

Eastertide

MAY 1

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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All Souls Kids + Youth

allsoulsseattle.org/kids (/youth)

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Listening is the beginning of prayer.

Mother teresa



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

Psalm 33:1-3

All you who are righteous,

shout joyfully to the Lord!

It's right for those who do right to praise God.

Give thanks to the Lord with the lyre!

Sing praises to him with the ten-stringed harp!

Sing to him a new song!

Play your best with joyful shouts!

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.

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.

Arise, Shine, For Your Light Has Come

Words: adapted from Isaiah 60:1-19 Music: Jered McKenna

Arise shine for your light has come And the glory of God is on you Arise see when the earth grows dark that the Lord will arise upon you The Lord will arise upon you

Chorus:

Nations will come to your Light lift up your eyes and see We'll gather together and come to you And your love will be all that we know Your love will be all that we know

Arise come to the open gates For the Father is welcoming you Fear not for the Lord brings peace And redemption to all who believe Redemption to all who believe

Chorus

The sun will not shine Cause you'll be all the light that we need And violence will end All the wars that we wage will cease We will glorify your name We will glorify your name.

Chorus

Confession

Most gracious and merciful God,

we have come before you time after time with countless prayers and praises, yet with hearts that are far from you.

We have tried to hide our sin from you, and from each other.

But you search us and know us inside and out.

Forgive us, Lord, for how we have wronged you, and wronged each other. Strengthen our hearts to trust in your ways.

Guide us toward your throne of grace.

Open our mouths to seek and share forgiveness with one another.

We ask this in the name of our Savior 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 from 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.

Psalm 33:4-11

- 4 Because the Lord's word is right, his every act is done in good faith.
- 5 He loves righteousness and justice; the Lord's faithful love fills the whole earth.
- 6 The skies were made by the Lord's word, all their starry multitude by the breath of his mouth.
- 7 He gathered the ocean waters into a heap; he put the deep seas into storerooms.

- 8 All the earth honors the Lord; all the earth's inhabitants stand in awe of him.
- 9 Because when he spoke, it happened! When he commanded, there it was!
- 10 The Lord overrules what the nations plan; he frustrates what the peoples intend to do.
- 11 But the Lord's plan stands forever; what he intends to do lasts from one generation to the next.

Acts 9:1-6

9 Meanwhile, Saul was still spewing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest, 2 seeking letters to the synagogues in Damascus. If he found persons who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, these letters would authorize him to take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. 3 During the journey, as he approached Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven encircled him. 4 He fell to the ground and heard a voice asking him, "Saul, Saul, why are you harassing me?"

5 Saul asked, "Who are you, Lord?"

"I am Jesus, whom you are harassing," came the reply. 6 "Now get up and enter the city. You will be told what you must do."

Mark 4:1-20

1 Again Jesus began to teach by the lake. The crowd that gathered around him was so large that he got into a boat and sat in it out on the lake, while all the people were along the shore at the water's edge. 2 He taught them many things by parables, and in his teaching said: 3 "Listen! A farmer went out to sow his seed. 4 As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. 5 Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. 6 But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root.

7 Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants, so that they did not bear grain. 8 Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up, grew and produced a crop, some multiplying thirty, some sixty, some a hundred times."

9 Then Jesus said, "Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear."

10 When he was alone, the Twelve and the others around him asked him about the parables. 11 He told them, "The secret of the kingdom of God has been given to you. But to those on the outside everything is said in parables 12 so that,

"'they may be ever seeing but never perceiving, and ever hearing but never understanding; otherwise they might turn and be forgiven!'"

13 Then Jesus said to them, "Don't you understand this parable? How then will you understand any parable? 14 The farmer sows the word. 15 Some people are like seed along the path, where the word is sown. As soon as they hear it, Satan comes and takes away the word that was sown in them. 16 Others, like seed sown on rocky places, hear the word and at once receive it with joy. 17 But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. 18 Still others, like seed sown among thorns, hear the word; 19 but the worries of this life, the deceitfulness of wealth and the desires for other things come in and choke the word, making it unfruitful. 20 Others, like seed sown on good soil, hear the word, accept it, and produce a crop—some thirty, some sixty, some a hundred times what was sown."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Homily

the King who Listens

Rev. R.J. March

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

God who listens, we ask you for peace:

Across the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of all who belong to you

Petitions may be added silently or aloud

Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer

For Foley Beach, Archbishop of the Anglican Church in North America (ACNA); for Todd Hunter, our Bishop, of the Diocese of Churches for the Sake of Others; for our pastors and their families for the clergy, leaders, and people across our diocese (C4SO); and for our Vestry, staff, and entire All Souls family

Petitions may be added silently or aloud

Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer

For our nation, for those in authority, and for all in public service, especially:

President Joe Biden.

Vice President Kamala Harris.

