

Eastertide
April 24

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.

How do I get connected?

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Please help us to be hospitable:

Face covering is optional on the main floor of the building (recommended downstairs).

Participate online if you have symptoms of Covid-19 or have known exposure to someone who has tested positive.

If you have any questions about our precautions, check out our website at allsoulsseattle.org/covid or email info@allsoulsseattle.org. 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.

STANDING

Call to Worship

Paschal Troparion

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.

music by Evan W. Wilson

Christ is risen from the dead
Trampling down death by death

And to those in the tomb (2x) he has given new life

from Psalm 111

Praise the Lord!

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart.

The works of his hands are faithful and just;

all his precepts are trustworthy;

He sent redemption to his people.

His praise endures forever!

If you, or someone with you this afternoon, has special needs we do not want to miss

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.

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

an opportunity to serve you.

Acclamation

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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.

All Creatures of our God and King

words: St. Francis of Assisi, trans. William Draper; music: Peter Von Brachel

All creatures of our God and King, Lift up your voice and with us sing Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam, Thou silver moon with softer gleam

chorus:

O praise Him! (2x) Alleluia! (3x)

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
Ye clouds that sail in Heaven along,
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Thou rushing morn in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening find a voice / chorus

All ye men of tender heart,
Forgiving others take your part
O sing ye! Alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God and on Him cast your care

chorus

Let all things their Creator bless, And worship Him in humbleness. O praise Him! Alleluia! Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son; And praise the Spirit, Three in One

chorus

Confession

Like the disciples behind locked doors, we are afraid to be seen as your followers.

Christ, have mercy.

Like Thomas in the upper room, we are slow to believe.

Lord, have mercy.

Most merciful God.

we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, in word, and deed,

by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

Raise us in your love so that, with joy,

we may speak of your astonishing work, in the name of Jesus, the risen one.

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 1:6-8

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.

We praise God for the glorious grace he has poured out on us in Jesus, his Son. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of his grace, which he lavished on us, with all wisdom and understanding.

God's grace abounds for us, even in our weakness.

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

STANDING

the 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.

Acts 5:12, 17-29

12 The apostles performed many signs and wonders among the people. They would come together regularly at Solomon's Porch.

17 The high priest, together with his allies, the Sadducees, was overcome with jealousy. 18 They seized the apostles and made a public show of putting them in prison. 19 An angel from the Lord opened the prison doors during the night and led them out. The angel told them, 20 "Go, take your place in the temple, and tell the people everything about this new life." 21 Early in the morning, they went into the temple as they had been told and began to teach.

When the high priest and his colleagues gathered, they convened the Jerusalem Council, that is, the full assembly of Israel's elders. They sent word to the prison to have the apostles brought before them. 22 However, the guards didn't find them in the prison. They returned and reported, 23 "We found the prison locked and well-secured, with guards standing at the doors, but when we opened the doors we found no one inside!" 24 When they received this news, the captain of the temple guard and the chief priests were baffled and wondered what might be happening. 25 Just then, someone arrived and announced, "Look! The people you put in prison are standing in the temple and teaching the people!" 26 Then the captain left with his guards and brought the apostles back. They didn't use force because they were afraid the people would stone them.

27 The apostles were brought before the council where the high priest confronted them: 28 "In no uncertain terms, we demanded that you not teach in this name. And look at you! You have filled Jerusalem with your teaching. And you are determined to hold us responsible for this man's death."

29 Peter and the apostles replied, "We must obey God rather than humans!

Mark 2:23-3:6

23 One Sabbath Jesus was going through the grainfields, and as his disciples walked along, they began to pick some heads of grain. 24 The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is unlawful on the Sabbath?"

25 He answered, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need? 26 In the days of Abiathar the high priest, he entered the house of God and ate the consecrated bread, which is lawful only for priests to eat. And he also gave some to his companions."

27 Then he said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. 28 So the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath."

- 3 Another time Jesus went into the synagogue, and a man with a shriveled hand was there. 2 Some of them were looking for a reason to accuse Jesus, so they watched him closely to see if he would heal him on the Sabbath. 3 Jesus said to the man with the shriveled hand, "Stand up in front of everyone."
- 4 Then Jesus asked them, "Which is lawful on the Sabbath: to do good or to do evil, to save life or to kill?" But they remained silent.
- 5 He looked around at them in anger and, deeply distressed at their stubborn hearts, said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was completely restored. 6 Then the Pharisees went out and began to plot with the Herodians how they might kill Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Homily It's an Act of Love

Rev. Andy Pelander

Baptism West Linden Pierce

Scripture teaches that we were all dead in our sins and trespasses, but by grace we may be saved through faith. Our Savior Jesus Christ said, "Unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God"; and he commissioned the Church to "make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

Here we ask our heavenly Father that **Linden**, being baptized with water, may be filled with the Holy Spirit and received into the Church as a living member of Christ's body.

