



Zoom Gathering

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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?

visit [allsoulsseattle.org](http://allsoulsseattle.org) for the latest

## All Souls Kids + Youth

[allsoulsseattle.org/kids](http://allsoulsseattle.org/kids) ( /youth )

## How can I serve?

[allsoulsseattle.org/connect](http://allsoulsseattle.org/connect)

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*photo: Delridge Way pedestrian overpass, 1961  
Seattle Municipal Archives*

the health of a table is largely determined by the stories that are welcomed there.

Gregory Thompson  
"The Stories at our table"  
Comment Magazine, Jan 22, 2022

# Order of Worship

THIRD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY



## **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.

**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

Psalm 95

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.

words (adapted) and music: Evan Wilson (2016)

Come, let us sing for joy unto the Lord  
Let us shout to the rock of our salvation  
Oh, let us sing to him with thankful hearts  
Shout for joy with music and song  
Oh, come

refrain:

For the Lord is a great God (x2)  
In his hands are the earth, the seas (x2)  
For the Lord is the great king (x2)  
The seas are his, he has made them (x2)

Psalm 113:2-9

Let the name of the Lord be praised,  
both now and forevermore.  
The Lord is exalted over all the nations,  
**his glory above the heavens.**  
Who is like the Lord our God,  
the One who sits enthroned on high,  
who stoops down to look  
on the heavens and the earth?  
**He raises the poor from the dust  
and lifts the needy from the ash heap;**  
he seats them with princes,  
**with the princes of his people.**  
He settles the childless woman in her home  
as a happy mother of children.  
**Praise the Lord.**

## Invocation

The Lord has shown forth his glory:

**O come, let us adore him.**

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.

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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.

## Be Still, My Soul

LYRICS by Katharina von Schelgel (1752) & Latifah Alattas, Reid Phillips, and Dann Stockton (2010).  
MUSIC by Jean Sibelius (d. 1957) & Latifah Alattas, Reid Phillips, Dann Stockton and David Wilton

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side  
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain  
Leave to your God to order and provide  
In every change, He will remain

Be still, my soul: your God will undertake  
To guide the future, as in ages past  
Your hope, your mind,  
your will let nothing shake  
All now mysterious shall be bright

Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on  
When we shall be forever with the Lord  
When disappointment, grief,  
and fear are gone  
Sorrow forgot, love's joys restored

Be still, my soul...

## Prayer of 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.**

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:



T.J. Williams / E. Wilson

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## Receiving of Grace

Colossians 2:13-14; 1 Corinthians 6:11

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. You were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

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

**Let us remember the hope of the gospel: In Christ, we are forgiven.**

## 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.*

### 1 Corinthians 12:12-27

12 Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. 13 For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. 14 Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many. 15 Now if the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. 16 And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. 17 If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? 18 But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. 19 If they were all one part, where would the body be? 20 As it is, there are many parts, but one body. 21 The eye cannot say to the hand, “I don’t need you!” And the head cannot say to the feet, “I don’t need you!” 22 On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, 23 and the parts that we think are less honorable we treat with special honor. And the parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty, 24 while our presentable parts need no special treatment. But God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the parts that lacked it, 25 so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. 26 If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it. 27 Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

### Revelation 2:8-11

8 “To the angel of the church in Smyrna write:  
These are the words of him who is the First and the Last, who died and came to life again. 9 I know your afflictions and your poverty—yet you are rich! I know about the slander of those who say they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan. 10 Do not be afraid of what you are about to suffer. I tell you, the devil will put some of you in prison to test you, and you will suffer persecution for ten days. Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you life as your victor’s crown. 11 Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches. The one who is victorious will not be hurt at all by the second death.”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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## 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

