

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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Adam was excited. "yes, but why did God condemn cain? that's an injustice."

Samuel said, "there's an advantage to listening to the words. God did not condemn cain at all. Even God can have a preference, can't he? Let's suppose God liked lamb better than vegetables. I think I do myself. Cain brought him a bunch of carrots maybe. And God said, 'I don't like this. try again. Bring me something I like and I'll set you up alongside your brother.' But cain got mad. His feeling were hurt. And when a man's feeling are hurt he wants to strike at something, and Abel was in the way of his anger."

tohn Steinbeck East of Eden

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.

Ordinary Time is a season in the church calendar. The church calendar tells the story of Jesus in calendar form. In Ordinary Time, we celebrate how Jesus dignified our ordinary lives by living 30 years of ordinary life working, cleaning, growing, revealing God's glory in the ordinary.

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

Psalm 134

music by Robbie Seay

Come and bless the Lord Come and bless the Lord Come and bless the Lord All you servants of God

Lift up your hands
To the holy place
Lift up your hands
And bless his name

Psalm 91:1-6

I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress,

my God, in whom I trust."

Surely he will save you

from the fowler's snare

and from the deadly pestilence.

He will cover you with his feathers,

and under his wings you will find refuge;

his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.

You will not fear the terror of night,

nor the arrow that flies by day,

nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness,

nor the plague that destroys at midday.

Invocation

from 1 John 4:18

There is no fear in love, but perfect love drives out fear.

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.

Come Thou Fount

Words: Robert Robinson (1758) Tune: NETTLETON (anonymous)

Come, thou Fount of every blessing tune my heart to sing thy grace streams of mercy, never ceasing call for songs of loudest praise Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it mount of God's redeeming love

Here I raise my Ebenezer hither by thy help I come and I hope, by thy good pleasure safely to arrive at home Jesus sought me when a stranger wandering from the fold of God he, to rescue me from danger, Interposed his precious blood

Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee prone to wander, Lord, I feel it prone to leave the God I love here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it seal it for thy courts above

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"Sin" is a word that means, at its core, "an obsession or worship of oneself." Martin Luther famously described sin as "curving in on oneself" which causes a relational breach not only with the people we harm, but also with God by not giving God the place He deserves in our lives as our loving creator and savior.

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.

Call to Confession

Hebrews 4:12-13

12 For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. 13 Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

Confession Psalm 32:5

God welcomes us to come as we are, to acknowledge our sin, and to experience his grace and compassion. The psalmist leads us in prayer:

Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity.

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." And you forgave the guilt of my sin.



Receiving of Grace
Titus 3:4-7

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.

⁴ But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, ⁵ he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, ⁶ whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷ so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

Together, let us remember the promise of the gospel:

In Christ, we are forgiven.

standing

Reading Mark 10:35-45

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.

35 Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him. "Teacher," they said, "we want you to do for us whatever we ask."

- 36 "What do you want me to do for you?" he asked.
- 37 They replied, "Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory."
- 38 "You don't know what you are asking," Jesus said. "Can you drink the cup I drink or be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with?"
- 39 "We can," they answered.

Jesus said to them, "You will drink the cup I drink and be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with, 40 but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared."

41 When the ten heard about this, they became indignant with James and John. 42 Jesus called them together and said, "You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. 43 Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, 44 and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. 45 For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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Homily Generosity | Exodus 20:1-2, 15

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.

15 "You shall not steal.

standing

the Nicene Creed

The Nicene 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.

We believe in one God,

the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God,

begotten from the Father before all ages,

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made; of the same essence as the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven:

he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,

and was made human.

He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried. The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures.

He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead.

His kingdom will never end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord, the giver of life.

He proceeds from the Father and the Son,

and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified. He spoke through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic* and apostolic church.

We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look forward to the resurrection of the dead,

and to life in the world to come. Amen.

Grateful Giving

Matthew 10:8

Freely you have received; freely give.

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.

Prayers of the People

John 1:1-5 (Indigenous People's Translation)

Join us as we prayer with and for our Native Neighbors. 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. You can share prayer requests to prayer@allsoulsseattle.org. If you have children with you, please feel free to use this time to teach them to pray with us.

Long ago, in the time before all days, before the creation of all things, the one who is known as the Word was there face to face with the Great Spirit. This Word fully represents the Creator and shows us who he is and what he is like. He has always been there from the beginning, for the Word and Creator are one and the same. Through the Word all things came into being, and not one thing exists that he did not create.

Creator's life shined out from the Word, giving light to all human beings. This is the true Light that comes to all the peoples of the world and shines on everyone. The Light shines into the darkness, and the darkness cannot overcome it or put it out.

You hear us calling. You hear us calling, Abba Father. (2x) Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. (2x)

Creator God, we give you thanks for the way Indigenous People living here have stewarded and cared for your creation for hundreds of years across many generations.

We lament that here in Seattle, in just a hundred years, there has been so much pollution and destruction. We confess our ignorance of this place and life-giving ways to live here.

Make us learner and listeners, make us partners with our Native Neighbors as we seek to magnify your glory in this cathedral, a cathedral of mountains and cascades, that we get to call home.

O Lord, hear our prayer.

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. (2x)

Lord, you are the great re-creator. Even death could not hold you down or stop your resurrection ways. Heal the land: restore life here where we have brought death.

