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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.

All Souls is a space to begin, or begin again, from anywhere. So let us explore. *Let us worship!*

Exploring?

Do you have questions about the Christian faith?

Do you wrestle with intellectual barriers that make belief seem implausible, even irresponsible?

Do you struggle to reconcile a good God with a hurting world?

We recognize that belief is hard. That's why:

- We value questions, and the people who ask them
- We prize being a community where you can belong before you believe
- We assume, each Sunday, that there are people present who are not convinced
- We desire to talk to skeptics not about them
- You are welcome here...

So, be curious. Doubt. Ask. Explore.

How do I get connected?

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All Souls Kids + Youth

allsoulsseattle.org/kids (/youth)

How can I serve?

allsoulsseattle.org/connect

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Lent is God loving you enough to tell you the truth about yourself,
but not condemning you for it, but actually saying that you can be
better than that.

Esqu McCullley

Order of Worship

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT / FEBRUARY 18 2024



Lent is a 40-day journey focused on Jesus's experience in the wilderness, where he shows us the possibility of a hidden abundance in God. Allow his journey to become your own, the hidden abundance to become your own in the wilderness experiences of life that leave us feeling barren of hope and desperate and in pain.

We are invited to discover how this journey can be reshaped into real hope that holds up to the grittiness of life— and even death. Watch our intro to Lent video here:



STANDING

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 afternoon, 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 simply to be together. **This a space to begin, or begin again, from anywhere.***

Call to Worship

Let This Heart Not Wander

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 and music by Young Oceans (2016)

Let my eyes see nothing
Let my eyes see nothing
But Your glory, my Lord (repeat)

May I always linger
May I always linger
In Your presence, my Lord (repeat)

Let this heart not wander
Let this heart not wander
From Your mercy, my Lord (repeat)

I will ever praise You
I will ever praise You
You are worthy, my Lord (repeat)

from Psalm 103

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name.
Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and do not forget all his benefits—
who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,

who redeems your life from the Pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love
and mercy,
who satisfies you with good as long as you
live so that your youth is renewed like the
eagle's.
Bless the Lord, O my soul.

Acclamation

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
His mercy endures forever.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations, and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Our Salvation Is Bound Up Together

words and music Paul Zach and Brendan Jamieson (2022)

Our salvation is bound up together (3x)	In our laughter
As we walk through this wilderness	we share joy together (3x)
When one suffers we feel it together (3x)	As we walk through this wilderness
As we walk through this wilderness	<i>chorus</i>

chorus No man, no woman
Can walk this road alone
Bind us together O Lord (2x)

Nothing To Fear

words adapted (Isa 43) and music by Audrey Assad, Isaac Wardell and Paul Zach (2019)

When you pass through the waters	In the depths of your sorrow
I will be with you	I wept beside you
And the depths of the river	When you walked
Shall not overwhelm	Through the shadow
When you walk through the fire	I drew you near
You will not be burned	Yesterday, today, tomorrow
I am the Lord, I am the Lord	Always the same
	I am the Lord, I am the Lord / <i>chorus</i>

chorus
And there is nothing to fear, nothing to fear
There is nothing to fear, nothing to fear
For I am with you always

What can separate you
From my perfect love? (3x)
Do not fear (3x)

Confession

God our Father,
we come to you in sorrow for our sins.

For turning away from you,
and ignoring your will for our lives;
Father, forgive us:
save us and help us.

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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.

For behaving just as we wish,
without thinking of you;
Father, forgive us:
save us and help us.

For failing you by what we do,
and think and say;
Father, forgive us:
save us and help us.

For letting ourselves be drawn away from you
by temptations in the world about us;
Father, forgive us:
save us and help us.

For living as if we were ashamed
to belong to your Son;
Father, forgive us:
save us and help us.

Let's acknowledge our need for Jesus to do what we cannot: heal, forgive, and restore where we have harmed, hurt, and broken. After a brief silence we will sing our confession.