FOR PARENTS

Will you, by your love, prayers, and bearing witness to God's grace, help Linden to grow in love and reliance on Jesus?

We will, with God's grace.

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and confess him as your Lord and Savior?

I do.

Do you joyfully receive the Christian Faith, as revealed in the Bible?

I do.

Do you repent of your sin?

I do.

Do you reject selfish living and all that is false and unjust?

I do.

Do you renounce Satan and all evil?

I do.

Will you follow Jesus faithfully and obey his commands throughout your life?

With God's help, I will.

FOR THE CHURCH FAMILY

STANDING

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support Linden in his life with Jesus? We will.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I do.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I do.

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I do.

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.

BAPTISM SEATED

For you, **Linden**, the Spirit of God moved over the waters at creation, and the Lord God made covenants with his people.

It was for you that the Word of God became flesh

and lived among us, full of grace and truth.

John 1:14

For you, Linden, Jesus Christ suffered death

crying out at the end, "It is finished!" John 19:20

And for you Christ triumphed over death, rose in newness of life, and ascended to rule over all.

All of this was done for you, **Linden**, before you could know anything of it and we will continue to tell you this good news, as it becomes more and more your own.

And so the promise of the gospel is fulfilled:

"We love because God first loved us." 1 John 4:19

WELCOME + PRAYER

Friends, with applause, let's welcome the newest member of Christ's Church, Linden Pierce!

Lord Jesus, who embraces children with the arms of mercy, and makes them living members of your Church, give Linden grace to stand fast in your faith, to cherish and obey your word, and to abide in your love. Being made strong by your Holy Spirit, may he, our brother, resist temptation and overcome evil, rejoice in the life that is now, and dwell with you in the life that is to come; through your merits, O merciful Savior, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, world without end. Amen!

Grateful Giving

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering and come into his courts. (Psalm 96:8)



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.

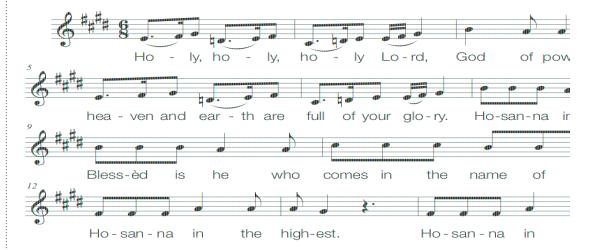
The peace of Christ be with you always! And also with you.

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!"

Father, Let Your Kingdom Come

words and music by The Porter's Gate (2019)

chorus:

Hallelu, hallelujah

Father, let Your kingdom come

May the works of my hands bring You joy (4x)

And so we sing / chorus

May the words from my mouth speak Your peace (4x)

You make all things new (2x) In places we don't choose You make all things new

chorus

STANDING

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee!

words: Henry Van Dyke, Christopher Wordsworth music: Ludwig van Beethoven

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,

God of glory, Lord of love;

Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee,

Op'ning to the sun above.

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;

Drive the dark of doubt away;

Giver of immortal gladness,

Fill us with the light of day!

Alleluia, alleluia!

Hearts to heav'n and voices raise:

sing to God a hymn of gladness,

sing to God a hymn of praise.

He, who on the cross as Savior for the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of glory,
now is risen from the dead.

Mortals join the happy chorus which the morning stars began. Father love is reigning o'er us, Brother love binds man to man. Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife, Joyful music lifts us sunward, In the triumph song of life.

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 on-alcoholic grape juice for Communion (labeled on tables). For those with wheat allergies, a gluten-free cracker is available in place of the bread (ingredients: brown rice flour, sesame seeds, potato starch, safflower oil, flax seeds, quinoa seeds, amaranth seeds, chia seeds, millet, tamari soy sauce powder, sea salt).

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

1 Corinthians 16:23

The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you. Amen.

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

Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

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

Membership Info Session: Today following worship, from 5:30-6:15p in the Commons at Trinity. Light snacks will be provided. Childcare (as well as snacks for children) will also be provided. *Parents, please sign your children in downstairs in the nursery before the session.*

Calling Volunteers: As we find new, sustainable rhythms of life in this next season, we are seeking to grow our teams of volunteers, each who help to make Sunday gatherings possible. We invite you to join us!

To learn more and serve our community through volunteering, use QR code.



