

## 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.

## How do I get connected?

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Love— not activity or practices— is the measure of spiritual maturity. Pete Scazzero



#### Please help us to be hospitable:

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

Please silence all devices for the duration of worship.

The Youngstown Movement Studio next door is available for those of us who need to wiggle while worshipping. Parents please accompany your children.

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.

Bold text is read together by the congregation. Plain text is read by the leader. Responsive readings remind us that during corporate worship God speaks to his people and we respond together as a community.

If you, or someone with you this morning, has special needs we do not want to miss an opportunity to serve you.

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

from Psalm 100

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 Wilson

Shout for joy unto the Lord, all the earth Come before him with your songs, songs of joy Enter in his gates with thanks; praise his name

For the Lord is good / And his love endures forevermore The Lord is good / And his love endures

Psalm 16:1-2, 5-8

Keep me safe, my God,

for in you I take refuge.

I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord;

apart from you I have no good thing.

#### Lord, you alone are my portion and my cup;

you make my lot secure.

## The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;

#### surely I have a delightful inheritance.

I will praise the Lord, who counsels me; even at night my heart instructs me.

#### I keep my eyes always on the Lord.

With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

from the Book of Common Prayer

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people, that bringing forth in abundance the fruit of good works, they may be abundantly rewarded when our Savior Jesus Christ comes to restore all things; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**.

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.

Canticle of the Turning

words: Rory Cooney

music: STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN (Irish trad.); alt. Cooney

My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great
And my spirit sings of the wondrous things that you bring to the one who waits
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight and my weakness you did not spurn
So from east to west shall my name be blest—
Could the world be about to turn?

chorus:

My heart shall sing of the day you bring Let the fires of your justice burn Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn

Though I am small, my God, my all, you work great things in me

And your mercy will last from the depths of the past to the end of the age to be

Your very name puts the proud to shame and those who would for you yearn
You will show your might, put the strong to flight / for the world is about to turn

chorus

Though the nations rage from age to age, we remember who holds us fast
God's mercy must deliver us
from the conqueror's crushing grasp
This saving word that our forbears heard is the promise that holds us bound
'Til the spear and rod be crushed by God who is turning the world around

chorus

### seated

### Confession

Almighty and merciful God,

We have sinned and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed the desires of our own hearts, independent of your leading.

We have ignored your commands.

We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.

Have mercy on us, Lord.

We ask you to heal, forgive, and restore us as we embrace your promises in Jesus.

You are invited to acknowledge these things silently before God who hears you, and to draw hope from this promise: "Then I acknowledged my sin to you... and you forgave." (Psa 32:5).

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.



## Receiving of Grace

adapted from Colossians 2:13-14

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.

Once dead, because of our sinfulness, God made us alive with Christ, who forgives. He has canceled the record of the charges against us, and taken it away by nailing it to the cross.

Let our hope be in Jesus alone. Amen.

## standing

## Reading

It has been the practice of the church for thousands of years to have portions of the Bible read during worship. We do this because we are people who need to be shaped by all of God's Word.

Mark 13:14-23

14 "When you see 'the abomination that causes desolation'[a] standing where it[b] does not belong—let the reader understand—then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. 15 Let no one on the housetop go down or enter the house to take anything out. 16 Let no one in the field go back to get their cloak. 17 How dreadful it will be in those days for pregnant women and nursing mothers! 18 Pray that this will not take place in winter, 19 because those will be days of distress unequaled from the beginning, when God created the world, until now—and never to be equaled again.

20 "If the Lord had not cut short those days, no one would survive. But for the sake of the elect, whom he has chosen, he has shortened them. 21 At that time if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Messiah!' or, 'Look, there he is!' do not believe it. 22 For false messiahs and false prophets will appear and perform signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. 23 So be on your guard; I have told you everything ahead of time.

Exodus 33:15-23

15 Then Moses said to him, "If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here. 16 How will anyone know that you are pleased with me and with your people unless you go with us? What else will distinguish me and your people from all the other people on the face of the earth?" 17 And the Lord said to Moses, "I will do the very thing you have asked, because I am pleased with you and I know you by name."

18 Then Moses said, "Now show me your glory."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Homily Glory Hungry

Rev. Andy Pelander

## standing

## the Apostles' Creed

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

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## Prayers of the People

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

#### You hear us calling

You hear us calling, Abba Father (2x)

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

We pray to you, O Lord; you hear our voice in the morning.

God of compassion,

we remember the poor and the afflicted, the sick and the dying, the prisoners and all who are lonely, the victims of war, injustice, and inhumanity, and all who suffer Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

#### You hear us calling (2x), Abba Father

O Lord of providence, who holds the destiny of the nations in your hand, we pray for our country. Inspire the hearts and minds of our leaders that they, together with all our nation, may first seek your kingdom and righteousness, that order, liberty, and peace may dwell with your people.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

#### You hear us calling (2x), Abba Father

O God the Creator, we pray for all nations and peoples.