T.J. Williams / E. Wilson



Lord, ha - ve mer-cy. Christ, ha - ve mer-cy. Lord, ha - ve mer-cy on ___ me. *Fine*

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Ky - ri-e e-lei - son, Chris-te e-lei - son, Christ, ha - ve mer - cy on _____ me. *D.C. al Fine*

Receiving of Grace

Romans 5:8

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.

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

May the God of love bring us back to himself, forgive us our sins,
and assure us of his eternal love in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Blessing for Learning

Childcare in the Giraffe classroom is provided for children ages 1-6. All other classes will remain in the service today.

Please stand and sing as kids go out and we prepare to hear from God's Word.

Music Psalm 1 by Poor Bishop Hooper (2020)

Oh the joy, the joy, the joy of those who delight in the law of the Lord.

Oh the joy, the joy, the joy of those who meditate day and night in the law of the Lord.

Let all my delight be only in your sweet and right instruction. (2x)

Like trees along the river, with leaves that never wither. (4x) Everything they do will prosper in you.

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.

Genesis 9:8-17

8 Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him: 9 "I now establish my covenant with you and with your descendants after you 10 and with every living creature that was with you—the birds, the livestock and all the wild animals, all those that came out of the ark with you—every living creature on earth. 11 I establish my covenant with you: Never again will all life be destroyed by the waters of a flood; never again will there be a flood to destroy the earth."

12 And God said, "This is the sign of the covenant I am making between me and you and every living creature with you, a covenant for all generations to come: 13 I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth. 14 Whenever I bring clouds over the earth and the rainbow appears in the clouds, 15 I will remember my covenant between me and you and all living creatures of every kind. Never again will the waters become a flood to destroy all life. 16 Whenever the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all living creatures of every kind on the earth."

17 So God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant I have established between me and all life on the earth."

Psalm 25:3-9

No one who hopes in you
will ever be put to shame,
**but shame will come on those
who are treacherous without cause.**

Show me your ways, Lord,
teach me your paths.

Guide me in your truth and teach me,
**for you are God my Savior,
and my hope is in you all day long.**

Remember, Lord, your great mercy and love,
for they are from of old.

**7 Do not remember the sins of my youth
and my rebellious ways;**

according to your love remember me,
for you, Lord, are good.

**8 Good and upright is the Lord;
therefore he instructs sinners in his ways.**

9 He guides the humble in what is right
and teaches them his way.

1 Peter 3:18-22

18 For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit. 19 After being made alive, he went and made proclamation to the imprisoned spirits— 20 to those who were disobedient long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, 21 and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, 22 who has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand—with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Just before the gospel reading, the church has traditionally sung a refrain of praise to celebrate God's desire to draw near to us, even becoming one of us taking on our humanity in Jesus Christ. The gospel book is carried as a symbol of Christ into the aisle and read in the midst of the people as a reminder that God draws near to us.
Music by: The Porter's Gate "Drive out the Darkness" (2020)

Come, O Come, be our light. Drive out the darkness.
Come, and end all the violence. Come, do not be silent.
Come, cling to your promise. Come, break all injustice.
Come, Jesus, Come

Mark 1:9-13

9 At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. 10 Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. 11 And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

12 At once the Spirit sent him out into the wilderness, 13 and he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you Lord Christ.**

Homily

What's in the Wilderness?

Rev. R.J. March

Musical Interlude

Musical interludes are included to provide space for reflection and worship.

Prayers of the People

words adapted from Psalm 90 music by Bifrost Arts (2016) prayer by David O. Taylor (2023)

sing: **Teach us to number our days
That we may apply our hearts to Your ways
Teach us to number our days with wisdom and grace.**

O Lord, you who are neither surprised nor ashamed of our neediness, **we offer you our needy bodies, hearts and minds on this first Sunday of Lent and ask that you would speak your healing word to us**, so that we might be reassured of your sufficient care and be at peace in our souls.

O Lord, you who daily bear our burdens, **strengthen our hands and expand our heart's capacity to bear one another's burdens**, so that we might offer your generous care to friend and neighbor alike who may feel crushed under by their own burdens.

