



## 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.

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.

You should always 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 the historic Christian gospel.

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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Alertness is the hidden discipline of familiarity.

David Whyte

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.

## standing

The word epiphany means to show, reveal, or make known. As a season, it is a time set aside for seeking to see Christ more clearly as he moves from obscurity to clarity, veiled to unveiled, inaccessible to accessible, and from the periphery of people's interest and attention to the center of their lives. Epiphany's paradigm for following Jesus is the Magi, the "wise men" of Matthew chapter 2.

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.

#### welcome

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 scripture, 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 95

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

For the Lord is a great God (2x) / In his hands are the earth, the seas (2x)

For the Lord is the great king (2x) / The seas are his, he has made them (2x)

from Psalm 34:1-8

I will praise the Lord at all times.

I will boast only in the Lord; let all who are helpless take heart.

Come, let us tell of the Lord's greatness; let us exalt his name together.

I prayed to the Lord, and he answered me. He freed me from fear.

Those who look to him for help will become radiant with joy; no shadow of shame will darken their faces.

In my desperation I prayed, and the Lord listened, for the angel of the Lord is a guard; he surrounds and defends all who are awed by him.

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Oh, the joys of those who take refuge in the Lord!

#### invocation

from Near the Cross

by Fanny Crosby

In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever

words and music by Eric J. Marshall © 2012

hymns Come, Holy One

Hasten now, O loving Lord to us

We're thirsty

Fill these souls, Spirit, every hour

We need Thee

chorus:

Come, come, Holy One

Come meet us

All, all for Your glory

Lord Jesus

Lead us on, the perfect path, O Lord

And may we

sin no more, this spotless bride, the Church

Is Yours

chorus

I am Yours
Only Yours

We are Yours

Only Yours

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning,

Our song shall rise to Thee;

Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, Holy, Holy! All the saints adore Thee,

Casting down their golden crowns

Around the glassy sea;

Cherubim and seraphim,

Falling down before Thee

Who wert, and art, and ever more shall be.

Holy, Holy, Holy!

Though the darkness hide Thee,

Though the eye of sinful man

Thy glory may not see,

Only thou art holy;

There is none beside Thee,

Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

All thy works shall praise Thy name

In earth, and sky, and sea;

Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

words: Reginald Heber, 1826 music: John B. Dykes, 1861

Hymns comprise most of the worship songs at All Souls, because of their richness, doctrinal depth, and focus on God's character and redemptive work. Many hymns are patterned after the Psalms with their varied expressions of praise and thanksgiving, and, too, a wrestling with what it is to trust in a love as audacious as the Lord's. Our hope is that these hymns and prayers set to music would lead us into a dynamic encounter with our Savior, in worship.

### reading + interlude

Luke 6:17-26

17 And he came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, 18 who came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. And those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. 19 And all the crowd sought to touch him, for power came out from him and healed them all.

20 And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said:

- "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.
- 21 "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied.
- "Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh.
- <sup>22</sup> "Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man! 23 Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets.
- 24 "But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.
- 25 "Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry.
- "Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep.
- <sup>26</sup> "Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

#### call to confession

Jeremiah 17:5-10

seated

Thus says the Lord:

"Cursed is the one who trusts in people and makes flesh his strength, whose heart turns away from the Lord. He is like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see any good come. He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness,

in an uninhabited salt land.

"Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit."

The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it?
"I the Lord search the heart and test the mind, give everyone according to his ways,

give everyone according to his ways, according to the fruit of his deeds."

### prayer of confession

Let's take a few moments to reflect silently on these words and to be directed into prayer, offering confession before the Lord, knowing forgiveness and rest are freely available in Jesus.

Confession of sin 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.

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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.

Musical interludes are included in our service in order to provide space for reflection and worship.

words and music by

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hymn Holy Mountain

Please lead me to Your holy mountain, God I long to know your glory and your peace Please open up my heart and fan the flames I long to light the darkest night for You

This world is a hollow shell and life an empty well without You

chorus:

You are all consuming, never failing love whom do I have? whom do I have?

You are all consuming, never failing love whom do I have? whom do I have but You?

Please lead me to your holy altar, God so I can taste and revel in your joy Anoint my head with holy oil, God I long to praise Your name with every breath

This world is a hollow shell and life an empty well without You

chorus

## receiving of grace

based on Psalm 91:14-15

Those who love me, I will deliver, says the Lord; I will protect those who know my name. When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them and show them my salvation.

