

Youngstown Cultural Arts Center

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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.

How do I get connected?

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All Souls Kids + Youth

allsoulsseattle.org/kids (/youth)

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What is the opposite of loneliness? communion.

tames k.A. Smith

Order of Worship

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, ALL SOULS / NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



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

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.

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.

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. 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

Bless the Lord

words by Taize Community music by Jacques Berthier

Bless the Lord, my soul And bless God's holy name Bless the Lord, my soul Who leads me into life

Psalm 8:1-4

Lord, our Lord,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory

in the heavens.

Through the praise of children and infants you have established a stronghold against your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger.

When I consider your heavens,

the work of your fingers,

the moon and the stars,

which you have set in place,

what is mankind that you are mindful of them,

human beings that you care for them?

Invocation

from Jude 1:1-2

To those who are loved by God the Father and kept by Jesus Christ: Mercy, peace and love be yours in abundance.

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.

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

words by Henry Van Dyke (1907) music by Ludwig van Beethoven (HYMN TO JOY, 1824)

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

Al thy works with joy surround thee

Earth and heav'n reflect thy rays Stars and angels sing around thee

Center of unbroken praise

Fill us with the light of day

Field and forest, vale and mountain

Flowery meadow, flashing sea

Chanting bird and flowing fountain

Call us to rejoice in thee

Thou art giving and forgiving Ever blessing, ever blest Wellspring of the joy of living Ocean depth of happy rest

Thou, our father; Christ, our brother All who live in love are thine Teach us how to love each other Lift us to the joy divine

seated

Call to Confession

Psalm 34:17-18

The Lord hears his people when they call to him for help.

He rescues them from all their troubles.

The Lord is close to the brokenhearted;

he rescues those whose spirits are crushed.

Confession

God welcomes us to come as we are, to acknowledge our weakness, and to experience his grace and compassion. Let's pray:

Merciful Father,

We confess that we get overwhelmed with life and fail to trust you.

Forgive us.

Capture our minds with your love, with your provision, and with the abundance that you give in your Son, Jesus. Renew us through your Spirit to rest in you alone.

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.

Receiving of Grace

Titus 3:4-5

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.

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy.

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

Reading Mark 10:2-16

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.

- 2 Some Pharisees came and tested him by asking, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?"
- 3 "What did Moses command you?" he replied.
- 4 They said, "Moses permitted a man to write a certificate of divorce and send her away."
- 5 "It was because your hearts were hard that Moses wrote you this law," Jesus replied. 6 "But at the beginning of creation God 'made them male and female.' 7 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, 8 and the two will become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. 9 Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."
- 10 When they were in the house again, the disciples asked Jesus about this. 11 He answered, "Anyone who divorces his wife and marries another woman commits adultery against her. 12 And if she divorces her husband and marries another man, she commits adultery."
- 13 People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. 14 When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. 15 Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." 16 And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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.

Blessed are the merciful (3x) for they shall receive mercy, mercy Forgive us as we forgive those who sin against us (2x) Lord have mercy on us / Show Your mercy through us, mercy

I will raise my eyes to the mountains; from where will my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

He who watches over you will not slumber. (Psalm 121:1-2, 3b)

God in heaven, we join the psalmist and ask for a renewing sense that you alone are the source of help and protection we need as your children, in our homes, in our neighborhood and city, and in our parishes— North, Central, and South. Maker of all things, who does not sleep but is ever present and attentive, be near to us as we work, as we play, as we try and try again; as we wait. Lord, capture the attention of our hearts, in the noise and in the stillness. Open our hands, that we might receive from you, Jesus, who watches over.

Lord have mercy on us / Show Your mercy through us, mercy

The Lord is your protector; the Lord is your shade on your right hand.

The sun will not beat down on you by day, nor the moon by night. (Psalm 121:5-6)

Lord of all, we need you to be protector— of our minds, of our bodies; of our children's bodies. Across our parishes the kids and teens of this community— and their friends, classmates, teammates— have been asked to grow up fast in many ways these past many months. So much for them has seemed less clear, more chaotic, dislocated, tense. May they befriend each other well. They face unprecedented levels of persistent anxiety and unease, watchful for any light or voice that would lead them toward groundedness, purpose, and hope. Jesus, have mercy. Gather them under your wings; be their shade, their light, and gentle, guiding voice. Love them in all the ways we fail to love. Lord, please: protect, hold, and heal them.

Lord have mercy on us / Show Your mercy through us, mercy

The Lord will protect you from all evil; He will keep your soul. The Lord will guard your going out and your coming in From this time and forever. (Psalm 121:7-8)

Holy Spirit, Lord of new life and keeper of souls, lift our gaze. Let us see more than our own wants and needs— allow us to see beyond them; beyond a small vision for who we could and can be for others. Untether us, Spirit, from self-serving lives and call us again into a life given to enjoyment and extension of your kingdom, which is here and coming. Make us instruments of your peace, signposts of hope, and living examples of what your grace can do. May we, from north to south, bear witness. Make our joy and our love, as your children, a signal to those nearest us, who ache to know there is more that is real and underway than can be seen. Amen.

Lord have mercy on us / Show Your mercy through us, (2x) mercy

Homily Love | Exodus 20:1-2, 13

Rev. Andy Pelander

1 And God spoke all these words:

2 "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

13 "You shall not murder.

Grateful Giving

James 1:17

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change.

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.

