shall return into the grave

Dust We Are and Shall Return

Be still my soul and let it go
Just let it go
chorus

Be still my soul, Lord make me whole
Lord make me whole (repeat)

Glory to God (4x)

Matthew 11:28-30

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.

Acclamation + 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.

It's God Who Saves

words and music Nathan Partain (2013)

Like all God's prophets
His kings and judges
Were thieves and killers, adulterous liars
That he had chosen
To show his greatness
Just like those heroes
By grace he called me
So dead in my sin it's him I boast in
I breathe but only through faith in Jesus

chorus And oh what joy and bliss
To enter Sabbath rest
It's God who saves not I
It's God who justifies
He calls, He makes holy
It's God who saves not I
It's God who saves not I
It's God who is my life
All I bring is nothing
It's God who saves not I

Christ came to me who
Had hated God and was bent to chaos
And served destruction In love he died
And paid my pardon
And then he raised me
With him in union
A wretch adopted true affection
Eternal power and love unyielding
chorus

If my salvation to me was trusted
If we must hold fast or keep love fervent
I'm lost already my love unsteady
But once redemption is won it's finished
His sure deposit, his steadfast Spirit
From grace beginning
To grace unending / *chorus*

East/West (Psalm 103)

words and music Paul Zach (2018)

Bless the Lord O my soul
All that is within me bless His name
He forgives all our sin
He is slow to anger, full of grace

chorus

As high as the heavens are up above
So is the greatness of his love
As far as the east is from the west
He removes our sin from us
Far as the east is from the west (repeat)

For the Lord knows our frame
Short our days from dust to dust we fade
But His love will remain
Merciful to those who fear his name
chorus

The steadfast love of the Lord
From everlasting to everlasting (4x)
chorus

Confession

Merciful God,

**Too often we trust in our own power and do not depend upon yours.
We don't trust you are wise enough, good enough, or strong enough to act.**

So we rely on many other things: our own strength, our own wisdom, our own ability, our own resilience. And, because we don't trust in you, we are filled with worry and unrest— even a quiet desperation. Our hands cannot hold us up.

**So we come to you now, again, abandoning our self-trust, asking you,
because of what Christ has done, to receive us, embrace us, and hold us up.**

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.

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.

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.

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*

5 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

Psalm 103:8-12; 22

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.

Hear the good news:

The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. **Praise the Lord, my soul.**

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.**

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.

Music: Psalm 1 by Poor Bishop Hooper (2020).

Oh the joy, the joy, the joy of those who delight in the law of the Lord.

Oh the joy, the joy, the joy of those who meditate day and night in the law of the Lord.

Let all my delight be only in your sweet and right instruction. (2x)

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 alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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.

Isaiah 43:16-21

16 This is what the Lord says—
 he who made a way through the sea,
 a path through the mighty waters,
17 who drew out the chariots and horses,
 the army and reinforcements together,
and they lay there, never to rise again,
 extinguished, snuffed out like a wick:
18 “Forget the former things;
 do not dwell on the past.

19 See, I am doing a new thing!
 Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?
I am making a way in the wilderness
 and streams in the wasteland.
20 The wild animals honor me,
 the jackals and the owls,
because I provide water in the wilderness
 and streams in the wasteland,
to give drink to my people, my chosen,
21 the people I formed for myself
 that they may proclaim my praise.

Psalms 32

1 Blessed is the one
 whose transgressions are forgiven,
 whose sins are covered.
2 Blessed is the one
 whose sin the Lord does not count against them
 and in whose spirit is no deceit.
3 When I kept silent,
 my bones wasted away
 through my groaning all day long.
4 For day and night
 your hand was heavy on me;
my strength was sapped
 as in the heat of summer.
5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you
 and did not cover up my iniquity.
I said, “I will confess
 my transgressions to the Lord.”
And you forgave
 the guilt of my sin.

6 Therefore let all the faithful pray to you
 while you may be found;
surely the rising of the mighty waters
 will not reach them.
7 You are my hiding place;
 you will protect me from trouble
 and surround me with songs of deliverance.
8 I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should
go;
 I will counsel you with my loving eye on you.
9 Do not be like the horse or the mule,
 which have no understanding
but must be controlled by bit and bridle
 or they will not come to you.
10 Many are the woes of the wicked,
 but the Lord’s unfailing love
 surrounds the one who trusts in him.
11 Rejoice in the Lord and be glad, you righteous;
 sing, all you who are upright in heart!