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

Receive the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

poem from 'Sabbaths'

by Wendell Berry

Whatever is foreseen in joy
Must be lived out from day to day.
Vision held open in the dark
By our ten thousand days of work.
Harvest will fill the barn; for that
The hand must ache, the face must sweat.

And yet no leaf or grain is filled By work of ours; the field is tilled And left to grace. That we may reap, Great work is done while we're asleep.

When we work well, a Sabbath mood Rests on our day, and finds it good.

### hymn

#### Lift Every Voice and Sing

### standing

words: James Weldon Johnson arr. and music: Evan Wilson

Lift every voice and sing till earth and heaven ring, Ring with the harmonies of Liberty Let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies Let it resound loud as the rolling sea

Sing a song full of the faith the dark past has taught us Sing a song full of the hope the present has brought us Facing the rising sun of our new day begun Let us march on till victory is won

Stony the road we trod, Bitter the chastening rod Felt in the days when hope unborn had died Yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet Come to the place for which our Fathers sighed?

We have come over a way that with our tears have watered We have come through ancient paths, the blood of the slaughtered Out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way Thou who hast by Thy might, led us into the light Keep us forever in the path, we pray

Lest our feet stray from the place, our God, where we met Thee Lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, forget Thee Shadowed beneath Thy hand, may we forever stand True to our God, true to our fellow man

### community rhythms + practices

#### word

Knock, Knock | Genesis 18:1-2, 6-15; 21:1-7

Rev. R.J. March

18:1 And the Lord appeared to him by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. 2 He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. 6 And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, "Quick! Three seahs of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes." 7 And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. 8 Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

9 They said to him, "Where is Sarah your wife?" And he said, "She is in the tent." 10 The Lord said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him. 11 Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in years. The way of women had ceased to be with Sarah. 12 So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I am worn out, and my lord is old, shall I have pleasure?" 13 The Lord said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?'

Scripture's description of worship is not contained to Sunday mornings, but flows into all of life where we enjoy God's blessing and extend His blessing. Learn more about opportunities to grow and to serve on pp. 8-11.

Preschool and elementaryage children are dismissed to All Souls Kids following announcements, where they can learn and discover in a language and style more suitable to them.

## 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.

\* Ho-sa-nna is a word that means "save me!" but came to mean"salvation is here!" 14 Is anything too hard for the Lord? At the appointed time I will return to you, about this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son." 15 But Sarah denied it, saying, "I did not laugh," for she was afraid. He said, "No, but you did laugh." 21:1 The Lord visited Sarah as he had said, and the Lord did to Sarah as he had promised. 2 And Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age at the time of which God had spoken to him. 3 Abraham called the name of his son who was born to him, whom Sarah bore him, Isaac. 4 And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. 5 Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. 6 And Sarah said, "God has made laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh over me." 7 And she said, "Who would have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age."

grateful giving 1 Corinthians 4:7

What do you have that you did not receive?

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 gifts go 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 placing your comment card in one of the offering bowls as they are passed. Read more about giving in worship on p.12.

#### table

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

#### **EXTEND PEACE**

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

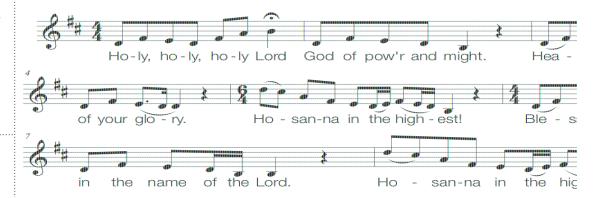
The peace of Christ be with you always! And also with you.

#### 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 by singing:



#### 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.

## standing

### hymn

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee
God of glory, Lord of love
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee
Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness
Drive the dark of doubt away
Giver of immortal gladness
Fill us with the light of day

All Thy works with joy surround Thee Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays Stars and angels sing around Thee Center of unbroken praise Field and forest, vale and mountain Flowery meadow, flashing sea Chanting bird and flowing fountain Call us to rejoice in Thee

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore 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

benediction + sending

1 Thessalonians 5:23

May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. **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 Session 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.

words: Henry Van Dyke music: Ludwig van Beethoven

arr. Evan Wilson

Our pastors and other leaders are available following the service for prayer or to answer any questions you may have about All Souls.