YoungLives Mother's Day Card Fundraiser: Join us in support of YoungLives Seattle, a mentoring ministry for young moms and their children, by purchasing a Mother's Day card (or generic card to use for any occasion) designed by one of their talented teen moms. Cards are available for purchase in person today!

To make a donation, use the QR code.

Contemplative Prayer: Fridays (April 29-June 17), 12:30-1p at the Loft (4138 California, 2nd fl.)

The pace and haste of modern life can make it difficult to receive the invitation of Psalm 46:10, "Be still and know that I am God." The Christian tradition of contemplative prayer is a method for learning to slow down and rest in God. Come take a 30 minute break on Fridays with Chris Ball and Kara Barrett as we seek to increase our awareness of and deepen our relationship with God. Contact Kara Barrett (kara@) with questions.

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

• Racial Justice Grace Group: join us in exploring the Center for Formation, Justice, and Peace



Home Groups: In a world that pushes us toward isolation, we need community— a place where we're known, loved, and belong. We need local 'family'— siblings in Jesus we can lean on, learn with and from, care for, and celebrate growth alongside. Home Groups, designed to invite us into this relational space, are a vital part of our shared life and growth in Christ— places of care and community where we discover and live the Christian life together. Home Groups are one of the main ways we learn to receive and extend the hospitality of Christ in our neighborhoods. **Gatherings meet every other week through May** (details: allsoulsseattle.org/connect).

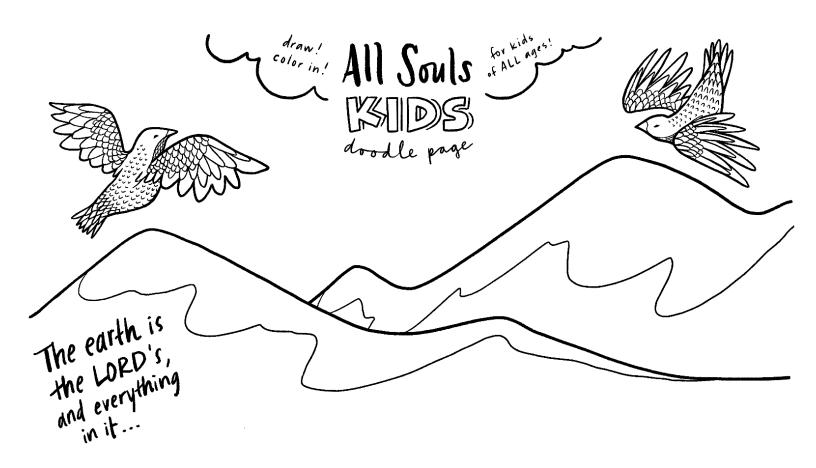
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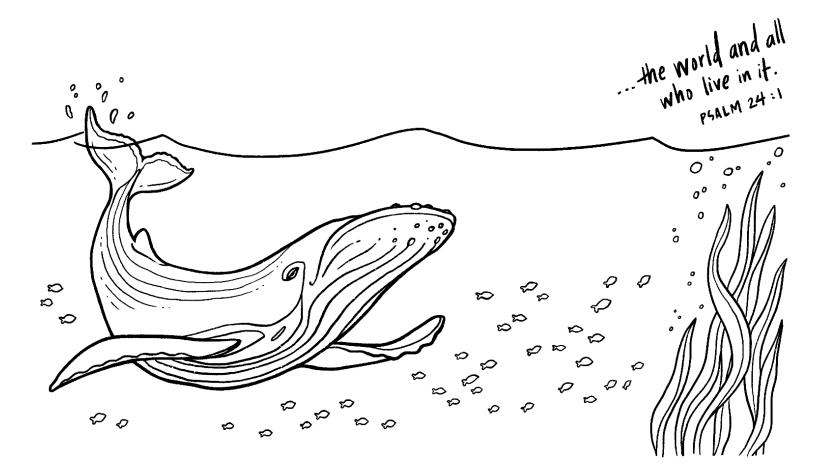
High school students meet on Tue night. Middle school students meet on Wed night. Contact Suzanne Case with any questions (suzanne@allsoulsseattle.org). Parents: follow us on Instagram @allsoulsyouth_parents

COMING UP

• Seattle Day of Service (May 21, 10-noon): Join youth group leaders at the West Seattle Junction to assist in street cleanup. All teens welcome and encouraged to attend! Registration links were emailed. Contact Suzanne (suzanne@) for assistance or with questions.

	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, 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 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.

March Giving Goal: \$50k March Giving Actual: \$35k YTD Goal: \$350k YTD Actual: \$317k

Online giving:

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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