Heal us as neighbors: restore hope where colonization and its long legacy has brought despair.

We pray for the Native American social services office on Delridge,

hold them up and give them your strength as they work with so few resources.

Enlarge our hearts and shape our imaginations for the ways we can help.

O Lord, hear our prayer.

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. (2x)

God of Abraham and Sarah, who were blessed to be a blessing to all nations:

We pray to you on behalf of our local Indigenous neighbors, the Duwamish People,

on whose traditional homeland we stand today.

We also give you thanks for the Warm Springs Reservation and the work of Sacred Road Ministries to bring the good news of God's love to Indigenous peoples. Grant your favor on Holly, Evan, Tomo, Tom, and the leaders of Sacred Road as they serve the children and families of Warm Springs.

God of every nation, every tribe, and every tongue: bring reconciliation to our land.

O Lord, hear our prayer.

You hear us calling. You hear us calling, Abba Father. (2x) Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. (2x)

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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! 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

Practicing Solitude: Learning to Listen to the Voice of Love

The Christian life is an invitation to fellowship and participation with God. Listening and responding to God is learned. It requires practice. Jesus's life on earth was arranged around practices that enabled him to remain in constant fellowship with the Father: solitude and silence, prayer, simple and sacrificial living, study and meditation of God's Word and ways, and service to others. It is through Jesus that we come to the Father and through Jesus that we learn how to commune with our Father. Like Jesus, we want to learn how to withdraw ourselves from tasks, distractions, and noise in order to be quiet enough to hear the voice of God who speaks in the silence. We want to receive God's invitation to be honest with ourselves in God's presence and to experience God draw near to and attend to our joys, sorrows, longings, loneliness, and questions. We want to learn to wait upon God and to release ourselves into God's loving care.

Let's practice listening to the voice of love together!

Join us at Lincoln Park, October 23, 9-11a. We will be meeting at Shelter 4 (along the water), receive guidance, disperse and practice solitude and silence, and then come back together for a time of group reflection. Please contact Kara Barrett with any questions (kara@allsoulsseattle.org).

All Souls Youth Group!

Wednesdays, 6-8p at Trinity West Seattle. All Middle and High school students welcome. Dinner included. Contact Suzanne Case with questions or to sign up to help provide a meal (suzanne@allsoulsseattle.org).

Middle School Werewolf Game Night

Friday October 29 7:00pm at Trinity West Seattle. Snacks provided

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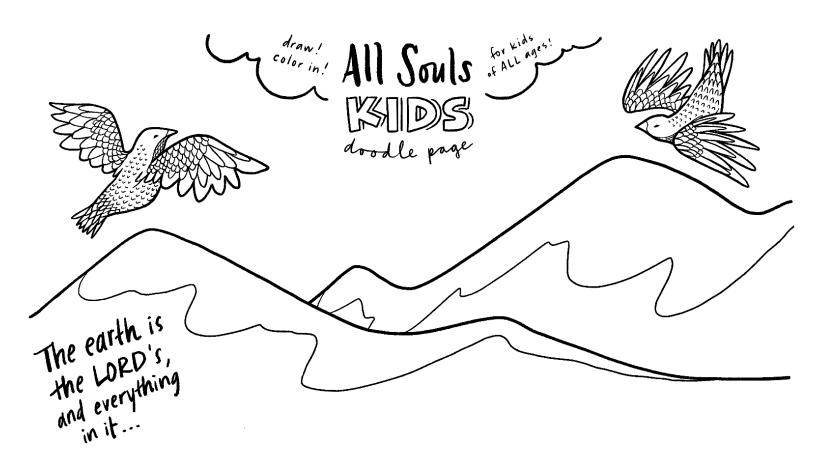
In 1947, a graduate-school student at the University of Washington named Thelma Dewitty was finishing her mathematics book for children and applying to teach with Seattle Public Schools. She and her husband were not the only ones hoping she would get the job. The Seattle Urban League, NAACP, the Civic 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.

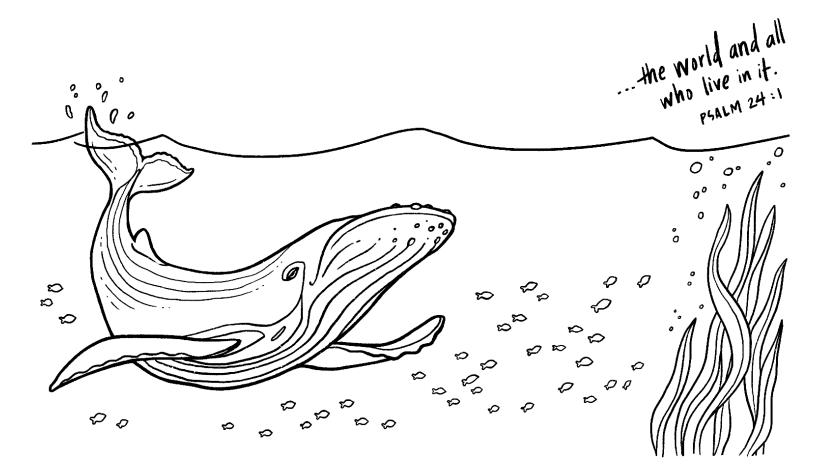
Today, as Youngstown Cultural Arts Center, the Cooper School building continues to be a place where ongoing color barriers— and other barriers that harm our community— are creatively engaged.

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:

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.

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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