Unless otherwise noted, all Scripture is taken from The Holy Bible, English Standard Version (ESV) or New International Version (NIV). Please contact info@allsoulsseattle.org for details or directions to any of these gatherings, or visit allsoulsseattle.org/events.

## Gathering

#### VISIT A HOME GROUP THIS MONTH

Beginning Jan 27, groups gather bi-weekly through May

Home groups provide safe places to know and be known as we grow in relationship with ourselves, God, and one another. Each group is unique and has its own 'personality,' while they share a focus on growing in relationship with Jesus and with each other. Groups meet throughout the week and neighborhood, and include space for relation building, study and reflection, service, and prayer.

In a world that pushes us toward isolation, where we need community, home groups can become family. Please see p.11 for group meeting time, location, and contact details.

#### WOMEN'S HOT POT HYGGE (HUE-GUH) - TONIGHT!

Sunday, Feb 17, 6p

A cozy evening of food and friendship, this time featuring an East Asian specialty: hot pot—a communal stew of savory broth with veggies and beef, with options for all food preferences and sensitivities. Contact lori@allsoulsseattle.org to rsvp and for directions.

#### BRING A MEAL (BAM) TO HOPE PLACE

Saturday, Feb 23, 10:30a

You are invited to join All Souls middle school students in bringing a meal to Hope Place, a transitional housing facility for mothers and children. We will bring and serve lunch and visit with the residents. Each volunteer is required to fill out a volunteer form prior to serving (ugm.volunteerhub.com and select 'create account'). To rsvp or for more info, contact Carrie Mahoney (carrie@allsoulsseattle.org)

#### SUMMER SERVICE TRIP + JOIN US!

Join a group from All Souls to serve among our Native American neighbors in Warm Springs, Oregon (June 29-July 6). Space is limited and the deadline to confirm **has been extended to March 1.** For details and information visit allsoulsseattle.org/summer2019 or contact suzanne@allsoulsseattle.org.

## Growing

#### **MORNING PRAYER**

Join All Souls staff for prayer on Weds at 9a, at the All Souls Loft (4138 California Ave SW, 2nd fl).

#### INTERESTED IN JOINING A GROWTH GROUP?

The new year is a great time to do so. While the strength of Home Groups (p.11) includes community building, safety to explore Christianity, whole-family participation (as applicable), and service among friends, **Growth Groups** are a more intentional and intimate place to go deeper spiritually, with a focus on life with God. Also, as those who've participated will attest, these groups foster a unique depth of relationship with the other women/men. There are groups that are ongoing and some that are still forming, with a variety of meeting times and locations. To learn more and connect, contact Becca Shirley (women) or Andy Pelander (men).

#### CARE + COUNSEL

The Bible teaches that God has given us powerful tools to navigate difficulty and grapple with hard questions: the Holy Spirit, the gospel, and community. At All Souls we lean heavily on these for encouragement, direction, and life-change. So whatever it is, you should know it's okay to talk about it (relationships, sexuality, addiction, marriage/family, faith, etc.). Don't wait. To meet with a pastor or other leader confidentially, or for a counseling referral: pastor@allsoulsseattle.org

## Bulletin Board

#### **BABYSITTING CO-OP**

New members welcome! Join our community of All Souls families who help each other with childcare and gather monthly for playdates and fun. Contact: Alissa Moor (alissamoor@gmail.com)

## How do we desire to be 'formed' spiritually?

The gospel cultivates gratitude, generosity, patience, and compassion... and also a sense of wonder— a curious heart that seeks to know God more deeply and more intimately. Together, these are the makings of being 'spiritually formed'... alongside others, journeying toward maturity in Christ.

Coming to understand the gospel is the beginning of a process that gradually transforms how we do every aspect of life as new desires, new hopes, new thoughts, and new affections emerge. As we engage this new life in the Spirit, we find ourselves drawn to doctrines, practices, and disciplines that enable us to know Jesus more intimately, and savor Him more fully.

## All Souls Kids + Youth

Our ministry to children is designed to equip and partner with families as you seek to invest in the spiritual wholeness of your children.