O Lord, you who discipline those you love, **grant us a special grace this Lent to embrace the disciplines that would enable us to love you with our whole body**, so that our bodies might be free from the passions that draw us away from you and be filled with the passions that draw us near and that would make it easier to fulfill your good purposes for us as your disciples.

sing: **You've been our home and our dwelling our place in all generations.
Before the earth or the mountains were formed, Lord, You were God.**

sing: **Teach us to number our days
That we may apply our hearts to Your ways
Teach us to number our days with wisdom and grace.**

O Lord, you who let your body to be taken, broken and given away for the life of the world, **we pray that you would take our own broken bodies—broken by sickness, sorrow, shame, age or abuse—and bless them** so that they might be instruments of blessing to our neighbors.

O Lord, you who are the ineffable sea of love and the fountain of blessing, **water our hearts this day with your grace**, so that we might overflow with care for our neighbors who are dry in their souls and parched in their desire for you.

sing: **O establish the work of our hands, set Your favor upon us.
O establish the work of our hands, May Your kingdom come!**

sing: **Teach us to number our days
That we may apply our hearts to Your ways
Teach us to number our days with wisdom and grace.**

O Lord, you who bear in your body the wounds of the cross, **we pray today for those who are deprived of bodily health, damaged by bodily abuse, worn down by bodily labors, ashamed of their bodily shape, assaulted because of the color of their body and discouraged by the deterioration of their body**, that you would administer to them the healing powers of your own body and assure them by your Spirit of the dignity of their bodies.

O Lord, **you who invite us to die to ourselves so that we might find ourselves anew**, we pray that we would not be too full of to-do lists and deadlines and anxieties during this season of Lent so that there is no space for you to do your work of transformation in us, but grant us the grace to welcome your Spirit's work to refine us and to breathe the renewing life of Jesus in us, so that we might participate in his sufferings and know the power of his resurrection during this forty-day pilgrimage.

sing: **Teach us to number our days
That we may apply our hearts to Your ways
Teach us to number our days with wisdom and grace.**

And now, as our Savior Christ, has taught us, we are bold to pray:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

Grateful Giving

Mark 12:41-44

41 Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. 42 But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents.

43 Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. 44 They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on."



Communion

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

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.

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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lo - rd, God of pow
5 hea - ven and ear - th are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in
9 Bless - èd is he who comes in the name of
12 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in

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.

** Hosanna means "save me!" but with Jesus came to mean "salvation is here!"*

Justice Will Roll Down

words and music Sandra McCracken (2011)

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
It will roll down

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*

God Most High,

We thank you for welcoming us, teaching us and feeding us. We deserve nothing from you but in your great mercy, you have given us everything in your Son Jesus Christ. We love you and give ourselves to you to be sent out for your work. Grant us your blessing, now and for ever. Amen.

The Song of Blessing

words and music Sara Groves (2017)

May God give you eyes to see
All that is good all that is good
The courage for anything
May you be strong may you be strong

May God give you ears to hear
His loving voice his loving voice
Speaking all around you
All around and deep inside

Benediction

The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Let us go forth and serve our world as those who love our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Thanks be to God.

All Souls welcomes all who are trusting in Jesus Christ for salvation, understand the meaning of the Lord's Supper, and are in good standing with congregations that proclaim the gospel to receive Holy Communion with us.

Please note that we use wine and non-alcoholic grape juice for Communion. For those with wheat allergies, a gluten-free cracker is available in place of the bread (ingredients: cauliflower, brown rice flour, tapioca starch, coconut milk powder, pumpkin seeds, sunflower seeds, sesame seeds, mustard powder, sea salt, garlic powder, onion powder).

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 questions about how this process works, please speak with one of our pastors.

Scripture appears in the New Revised Standard Version (NRSV) or the New International Version (NIV) unless otherwise noted.

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

Co-Work Fridays: Share morning coffee and the day's work in community at the All Souls offices. Bring a colleague, invite a friend, host a neighbor. Drop by or stay all day starting from 8:15a. **Please BYOLunch.**



We're Hiring: Having found a Bookkeeper, All Souls is still seeking a part-time Hospitality Assistant. Please see the job description linked to the QR code and invite interested persons to reach out to R.J. (rj@allsoulsseattle.org).