For the church of Christ around the globe,  
that we would learn what it means to be one,  
as you, Lord, along with the Father and the Holy Spirit, are One.  
For the church of Christ in Seattle,  
that we would grow in unity with one another,  
seeking to understand more than to be understood.  
For your church scattered during this time  
across the neighborhoods and industries of our city,  
that our lives of love and service would bear witness to an alternative story.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all of us who continue to live in the tension of power and race in America,  
that we would, in humility, open our eyes to our cultural biases  
and seek the flourishing of those different from us.  
Guide us to become advocates for justice and equality.  
For our local, state, and national leadership,  
that they would be granted grace to lead with civility, justice, and peace,  
and that you would protect their families  
as they face the challenges attending these offices.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the victims of oppression, genocide, enslavement, and abuse;  
For those who must flee to find safety,  
we pray for your comfort, for your present help;  
we pray that acts of violence would be defied and brought to an end.  
For all who are vulnerable,  
we pray for just protection and merciful care  
to break the systemic cycles of poverty and oppression.  
For those who face social turmoil over free speech and religious conviction,  
we pray for your peace to take root in hearts and lives.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those who live on our streets,  
we pray for relief, and for comfort.  
May we, your people, humanize how we engage with our brothers and sisters  
and know the grace of serving you, even as we serve them.

**Lord, hear our prayer. Amen.**

*We regularly pray for needs  
in our community, our city,  
and the world as an act  
of 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.*



## We Will Feast In The House of Zion

words and music: Sandra McCracken and Joshua Moore

Chorus:

We will feast in the house of Zion

We will sing with our hearts restored

“He has done great things,” we will say  
together

We will feast and weep no more

We will not be burned by the fire

He is the lord, our God

We are not consumed by the flood

Upheld, protected, gathered up *Chorus*

In the dark of night, before the dawn

My soul, be not afraid

For the promised morning, oh, how

long?

O God of Jacob, be my strength. *Chorus*

Every vow we’ve broken and betrayed

You are the faithful one

And from the garden to the grave

Bind us together, bring shalom. *Chorus*

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## Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace. **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 gluten-free 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

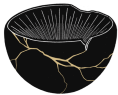


**Join the All Souls Kids volunteer team:** Beginning in January, we are hoping to open up childcare for 1-2 year olds, and Sunday school for 3-5 year olds during both services but we need your help. Follow the QR code to the interest form. Contact Suzanne Case ([suzanne@allsoulsseattle.org](mailto:suzanne@allsoulsseattle.org)) for more information.

**BYOSong:** A gathering for musicians held at the All Souls Loft Wednesday, January 26 from 7-9p. Come with a song and email the chord charts/sheet music to R.J. so we can join in. It could be your own song or a favorite. Pizza will be provided. Email [rj@allsoulsseattle.org](mailto:rj@allsoulsseattle.org) to register your interest. Please take a rapid test before coming and if you don't have one, let R.J. know and arrive 10 minutes early to take one.

**CAT Chat:** Following the worship service on Sunday, January 30. The Covid Advisory Team (affectionately known as CAT) will discuss their recommendations for us as we plan to resume in-person gatherings.

## 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*

- **Marriage:** 8p on Zoom Sundays January 9 and 23, February 6 and 13, and dinner Feb 27.
- **Racial Justice:** resuming monthly gatherings in March
- **Anglicanism:** Sunday March 6, 13, 20, 27 time frame tbd based on our Sunday worship gathering time



**Home Groups:** Home Groups are one of the main ways we learn to receive and extend the hospitality of Christ in our neighborhoods.

### *COMING UP*

- **Home Groups Begin Again:** the week of February 13, meeting every other week

### **All Souls Youth Group**

Contact Suzanne Case with any questions ([suzanne@allsoulsseattle.org](mailto:suzanne@allsoulsseattle.org)).

**Parents:** Join the All Souls Youth Parents channel on Instagram [@allsoulsyouth\\_parents](https://www.instagram.com/allsoulsyouth_parents)

### *COMING UP*

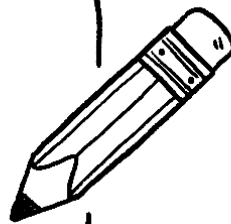
- **High School** dinner + prayer with Jeff and Carrie Tuesday 6:00-7:30 Case carport
- **Middle School** Youth Group Wednesday 6:00-7:30. Check your email or the parents IG page for locations.
- **Summer Service Trip:** All Souls is sending a team of 20 teens and adults back to Warm Springs, Oregon this summer. The dates are July 2-9, 2022. Register your interest with Suzanne.

