



# 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 for the latest

#### All Souls Kids + Youth

allsoulsseattle.org/kids (/youth)

#### How can I serve?

allsoulsseattle.org/connect

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When you lament in good faith, opening yourself to God honestly and fully— no matter what you have to say—then you are beginning to clear the way for praise.

Ellen F. Davis



#### Please help us to be hospitable:

Face covering is optional on the main floor of the building (recommended downstairs).

Participate online if you have symptoms of Covid-19 or have known exposure to someone who has tested positive.

If you have any questions about our precautions, check out our website at allsoulsseattle.org/covid or email info@allsoulsseattle.org. and to simply be together.

### Call to Worship

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.

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,

words (Psalm 24) and music by Evan W. Wilson

**STANDING** 

The earth is the Lord's
And everything in it
The earth and all who live in it
Come now and receive
Blessing from the Lord
And vindication from our God

Lift up your heads (lift up your heads) You mighty gates (you mighty gates) Be lifted up (be lifted up) You ancient doors (you ancient doors) That

the king of glory may come in

from Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the mountains where does my help come from?

My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot slip he who watches over you will not slumber;

indeed, he who watches over will neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord watches over you—

the Lord is your shade

The Lord will keep you from all harm—

he will watch over your life

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

**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.

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

#### Acclamation

The earth is the Lord's for he made it:

O come, let us adore him.

#### the Solid Rock

words: Edward Mote; music: William Batchelder Bradbury

My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and righteousness; I dare not trust the sweetest frame, But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

chorus:

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand, All other ground is sinking sand. When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on HIs unchanging grace; In every high and stormy gale, My anchor holds within the veil.

chorus

His oath, His covenant, His blood Support me in the whelming flood; When all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.

chorus

Bless the Lord, My Soul

words (based on Psalm 103) and music by Jacques Berthier

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

#### Confession

God of grace, we come before you as those who need redemption and healing. We need to be made whole. **We confess our need for you to heal us**— we cannot heal ourselves.

**We confess our wandering hearts.** We run after acceptance, prestige, wealth, order, pleasure, control, and novelty in a desperate effort to heal our hearts. But none of these can redeem us; none can make us whole. Yet we are slow to learn. **Forgive us**.

**We confess our lapses of faith**. We forget, we lose track; distraction is constant. We have looked for redemption everywhere but in your arms. And we haven't looked there because we doubt your love for us. **Forgive us**.

God, would you accept our confession and receive us gladly. **We ask this not because** we deserve it, but because of and for the sake of 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:

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.

#### BE SEATED

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

Luke 15:21-24

Only by the blood of Christ have we been declared righteous in God's eyes. He has raised to new life those whose trust is in him. And so we remember the truth and wonder of the Father's forgiving love:

"The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and now is found.'

So they began to celebrate."

May the peace of Christ be with you! And also with you!

STANDING

# Liturgy of Community

As you're able, please stand and greet those around you— especially someone you haven't met!

Following sending prayer, students 5th grade and younger are dismissed to their classes downstairs, where they, too, can hear about the love and grace of God in their own language.

## the 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.

Luke 18:1-8

1 Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. 2 He said: "In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared what people thought. 3 And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, 'Grant me justice against my adversary.'

4 "For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, 'Even though I don't fear God or care what people think, 5 yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won't eventually come and attack me!"

6 And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. 7 And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? 8 I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?"

Habakkuk 3:17-19

17 Though the fig tree does not blossom and no fruit is on the vines;
though the produce of the olive fails and the fields yield no food;
though the flock is cut off from the fold and there is no herd in the stalls,
18 yet I will rejoice in the Lord;
I will exult in the God of my salvation.
19 God, the Lord, is my strength;
he makes my feet like the feet of a deer

To the leader: with stringed instruments.

and makes me tread upon the heights.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Homily

Protest and Praise

Kara Nichols Barrett

## interlude + prayers

Almighty and Eternal God,

you are hidden from my sight; you are beyond the understanding of my mind; your thoughts are not like my thoughts;

your ways are past finding out.

Yet, you have breathed your Spirit into my spirit;

you have formed my mind to seek you;

you have turned my heart to love you;

you have made me restless for the rest that can be found in you;

you have planted within me a hunger and a thirst

that make me long for the eternal satisfaction of heaven. Amen.

O Lord of peace and reconciliation,

you who told us that we would have trouble in this world,

we confess to you our worries over things that we cannot control,

our distress over things that seem wrongheaded,

and our frustration with those who oppose us on things that we hold dearly.