We value the role of kids in our community, and are committed to cultivating an environment where they feel known, loved and respected. We intend to draw them into an engaging, enjoyable, and provocative encounter with the gospel using language familiar to them.

We encourage them to learn to ask good questions in the discovery of who they are and who God is, in the hope of building a foundation that shapes their lives for years to come!

Because worship is a celebration of grace, not a theological lecture, children of all ages are encouraged to join us at any time during the service— we are used to having them around! We also offer a safe place for kids to be together during the service.

- Nursery (4mos-new walkers) and Toddlers (18mos-2 yrs): Both rooms are open through the entire worship service and are fully staffed by providers who are trained in First Aid/CPR. Little ones receive excellent care in a safe, peaceful space set up specifically for our babies and toddlers. Please sign your child in and out on the provided clip-board when you arrive and pick up. You will be contacted during worship, if needed.
- 3-year-olds, Pre-K (4-5 yrs), and Kindergarten: Children begin in worship, and are dismissed midway to these dynamic and fun classes. Kids will receive excellent care as they play, sing, read, do crafts, and have a nut-free snack. The Jesus Storybook Bible is our primary teaching tool. Please sign your child in and out on the provided clip-board when you drop-off and pick-up.
- 1st, 2nd Grade, and 3rd-5th Grade: Kids begin in worship and are dismissed midway to class where they will learn and discover in a language and style more suitable to young, growing hearts and minds. Our instruction is framed around a cyclical exploration of key Biblical truths and gospel realities. Students are dismissed by their teachers to rejoin their families after worship (except for the 4th-5th Grade Class, which rejoins their families before the Lord's Supper).

#### Middle and High School Students

We desire to be a community where each of us experiences significant, lasting relationships that would highlight the active presence of Jesus in the lives of His people, and where we would encounter Jesus in ways that will shape our understanding and experience of His grace for the rest of our lives. And this is true regardless of age.

- Middle school students are invited to participate in bi-monthly spiritual formation classes, in the library (2nd and 4th Sunday of each month), and to remain in worship or serve with All Souls Kids on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month.
- High school students are invited on Sundays to participate in worship and/or to serve with All Souls Kids.

Because we believe we grow best in the context of relationship, we are committed to walking alongside middle and high school students as they journey spiritually, including during **quarterly gatherings** designed to foster connection and growth through play, sharing, exploring, serving, and learning to pray together. If you are a parent or a student and would like to learn more and/or involved, please contact Suzanne Case (suzanne@allsoulsseattle.org).

Additionally, **Young Life** has many opportunities for youth to connect, and to explore the gospel. To learn more, contact Stefphan Gambill (stefphan@allsoulsseattle.org) or visit westseattle.younglife.org

If you have special needs or have a friend or family member with special needs, we do not want to miss an opportunity to serve you.

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

#### SAFETY NOTE:

In the unlikely event of an emergency or evacuation, all children will be escorted immediately from their classrooms to the south entrance parking lot. Parents can exit onto the terrace through the doors on the right side of the stage and meet their kids in the parking lot.

#### Parents:

There is a designated and semi-private area in the teachers' lounge, through the double doors in the back-left corner, for anyone during the worship service.

Please use this at your convenience.

learn more: allsoulsseattle.org/kids

## How can I serve?

Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. (Romans 12:11)



We are called to serve, not to be served.

As Jesus came into the world to serve rather than to be served (Mark 10:42-45), our desire is that we as a church would regularly serve each other and also the under-resourced and marginalized of our neighborhood and city.

#### ALL SOULS COMMUNITY

We value— and rely on!— a collaborative culture at All Souls.

We're not here to consume or spectate, but to lean in, take ownership, and serve, no matter what we bring to the table. We honor God with what he's given us and seek to bless those around us, as a family, on Sundays and throughout the week.

current needs / opportunities to serve:

- Sundays As you might imagine, it takes many hands to turn a middle school into a warm, welcoming worship space. We need volunteers to help with set-up, greeting, coffee/snacks, and more. Contact: Shannon Smith (shannon@allsoulsseattle.org).
- Make a Meal As a way to tangibly serve one another in challenging or transitional seasons of life, we as a family make meals for each other. To make *or request* a meal, please contact communitycare@allsoulsseattle.org. Thank you!