If you are our guest today, please feel no obligation to give. Let us know you're here, as well as any questions, comments or prayer requests you may have, by emailing pastor@allsoulsseattle.org. Read more about giving in worship on p.11.

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 FOR THOSE
NOT COMMUNING

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

> PRAYER FOR THOSE SEARCHING FOR TRUTH

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

PRAYER OF BELIEF

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

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

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

Amen.

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

Communion

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

EXTEND PEACE

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

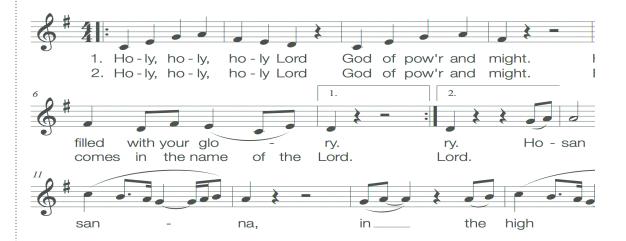
The peace of Christ be with you always! And also with you.

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.

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.

His Kingdom Now is Come (Behold!)

words and music by 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, righteous judge / Behold! (3x)

Our Defender, Prince of Peace / Behold! (3x)

Father to the fatherless, our strong deliverer / Behold! (3x)

He's troubling the water and we're marching through

Behold! Behold! His kingdom now is come

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Benediction Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. **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 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.

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

TODAY

Newcomer's Lunch

Sunday, Oct 3 12:15p-1:30p

Come enjoy lunch our pastoral team and other new folks. We'll have time for a brief telling of the All Souls story and mission, plus Q+A. Lunch is catered by Marination.

Youngstown Cultural Art Center

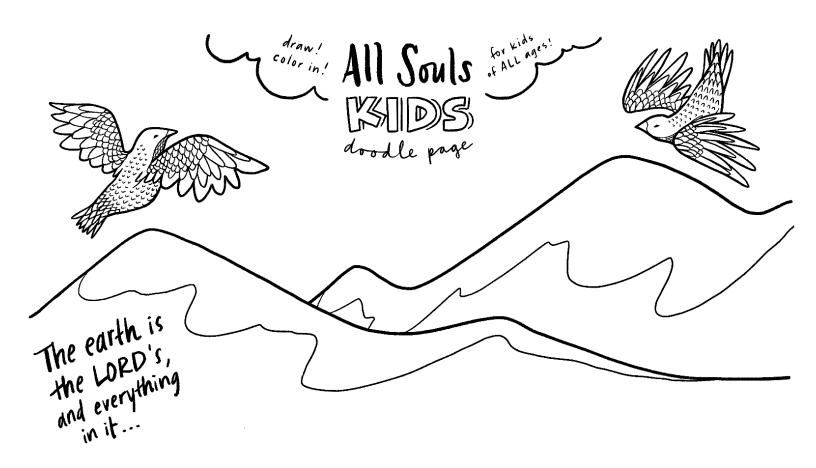
In 1947, a graduate-school student at the University of Washington named Thelma Dewitty was finishing her mathematics book for children and applying to teach with Seattle Public Schools. She and her husband were not the only ones hoping she would get the job. The Seattle Urban League, NAACP, the Civic Unity Committee, and Christian Friends for Racial Equality all encouraged the school system to break 'the color barrier' by hiring her. The Frank B. Cooper School, where you are today, hired Thelma Dewitty and she became the first African American teacher to teach in Seattle Public Schools.

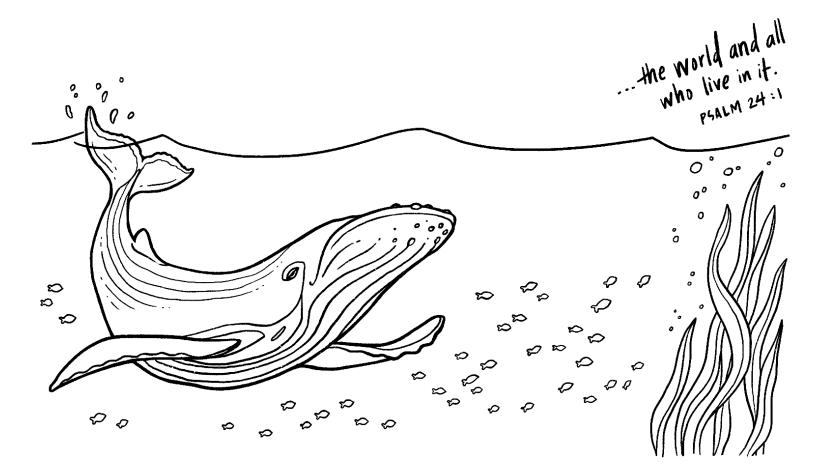
Today, as Youngstown Cultural Arts Center, the Cooper School building continues to be a place where ongoing color barriers—and other barriers that harm our community—are creatively engaged.

This building is a gallery space, a dance studio, a home to artists-in-residence, a recording studio for young musicians, a hub for educational and volunteer opportunities in Seattle's green spaces and waterways.

God has provided these past ten years for All Souls and its exciting to imagine how again he is provide for us to be lovingly engaged in our neighborhoods in ways that echo how God loves— with grace, presence, and hospitality.

	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

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's 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 ought to be worshipful. When we are generous with others, we are reminding one another of the great generosity of our 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:

- Place cash or check in the offering on Sundays
- 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.

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