

Youngstown Cultural Arts Center

9:30 + 11a

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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.

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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Photo by Adam Mirza

Poemen, one of the Desert Fathers (34°-45° a.d.), when told one of his monk neighbors kept a mistress refused to judge the man. And when the monk's mistress became pregnant and had a child, Poemen sent over a bottle of wine as a gift.

How might you have responded?

Poemen, like most desert monks in Egypt in his day, had memorized the New testament and Psalms. What might he have grasped that we may be missing?



Please help us to be hospitable:

Face covering required indoors for all. Maintain six feet of space with people outside of your family or bubble. Participate online if you have symptoms of Covid-19 or have known exposure to someone who has tested positive for Covid-19.

Please silence all devices for the duration of worship.

The Youngstown Movement Studio next door is available for those of us who need to wiggle while worshipping. Parents please accompany your children. 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 to simply be together. We're glad you're here, and as you're getting settled we invite you to sit toward the aisle, allowing access for others along the edges. Thank you.

Call to Worship

The Lord is My Light

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 Taize Community, music by Jacques Berthier

The Lord is my light

My light and salvation

In God I trust (2x)

Psalm 89:5-8

The heavens praise your wonders, Lord, your faithfulness too, in the assembly of the holy ones.

For who in the skies above can compare with the Lord?

Who is like the Lord among the heavenly beings?

In the council of the holy ones God is greatly feared;

he is more awesome than all who surround him.

Who is like you, Lord God Almighty?

You, Lord, are mighty, and your faithfulness surrounds you.

Invocation

The Lord has shown forth his glory:

O come, let us adore him.

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 morning, 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. 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.

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.

All Creatures of Our God and King

words by St. Francis of Assisi, music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN

All creatures of our God and king Lift up your voice and with us sing Oh, praise him, Alleluia

Thou burning sun with golden beam Thou silver moon with softer gleam Oh, praise him (2x) Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong Ye clouds that sail in heaven along Oh, praise him, Alleluia Thou rising morn in praise rejoice Ye lights of evening find a voice Oh, praise him (2x) Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their creator bless And worship him in humbleness Oh, praise him, Alleluia

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son And praise the Spirit, three in one Oh, praise him (2x)
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

prayer of confession

God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people.

We confess that our selfishness and pride hide the brightness of your light.

We avoid or turn away from those in need; we are blind to the spiritual complacency in our own lives; and we do not seek peace in our relationships that are unwell.

In your mercy, cleanse us;

renew us with your Spirit, that, forgiven and free, it would be your glory and your light that is most evident in our lives, Jesus.

Let's acknowledge these things silently before the Lord, knowing forgiveness and rest are freely available in Jesus. After a brief silence we will sing our confession together:



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.

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace

Hear and know that you are forgiven, and be at peace. Thanks be to God.

standing

Reading

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 49:1-9

- 1 "Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight;I will put my Spirit on him, and he will bring justice to the nations.
- 2 He will not shout or cry out, or raise his voice in the streets.
- 3 A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out. In faithfulness he will bring forth justice;
- 4 he will not falter or be discouraged till he establishes justice on earth.

 In his teaching the islands will put their hope."
- 5 This is what God the Lord says—
 the Creator of the heavens, who stretches them out,
 who spreads out the earth with all that springs from it,
 who gives breath to its people,
 and life to those who walk on it:

- 6 "I, the Lord, have called you in righteousness;
 I will take hold of your hand.
 I will keep you and will make you
 to be a covenant for the people
 and a light for the Gentiles,
 7 to open eyes that are blind.
- 7 to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness.
- 8 "I am the Lord; that is my name! I will not yield my glory to another or my praise to idols.
- 9 See, the former things have taken place, and new things I declare; before they spring into being I announce them to you."

Revelation 1:1-20

1 The revelation from Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show his servants what must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John, 2 who testifies to everything he saw—that is, the word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ. 3 Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it, because the time is near.

4 John, to the seven churches in the province of Asia:

Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne, 5 and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, 6 and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.

7 "Look, he is coming with the clouds," and "every eye will see him, even those who pierced him"; and all peoples on earth "will mourn because of him." So shall it be! Amen.

8 "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty."