7 But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. 8 What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ 9 and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. 10 I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, 11 and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead. 12 Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. 13 Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, 14 I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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 by The 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 20:9-19

9 He went on to tell the people this parable: "A man planted a vineyard, rented it to some farmers and went away for a long time. 10 At harvest time he sent a servant to the tenants so they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. 11 He sent another servant, but that one also they beat and treated shamefully and sent away empty-handed. 12 He sent still a third, and they wounded him and threw him out.

13 "Then the owner of the vineyard said, 'What shall I do? I will send my son, whom I love; perhaps they will respect him.'

14 "But when the tenants saw him, they talked the matter over. 'This is the heir,' they said. 'Let's kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.' 15 So they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.

"What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? 16 He will come and kill those tenants and give the vineyard to others."

When the people heard this, they said, "God forbid!"

17 Jesus looked directly at them and asked, "Then what is the meaning of that which is written:

"The stone the builders rejected

has become the cornerstone?"

18 Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces; anyone on whom it falls will be crushed."

19 The teachers of the law and the chief priests looked for a way to arrest him immediately, because they knew he had spoken this parable against them. But they were afraid of the people.

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

Homily

The Future of Forgiveness

Rev. R.J. March

Musical Interlude

Musical interludes are included to provide space for reflection and worship.

Apostles' Creed

This early belief statement of Christians has unified Christians for 1,700 years. Saying it together connects us to the Christians who have gone before us as well as grounds us in the trustworthiness of God. When we say, "I believe" we are invited to also say "I trust" in God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit for what God is doing and has done to love and to save us.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
**He was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**
**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Let's pray as Jesus has taught us, and receive in particular the forgiveness of God for ourselves and through us, for the sake of others. How might you creatively express this forgiveness in an act of good for the sake of someone you have forgiven?

**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 trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.**
**And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**
**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

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!"*

Grateful Giving

Freely you have received; freely give

Matthew 10:8



Communion

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

PEACE

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

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.

SANCTUS

Sing: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

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 Abide, We Abide in You

words and music the Porter's Gate (2017)

We are the vineyard You have planted
Tend our leaves and wild branches
We abide, we abide in You
We abide, we abide in You

Fruit growing from our strength and labor
Rain on us with grace and favor

We abide, we abide in You
We abide, we abide in You

Where can my soul find living water?
Apart from You we bear no fruit
O plant my feet down by the river
We abide, we abide in You

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.**

We Shall Sing

words and music Nathan Partain (2017)

chorus

We shall sing with hearts on fire
We shall rise and not be ashamed
We shall look and all be radiant
We shall see him face to face

Though we wait, the garden groaning
Cut down by greed, used up, bereft
What death has taken, or curse has ruined
Jesus has turned upon its head / *chorus*

The whole world of despair
Is not worth being compared
To what we shall see

Though we outwardly seem
To be wasting away
Instead inwardly we
Are more new day by day

Though we don't see Him now
Yet our hearts still believe
And our hope cannot die
Till our joy is complete

And so we wait, the children hunger
The weak enslaved, the voiceless poor
Though weeping lasts
Throughout this long night
Jesus shall come like joyous morn / *chorus*

The whole world of despair
Is not worth being compared
As we tremble with love
When we meet in the air
The whole world of despair
Is not worth being compared
To what we shall see
What we shall see

Benediction

Philippians 1:6

He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. **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

With Nicole: reach out for a time, nicoleashleybennett@gmail.com

With Kara: reach out for a time, kara@allsoulsseattle.org

With Suzanne: reach out for a time, suzanne@allsoulsseattle.org



Lent 2025 staying hungry for the feast Jesus is preparing

Wednesday Worship Service + Meal join us from 6-6:20p for 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 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.

Holy Week: April 13-20

Palm Sunday— all will be welcome to participate in the Parade of Palms, during the service

Wednesday— no midweek worship service

Maundy Thursday— dinners in homes, use QR code to sign up to host or attend >>

Good Friday— interactive stations of the cross in the Commons 2-5:30p childcare provided

Saturday Easter Vigil— begins around the bonfire on 35th at 6:45p, childcare provided

Easter 'Sunrise' Service— worship at 9a, coffee + a fire blazing in the Lincoln Park shelter that faces the Ferry Dock.