Take away the mistrust and lack of understanding that divide us; increase in us the recognition that we are all your creatures.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

#### You hear us calling (2x), Abba Father

O Savior God, look upon your church in its struggle upon the earth.

Have mercy on our weakness, bring an end to divisions, and scatter our fears.

Watch over the ministry of your church. Increase its courage, strengthen its faith, and inspire its witness to all people, even to the ends of the earth.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

#### You hear us calling (2x), Abba Father

O Loving God, we offer these prayers, joining the great chorus of those who, too, sing your praise and depend on you alone.

We long for that day when all your children will live in your peace, and praise your name. Until that day, give us sturdy patience and enduring hope, rooted only in Jesus, in whose name we pray.

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

PRAYERS FOR THOSE
NOT COMMUNING

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

> PRAYER FOR THOSE SEARCHING FOR TRUTH

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

#### PRAYER OF BELIEF

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

#### PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

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

Amen.

### Communion

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

#### **EXTEND PEACE**

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

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

#### **GRATEFUL GIVING**

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

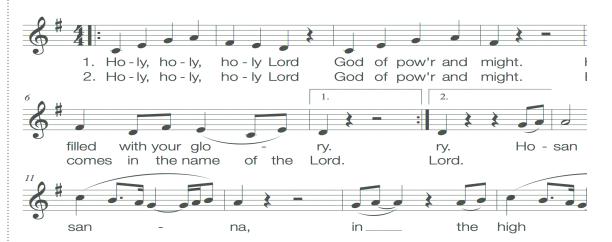


INVITATION + THANKSGIVING

Lift up your hearts! We lift them up to the Lord!

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, O Lord, Holy Father, almighty and everlasting God. We give thanks to you with those who have gone before us, and with brothers and sisters around the world, and along with the angels and all the company of heaven, we praise you with one voice:



#### **BREAK BREAD**

For as often as we eat this bread and drink the cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. (1 Cor 11:23-26)

Therefore, together, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, that we may be one with all who share this feast. As this bread is Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in the world, for by him, with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.

#### DRAW NEAR

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us;

Therefore, let us keep the feast.

<sup>\*</sup> Hosanna means "save me!" but with Jesus came to mean "salvation is here!"

### **Trinity Song**

words and music by Sandra McCracken

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

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

### **Amazing Grace**

words: John Newton

music: NEW BRITAIN; Virginia Harmony; 1831; alt. McCracken

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me I once was lost but now am found Was blind, but now I see

'twas grace that taught my heart to fear And grace my fears relieved How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed

And when this flesh and heart shall fail And mortal life shall cease I shall possess within the vale A life of joy and peace

Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far
And grace will lead me home

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### Benediction

2 Corinthians 13:13

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

Let us rejoice in the Lord always. 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

#### **Advent Candle Holders**

Advent, which begins on Sunday, November 28, is a season of anticipation—of watching and waiting. During Advent we light candles and hope for the fuller brightness that is to come when God's glory fully illuminates the world (Rev. 21:23). Last year, many in our community received a hand-crafted Advent candle holder made by Alyssa Reeve. If you did not and would like to receive a candle holder this year, please contact alyssa@allsoulsseattle.org by Sunday, November 14.

If you would like to make a donation for your candle holder, all donations will go toward purchasing Christmas gifts for YoungLives teen moms. Each Christmas gift costs \$25.

#### YoungLives

We are thankful for the continued opportunity to come alongside YoungLives and their mentoring ministry to teen moms and their children. To sponsor a meal for their gatherings or to subscribe to receive updates, please contact Alyssa Reeve (alyssa@allsoulsseattle.org).

#### All Souls Youth Group!

Wednesdays, 6-8p, at Trinity West Seattle. All Middle and High school students welcome. Dinner included. Please contact Suzanne Case with questions or to sign up to help provide a meal (suzanne@allsoulsseattle.org). Parents: join the All Souls Youth Parents channel on Instagram @allsoulsyouth\_parents

#### COMING UP

- · High School Outdoor Movie Night! December 3, 7p at the Cases' house. Snacks and warm fire provided.
- No Youth Group Wednesday, November 23— Happy Thanksgiving!