- 9 I, John, your brother and companion in the suffering and kingdom and patient endurance that are ours in Jesus, was on the island of Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. 10 On the Lord's Day I was in the Spirit, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet, 11 which said: "Write on a scroll what you see and send it to the seven churches: to Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia and Laodicea."
- 12 I turned around to see the voice that was speaking to me. And when I turned I saw seven golden lampstands, 13 and among the lampstands was someone like a son of man, dressed in a robe reaching down to his feet and with a golden sash around his chest. 14 The hair on his head was white like wool, as white as snow, and his eyes were like blazing fire. 15 His feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of rushing waters. 16 In his right hand he held seven stars, and coming out of his mouth was a sharp, double-edged sword. His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance.

17 When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. Then he placed his right hand on me and said: "Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. 18 I am the Living One; I was dead, and now look, I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades.

19 "Write, therefore, what you have seen, what is now and what will take place later. 20 The mystery of the seven stars that you saw in my right hand and of the seven golden lampstands is this: The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Homily the Faithful Witness

Rev. Andy Pelander

standing

the Apostles' Creed

The Apostles' Creed has for centuries helped people understand who God is, and the essential truths of Christian faith. Who is God? As we speak the creed now together it unites us with the Church globally and across the ages. We say this together as a community, because we need each other in life with God, and so that as a community we may grow as a vibrant expression of who God is.

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

We regularly pray for needs in our community, our city, and the world as an act obedience and love, and to align our concerns with the Lord's. If you have children with you, please feel free to use this time to teach them to pray with us, as we ask God to honor our hope that we are becoming a vibrant expression of who God is—gracious, present, hospitable. You can send prayer requests to prayer@allsoulsseattle.org.

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Take a moment to praise God, silently or aloud what is something you want to give God thanks for?

King Jesus, hear our prayer.

Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Take a moment now to pray, silently or aloud what would you like to ask God to heal and restore in our world?

King Jesus, hear our prayer.

Give us this day our daily bread,

Take a moment now to imagine a long table with our community and brothers and sisters from all over the world seated at it. As you look down the table, what are 'our' daily needs as a community gathered to God's table? Now, silently or aloud—talk to God about your personal, daily needs and 'our' needs as a community.

King Jesus, hear our prayer.

And forgive us our debts,

Take a moment now to reflect on how your actions or inactions have cost others and God. How do we— in our actions or inactions as a community— need forgiveness?

Pray silently or aloud.

King Jesus, hear our prayer.

As we forgive our debtors.

Silently or aloud, ask God for the grace to forgive as you have been forgiven.

King Jesus, hear our prayer.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Silently or aloud, talk to God about your fears and unburden yourself to Him. In what situations would you like to ask for God's protection—personally, for our community?

King Jesus, hear our prayer.

For thine is the Kingdom, the power, and the glory. Now and forever. 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.

Communion

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

EXTEND PEACE

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

The peace of Christ be with you always! And also with you.



GRATEFUL GIVING

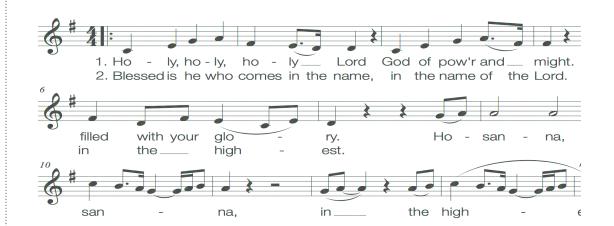
Freely you have received; freely give. (Matthew 10:8)

INVITATION + THANKSGIVING

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.

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

Trinity Song

words and music by Sandra McCracken

Holy Father, Son, and Spirit Holy Communion, Three-in-one.

Come with your peace, with your invitation Bind us together in Holy love.

Down by the Riverside / Walk in the Light

"Down by the Riverside" words and music: African American spiritual, arranged and adapted by Evan Wilson "Walk in the Light" words and music by Evan Wilson (2020)

I'm gonna lay down my sword and shield Down by the riverside (3x)

I'm gonna lay down my sword and shield

chorus:

I ain't gonna study war (3x) no more

I'm gonna follow the prince of peace Down by the riverside (3x) There is love for my enemies

chorus

I'm gonna lay down my sword and shield Come to the riverside

Come, let us walk in the light of God (4x)

Nations will not take up the sword Nor will they train for war (4x)

Come, let us walk in the light of 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 for Communion; non-alcoholic grape juice is in the smaller of the two goblets. For those with wheat allergies, a glutenfree cracker is available in place of the bread (ingredients: water, organic brown and white rice flour).

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 question about how this process works, please speak with one of our pastors.

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Benediction

2 Corinthians 13:14

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **Amen**.

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

Thanks be to God!