Egg hunt for kids following.



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 10 for details and contact R.J. March (rj@) to learn more.

Youth Group —

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. No youth group on April 16th.

Warm Springs summer service trip: July 26th-Aug 3rd. Contact suzanne@allsoulsseattle.org for more details.

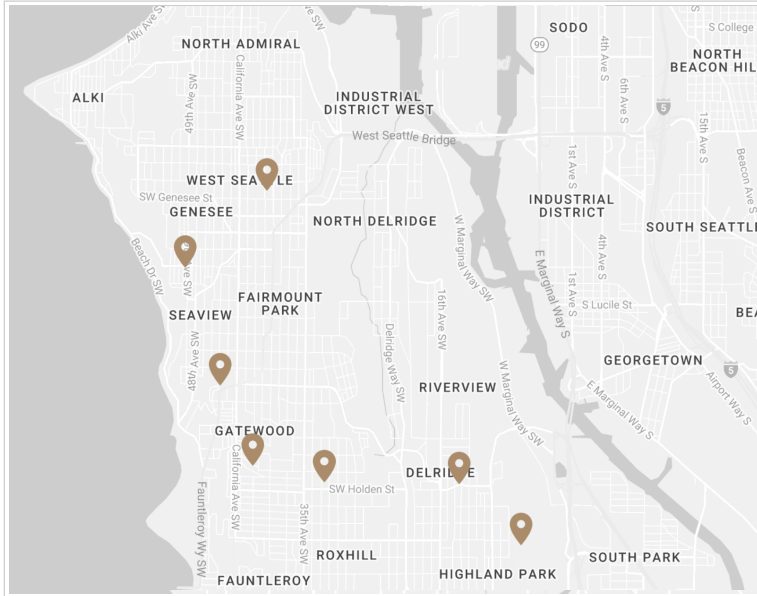
Weekly Friday Email

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



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



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 (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

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!

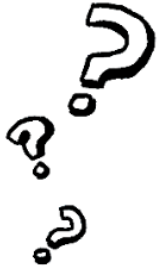
Did you hear any
words that were
NEW to you?



AS YOU
LISTEN...



Draw something that
inspired your IMAGINATION:



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

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

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

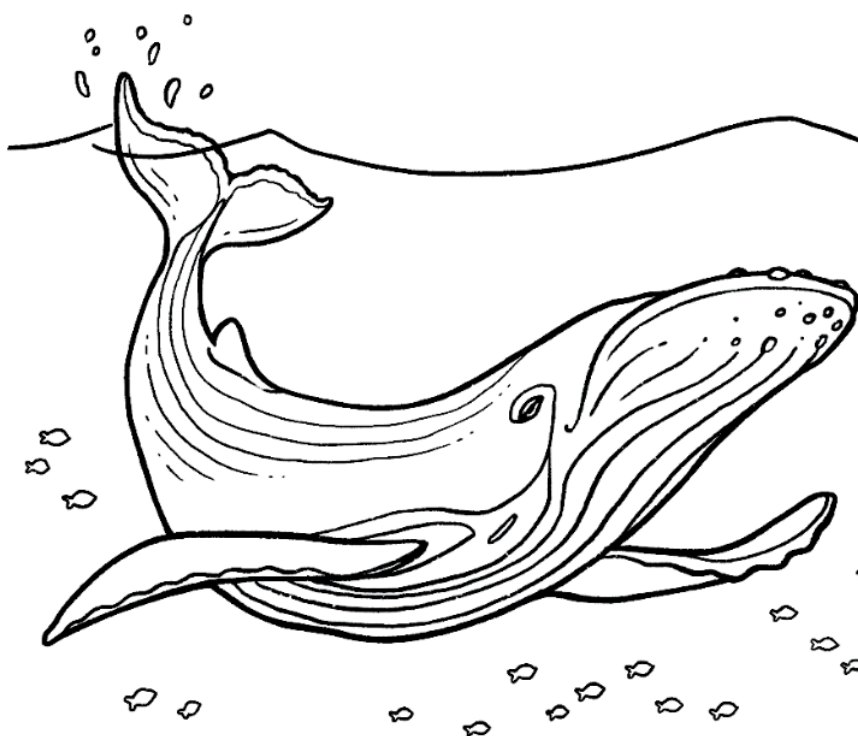
doodle page

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



Notes

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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