Governor Jay Inslee,

and Mayor Bruce Harrell

Petitions may be added silently or aloud

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

For our city and every elected official; for educators and civil servants, that they would seek the flourishing of all people

Petitions may be added silently or aloud

Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer

For all who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity

Petitions may be added silently or aloud

Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer

Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Grateful Giving

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

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 isgracious, present, hospitable.



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

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

chorus

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)

STANDING

Behold! His Kingdom Now is Come

Words and Music: Paul Zach, Isaac Wardell, Leslie Jordan, Lorenzo Baylor, Brian Nhira

The light shines in the darkness

And the darkness has not overcome

(2x)

Behold! Behold!

His kingdom now is come

The valleys will be lifted

And the mountains will be brought down low

(2x)

Behold! Behold!

His kingdom now is come

Hear the voice cry from the highway,

"Make way for the prince of peace"

(2x)

Behold! Behold!

His kingdom now is come

God of justice (God of justice),

Righteous judge (righteous judge)

Behold! Behold! Behold!

Our defender (our defender),

Prince of peace (prince of peace)

Behold! Behold! Behold!

Father to the fatherless

(Father to the fatherless),

Our strong deliverer

(Our strong deliverer)

Behold! Behold! Behold!

He's troubling the water (he's troubling the water) and we're marching through

Behold! Behold!

His kingdom now is come

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: Rice flour, sesame seeds, safflower oil, tamari soy sauce powder, salt, garlic powder.). Please place your emptied metal cup in the basket on the high tables at one of the sanctuary exits.

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.

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

Curious about membership at All Souls? Following our initial information session on Sunday, April 24 (recording available), we will host four Welcome sessions this summer for conversation and food, reviewing the basics of what we believe as Christians and about the church. Attending these session is a required next step toward membership; please let us know if you plan to participate and/or have any questions (info@).

Practicing Solitude: Join Steve Simmons and Kara Barrett for a morning of quiet reflection at Lincoln Park on Saturday, May 14 at Lincoln Park (Shelter 1) from 9:30-11:30a. Steve will facilitate, offering a simple "pilgrimage" exercise intended to foster reflection on the theme of "resurrection" during this season of Eastertide (RSVP to kara@).



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.

Contemplative Prayer: Fridays (through 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).

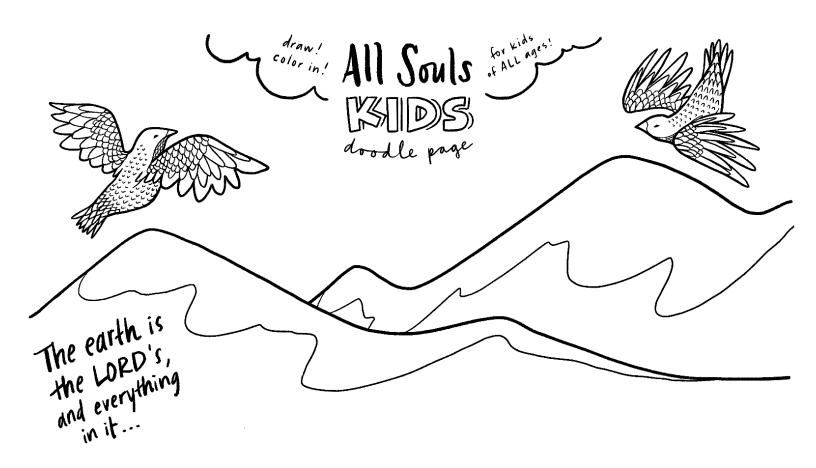
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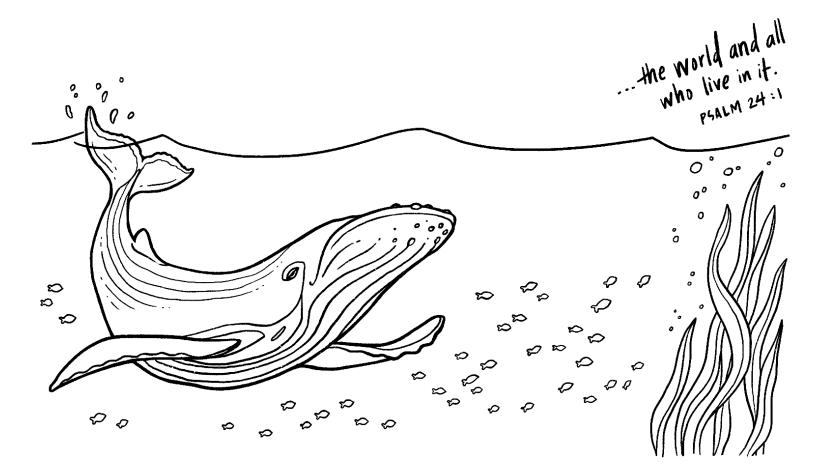
High school students meet on Tue night. Middle school students meet on Wed night. Contact Suzanne Case with any questions (suzanne@allsoulsseattle.org). Parents: follow us on Instagram @allsoulsyouth_parents

COMING UP

• No Middle School gathering this week May 4th. See you on the 11th!

	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:

All Souls

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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