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



Join the All Souls Kids volunteer team: Beginning in January, we are hoping to open up childcare for 1-2 year olds, and Sunday school for 3-5 year olds during both services but we need your help. Follow the QR code to the interest form. Contact Suzanne Case (suzanne@allsoulsseattle.org) for more information.

BYOSong: A gathering for musicians held at the All Souls Loft. Come with a song and chord charts/sheet music. It could be your own song or a favorite. Pizza will be provided. Email rj@allsoulsseattle.org to register your interest and we can work on finding a date.

Group Life



Grace Groups: Living by God's grace is a paradigm shift for all of us and as a big shift, it involves study, practice, community, and the work of the Holy Spirit within each of us. All Grace Groups will this common thread: learning to live by grace in a wide variety of life.

COMING UP

- Marriage Grace Group: 8p on Zoom Sundays January 9 and 23, February 6 and 13, and dinner Feb 27.
- Racial Justice Grace Group: resuming in March



Home Groups: Home Groups are one of the main ways we learn to receive and extend the hospitality of Christ in our neighborhoods. If you are interested in hosting, contact R.J. (rj@allsoulsseattle.org).

COMING UP

- Panel Discussion with H.G. Hosts: Sunday January 23, during the service
- Home Groups Begin Again: the week of February 13, meeting every other week

All Souls Youth Group

We are planning to resume our normal Wednesday gatherings for all Middle and High school students this month. Contact Suzanne Case with any questions (suzanne@allsoulsseattle.org).

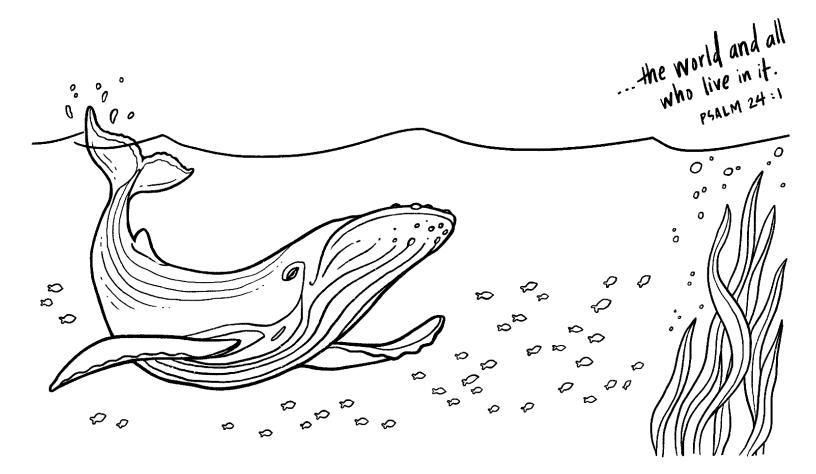
Parents: Join the All Souls Youth Parents channel on Instagram @allsoulsyouth_parents

COMING UP

• Summer Service Trip: All Souls is sending a team of 20 teens and adults back to Warm Springs, Oregon this summer. The dates are July 2-9, 2022. Register your interest with Suzanne.

	something you - ng worship today?
Did you hear any words that were NEW to you?	ran your IMAGINATION.
What's ONE question You'd want to ask Your parents or pastors?	A.r.
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!





Giving as Part of Worship

All we have is given to us by God. Our offerings express this joyful dependance 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 that you can contribute financially to All Souls:

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

All Souls PO Box 16613 Seattle, WA 98116

- Visit allsoulsseattle.org/give
- 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.

Amidst one of the longest seasons of challenge most of us have ever experienced, we want to celebrate how God has continually met our community's financial needs. This has allowed All Souls to continue in her mission, entering our eleventh year of worship together, as a church in and for our neighborhood seeking to be a vibrant expression of who God is—gracious, present, hospitable. 98.5% of our costs from last year were covered by careful cost adjustments by staff, and your continued giving and support. We thank God for your partnership in this work!

This year, as we look at our budget, there are few things to note: Pandemic realities have led to our giving and expenses shrinking around 20% over the last 2 years. However, this year we anticipate additional costs and have built them into our budget as we resume in-person Sunday gatherings. We have budgeted as realistically as possible, though many uncertainties remain about our costs this year. Our new budget of \$600,000 (\$550,000 last year) assumes a 10% growth in giving, and even then we are prepared to dip into our reserves about \$70,000 as we expect our costs to be closer to \$670,000. The pastors and leadership of All Souls invite you to join us in this generous risk, investing in our shared life together this next year.

December Giving Goal: \$50k December Giving Actual: \$105k YTD Goal: \$200k YTD Actual: \$223k

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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