Grant us the ability to bear with one another in love,

so that together we might walk in the way of unity

that only the Spirit of Christ can make possible. Amen.

# Grateful Giving

What do you have that you did not receive? (1 Corinthians 4:7)

Prayer by W. David O. Taylor



PRAYERS FOR THOSE

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.

THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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.

<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.

#### **STANDING**

## Justice Will Roll Down

words and music by Sandra McCracken (2010)

Oh my love, you have grown so cold
To the world outside, to the house next door
She who has been loved much,
has so much to give
Mercy is the fragrance, of the broken

#### chorus:

Justice will roll down, oh justice will roll down From high upon those mountains with a mighty river sound It will roll down (2x) Oh my child, I will be your light
In your secret pain, in the dark of night
No enemy, no conqueror,
will steal your life from me
I am your salvation,
and your victory / chorus

Soon oh soon, when the trumpet sounds
Every knee shall bend,
every heart will pound
I have made a new world,
where the servant is the King
Oppression will be over,
and the slave set free / chorus

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 and on-alcoholic grape juice for Communion.
For those with wheat allergies, a gluten-free cracker is available in place of the bread (ingredients: brown rice flour, sesame seeds, potato starch, safflower oil, flax seeds, quinoa seeds, amaranth seeds, chia seeds, millet, tamari soy sauce powder, sea salt).

#### 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.

Scripture appears in either the New International Version (NIV) or the Common English Bible (CEB) unless otherwise noted.

## Announcements + Benediction

May God sustain you and fill you with joy so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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! Alleluia!

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

**Community-wide Ordination Celebration**: On Saturday, October 22, at 4p, we will gather as a whole community to witness Kara Nichols Barrett be ordained by our Bishop, Todd Hunter, to the diaconate. This will mark a significant milestone in both ours and Kara's journey, as we welcome her to our pastoral staff. Join us for the service and afterparty at St. John the Baptist Episcopal Church (California and Hanford); childcare details tba.

### Serve with Us

**Sunday Volunteers**: We are looking for a few more volunteers to round out our fall/winter schedule!

Our current areas of need are in our set-up/teardown, greeting and entry supervision (during the service) roles. Please take a moment to scan the QR code survey and fill out the survey with dates you are available. You can also reach out to Alyssa Reeve (alyssa@) with questions or for more information!



# Group Life

**Home Groups**: In a world that pushes us toward isolation, we need community— a place where we're known, loved, and belong. Home Groups are one of the main ways we learn to receive and extend the hospitality of Christ in our neighborhoods. See next page or contact R.J. March (rj@) to learn more.

#### **Grace Groups**

More Than a Mom: Join us for connection, prayer, nourishment and encouragement, through scripture and practical takeaways, as we read *More Than a Mom*, by Kari Kampakis. Join us on Fridays through Thanksgiving week from 9:30-11a. Contact Suzanne Case (suzanne@) to RSVP, for the location, and for more info.

#### New and continuing from Fall Souls:

Grace Groups @Work: Join conversations that explore how to live more by God's grace @work. Living by God's grace is a paradigm shift for all of us, and as such we need community, prayer, and the Holy Spirit's work as we join in what God is doing in and through our vocations. Make new connections and deepen connection with other All Souls people working in your field: 1. Medical Work 2. Engineering/Architecture 3. Business/Finance/Real Estate/ Retail 4. Social Services/Mental Health/Non-Profit 5. Law/Politics 6. Tech 7. Education and 8. Home Management (also including Retirement). These groups can gather at a rhythm and pace that suits each group, or at least twice a year. To join, to learn more, or to create another Grace Group @Work for another field, contact R.J. March (rj@).

#### Coming this winter:

Lord, where are you?: Seeking God in the midst of disappointment, unbelief, and hurt. Join hosts Rachel and Andy Pelander after worship on Sundays for dinner and interactive conversation. We'll explore scripture and learn how to pray in 'wilderness' and lament-filled seasons of life. Stay tuned for more details (andy@).

#### **Youth Group**

Weekly student gatherings are on Wednesdays, 6:30-8p here at Trinity. Middle school students meet in the Commons. High School students meet in the youth room. Dinner provided; Invite a friend!

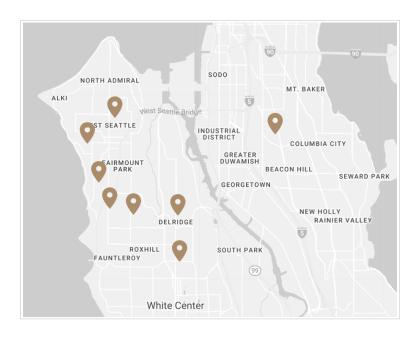
Parents: Contact Suzanne Case with any questions (suzanne@), and follow us on Instagram (@allsoulsyouth\_parents).