# All Souls KIDS!

What's something you  
HEARD during worship today?

A GUIDE FOR  
EXPLORING  
WHO GOD  
IS TO US!

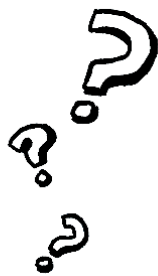
Did you hear any  
words that were  
NEW to you?



AS YOU  
LISTEN...



Draw something that  
inspired your IMAGINATION:



What's ONE question  
you'd want to ask  
your parents or pastors?

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What's ONE question  
you'd want to ask GOD?

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Who do you want, or need,  
GOD to be to you today?

PRAY:

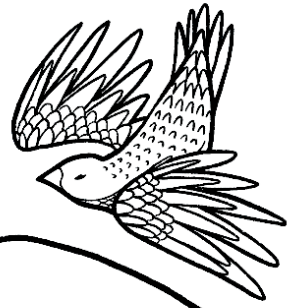
Ask GOD to take  
care of everything you  
need. He always hears  
you, because He loves you!

draw!  
color in!

# All Souls KIDS

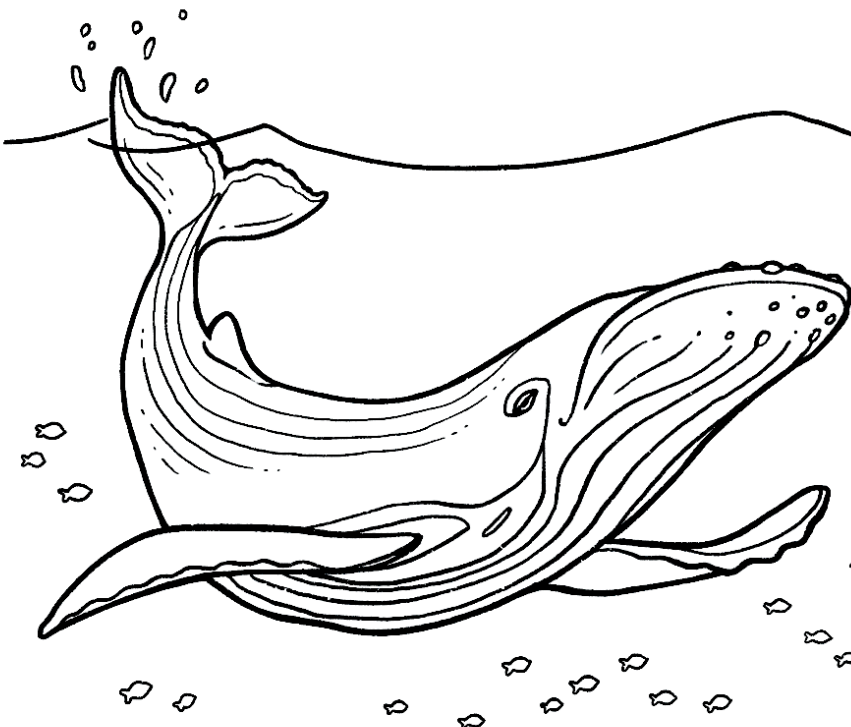
doodle page

for kids  
of ALL ages!



The earth is  
the LORD's,  
and everything  
in it...

...the world and all  
who live in it.  
PSALM 24:1



# Giving as Part of Worship

All we have is given to us by God. Our offerings express this joyful dependence 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](https://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](mailto: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.*

**December Giving Goal: \$50k December Giving Actual: \$105k YTD Goal: \$200k YTD Actual: \$223k**

Online giving:



# All Souls

## CLERGY

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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