## Youngstown Cultural Art Center

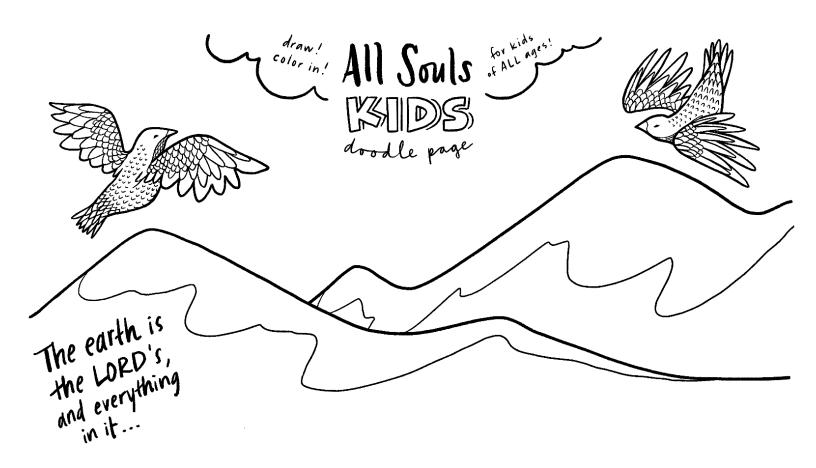
In 1947, a graduate-school student at the University of Washington named Thelma Dewitty was finishing her mathematics book for children and applying to teach with Seattle Public Schools. She and her husband were not the only ones hoping she would get the job. The Seattle Urban League, NAACP, the Civic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

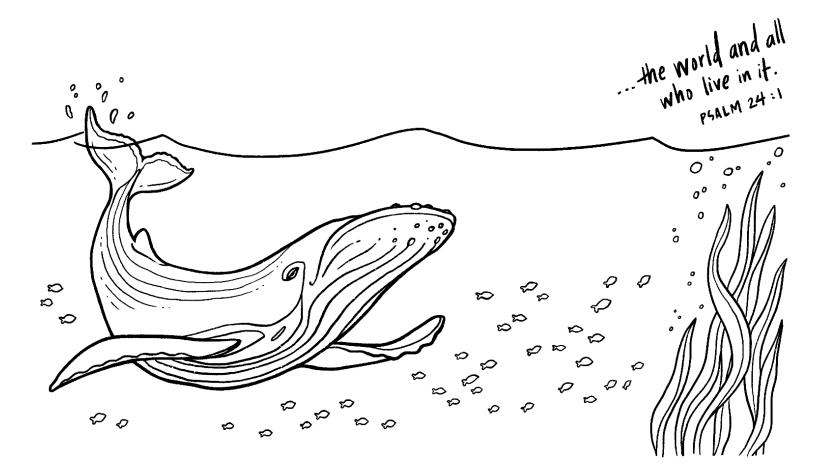
Today, as Youngstown Cultural Arts Center, the Cooper School building continues to be a place where ongoing color barriers—and other barriers that harm our community—are creatively engaged.

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?	<b>A.r.</b>
What's ONE question you'd want to ask GOD?	
Who do you want, or need, GOD to be to you today?	PRAY:  Ask GOD to take care of everything you need. He always hears you, because He loves you!





## Giving as Part of Worship

All we have is given to us by God. Our offerings express this joyful dependance and our commitment to join God in his work of renewal. Whether we have much or little, God calls us to treasure and trust Him above all. So we are to give as generously as we are able, knowing that He who met our most dire need through Christ will continue to provide for every need we have. All giving goes toward ministry initiatives of All Souls and the relief of those in need.

While there are many ways to contribute financially to God's Kingdom, scripture says the Church is the primary means by which that kingdom is established on earth. So, God calls us first and foremost to be faithful in the regular, ongoing support of one's local church body through tithes and offerings. If you haven't made tithing a practice, please consider adopting this as a spiritual practice—that you might grow in faith.

We recognize, too, that as the church, we must consistently remind one another of the truth that everything we have is a gift from the Lord.

The Bible says that 'we know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for our sake he became poor, so that we through his poverty might become rich' (2 Corinthians 8:9). Jesus' death on the Cross represents the most generous gift ever given— when he gave up everything in order to reconcile us to God.

Giving cheerfully, sacrificially, and consistently is a part of our worship— not because it's something churches do, but because giving in response to the gospel is intended to be worshipful. When we are generous with others we are reminding one another of the great generosity of God.

All Souls seeks to build community, love our neighbors, and work for peace and justice within Seattle. Our desire in giving is not only to meet our own financial needs, but to be able to serve those in need in our city and neighborhoods.

There are a few ways that you can contribute financially to All Souls:

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

All Souls PO Box 16613 Seattle, WA 98116

- Visit allsoulsseattle.org/give
- For any assistance or questions about:

Giving on a recurring basis via EFT (electronic fund transfer), stock donation, or non-cash contribution options (e.g. property or vehicle donation) please contact bookkeeper@allsoulsseattle.org

The intentional financial participation of those who consider All Souls their church home is vital. If you are not already tithing regularly, please prayerfully consider doing so. If you have questions about tithing or biblical guidelines for giving, please ask. If you are our guest today, please feel no obligation to give.

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

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

**September Giving Goal:** \$50,000 **September Actual Giving:** \$48,000 **Deficit:** \$2,000

# **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