# Home Group Map + Details

These are open groups anyone can join at any time, built to be a place to share—food, stories, hopes, and life.

#### The Fall Home Group season begins this week!





#### **ALASKA**

Peter + Kara Barrett

Every other Sunday, 6-7:30p
indoors, mixed group of adults, kids welcome, meal included

#### **BEACON HILL**

Janiece Jenkins and Ryan + Leah Yoke Every other Sunday, 10-11:30a mixed group of adults, kids welcome, meal included

#### GATEWOOD - NORTH

Andrew + Jen Eckert and Steve + MaryAnn Simmons Every other Thursday, 6-7:30p online, mixed group of adults, kids welcome, meal included

#### GATEWOOD - SOUTH

Luke + Terri Crook
Every other Sunday, 6-7:30p
mixed group of adults, meal included

#### HIGHLAND PARK - NORTH

Dan + Alyssa Reeve and Jonathan + Rachel Faunce Every other Monday, 6-7:30p mixed group of adults, kids + teens welcome, meal included

#### HIGHLAND PARK - SOUTH

R.J. + Carolyn March
Every other Sunday, 10-11:30a
mixed group of adults, kids welcome, meal included

#### **SEAVIEW**

Dustin + Kelley Long Every other Tuesday, 6-7:30p mixed group of adults, kids + teens welcome, meal included

#### WESTWOOD

Thad + Lauren Williams and Erik + Nicole Bennett Every other Wednesday, 6-7:30p mixed group of adults, kids welcome

Preview the three-part rhythm that guides our time together:



To connect with one of these groups, visit: all souls seattle.org/connect

# All Souls Kids + Youth on Sundays

Our ministry exists to help children in partnership with families to know Jesus, and experience his love.



# Sunday School

Sunday school classes are offered during worship October through June. We currently have two classes: Lion Class (PreK-1st grade) and Bear Class (2nd-5th grades)— hear them roar! Both classes meet downstairs.

Parents: please sign your child(ren) in prior to the start of the worship service. Sign-in sheets are located at the ASK table, just past the greeting table when you arrive.

#### First time here? Welcome! All Souls Kids staff and volunteers are here to greet you and answer any questions.

Kids will be dismissed from the service to their teachers prior to the scripture reading, and escorted to their classrooms. Teachers will bring students back to rejoin families just before the Lord's Supper.

Nursery provided for the entire worship service, ages 1-3. Parents: sign your little one in and out downstairs in the Giraffe (nursery) classroom.

# After Worship

In order to keep kids safe and extend hospitality toward our community and Trinity hosts, some house rules:

- · Balcony, stage, and downstairs areas are closed to children and youth
- · Walking feet only (no running) in the commons and hallways areas
- · Adult supervision required in the sanctuary

Table activities are welcome and encouraged in the Commons! Families, please feel free to bring board games, etc. for kids during coffee hour. Encourage them to invite an adult friend to play!

## F.A.Q.

#### Can I join my child in class, if they need me?

Absolutely! Parents may accompany children to class for as long as needed.

#### Can my child stay in the service with me?

Yes! Children of all ages are welcome in the service at any time.

#### What will they be learning?

This fall we are sharing with children the immense love Jesus has for each of them, through story, song, and prayer. We will be sharing stories using *The Jesus Storybook Bible* series, as well as the Bible. Classes are designed to be engaging for all children, whether this is their first or hundredth Sunday at church!

#### *Is there an at-home connection?*

Yes! Each Sunday we send home the story we read, as well as a short scripture verse. We encourage parents to ask children questions about what they learned! Perhaps these questions may help guide your discussion:

- · Ask your child to retell the story from class today.
- · What does this story teach you about God?
- Is there anything you'd like to ask God about this story?
- What is one thing you'd like to remember about this story?
- · How is this story about you?

How can I view your child protection policies? Simple! Scan the code.



Additional questions? Contact Suzanne Case suzanne@allsoulsseattle.org

# 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, in addition to during worship, 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 (ACH now available)



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. We thank God for your partnership in this work, and invite you to ask him how you might best reflect his radical, sacrificial generosity with your own.

September Giving Goal: \$50k September Giving Actual: \$56k YTD Goal: \$650k YTD Actual: \$689k

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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