#### NEIGHBORHOOD + CITY

Seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you. (Jeremiah 29:7)

As a church 'not just for ourselves,' there are also lots of ways to serve and seek the well-being of our neighborhood and city through All Souls. We are primarily interested in connecting volunteers to vital service organizations already serving for the sake of renewal, mercy, and justice.

current opportunities:

#### Serve and Partner with the West Seattle DCYF Foster Care Office

All Souls is actively building a relationship with the Washington State Department of Children, Youth, and Families' Delridge office. Foster care is a pivotal place to intervene upstream of many other social concerns (homelessness, addictions, etc), and opportunities to support kids and families in the foster care system are varied (toy/clothing donations, DCYF staff appreciations, etc). Please opt-in via email to receive regular updates with needs as they arise (contact: nancyspiro@gmail.com).

Office Moms & Dads is an on-call, daytime volunteer opportunity (customizable to your schedule!) to care for foster kids
that have recently been removed from their home while a social worker works hard to find a foster care placement for them. Also
the OMD is actively looking for a Volunteer Coordinator. This volunteer position is less than five hours per week, with the ability to
work from wherever you are while answering texts from social workers and pushing requests out to volunteers. The impact of this
position is monumental and necessary to continue the West Seattle OMD program! Contact: sarah@officemomsanddads.com

#### YoungLives

All Souls is in the early stages of a partnership with YoungLives, the ministry of Young Life to teenage moms. Our hope is to begin to invest in life-on-life mentoring with teen moms in West Seattle through entering into their lives, building relationships with them and with their little ones, modeling the unconditional love of Christ, and encouraging them to become the women and mothers God created them to be. All levels of commitment are welcome! If you have questions about this ministry, or are interested in hearing more about partnering with YoungLives, contact Rachel Pelander (rachelpelander@gmail.com).

## Home Groups

In a world that pushes us toward isolation, we need community— a place where we're known and loved, and can grow.

We need local 'family' — siblings in Jesus we can lean on, learn with and from, care for, and celebrate growth alongside. Home Groups, designed to invite us into this relational space, are a vital part of our shared life and growth in Christ — places of care and community where we discover and live the Christian life together.

Simply put, they are the best way at All Souls to integrate as a newcomer, build lasting friendships, and to consistently be in each other's lives. We are a community that places high value on this time together in God's word and in prayer, and also serving our city and neighborhoods.

Home Groups meet at least twice a month, and vary slightly in structure from group to group, based on group dynamics/composition. Generally, groups meet to discuss scripture, share stories, pray, plan service projects/relationships, and share meals. All are encouraged to prioritize Home Groups. They can be joined by anyone at anytime, and aim to accommodate a variety of schedules, including those of families and commuters.

Groups meet <u>regularly through the academic year</u>, shifting to a more informal, intermittent schedule during summer months. To learn more about a group and how to jump in year-round, please contact the leader(s) directly.

PLEASE NOTE: Group rosters are typically capped at 12 adults (plus kids). If a group is full, staff will help you find another option.

Neighborhood	Contact	Time	Notes
ADMIRAL	Graeme + Sarah Hanson s.wulf.hanson@gmail.com	Wed / 7 - 8:30p	Mixed group of adults
ALASKA	R.J. + Carolyn March rj@allsoulsseattle.org	Sun / 5 - 6:30p	Mixed group of adults; children welcome includes a meal and childcare
ARBOR HEIGHTS	Jeff + Suzanne Case suzannecase3@gmail.com	Tues / 6 - 7:30p	Mixed group of adults; children welcome includes a meal
	Matt + Nancy Spiro Nicholas + Alyssa Incorvaia nancyspiro@gmail.com	Tues / 6 - 7:30p	Mixed group of adults; children welcome includes a meal
FAIRMOUNT PARK	Jake + Emily Anderson jake.anderson486@gmail.com	Thurs / 6 - 8:30p	Mixed group of adults; includes a meal
GATEWOOD	Luke + Terri Crook terrilcrook@gmail.com	Sun / 6:30 - 8p	Mixed group of adults; occasional meals
GENESEE	Joseph + Sydney Buckley joseph@bkly.org	Sat / 10 - 11:30a	Mixed group of adults; children welcome Includes brunch
	Matt + Amy Huey amy_c_huey@yahoo.com	Mon / 6:30 - 8p	Mixed group of adults; children welcome

# 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.

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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