Women's Retreat. Join us in North Bend at the Rainbow Lodge Retreat Center the evening of **Friday, March 8th** through the morning of Sunday, March 10th. Use the QR code to register.

Serve Together



Help feed unhoused neighbors. Join us for the next Westside Neighbors shelter meal prep gathering on **Sunday, March 3rd from 2-3:30pm** at Trinity. All recipes and ingredients will be provided. Use the QR code to sign up. Contact Kara (kara@) with any questions.

Supporting Asylum Seekers. Join in the local work of hospitality towards individuals seeking asylum. Contact R.J. (rj@) for next steps and questions.

Sign up for our Weekly Friday email:



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 enjoy and extend the hospitality of Christ in our neighborhoods. See page 9 or contact R.J. (rj@) to learn more.

Grace Groups

Grace Groups @Work

Join conversations that explore how to live more by God's grace @work. Make new connections and deepen connection with other All Souls people working in your field: for tech (contact Greg, greg@kroleski.com), for education (contact Tyler, tylerashby@gmail.com), to start a new group (contact R.J., rj@allsoulsseattle.org)



NEW: Grace Group: Fasting

Join conversations exploring the ancient practice of fasting during Lent on Fridays from Noon-1 in March at the All Souls Upper Rooms. We'll hold space for conversations, questions, and stories with resources from Practicing the Way (which you can explore via the QR code).

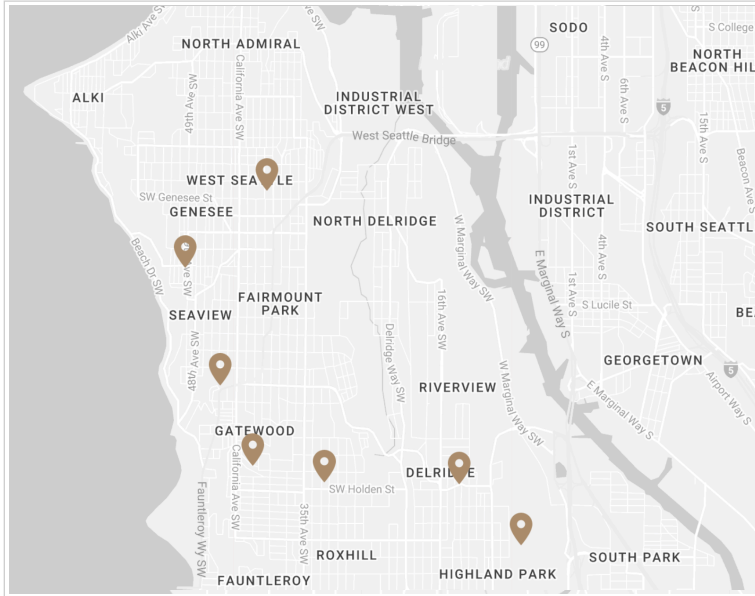
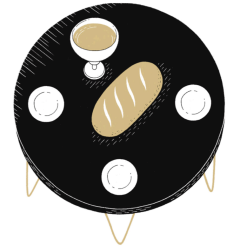
Youth Group

8th-12th grade- Youth group is on **Wednesday evenings, 6:30-8:00 at Trinity.** Dinner provided!

*No youth group February 21st (Mid winter break)

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.



ALASKA

Peter + Kara Barrett
Every other Sunday, 6-7:30p
indoors, 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 - EAST

Jeff + Suzanne Case
Every other Sunday, 6-7:30p
indoors, mixed group of adults, kids 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

To connect with one of these groups,
visit: allsoulsseattle.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 four classes: Lion Class (PreK-K), Deer Class (1st-2nd grade), Bear Class (3rd-5th) and Zebra Class (6th-7th). All classes meet downstairs. Students will be signed in upon class arrival and signed out after dismissal back into worship.

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.

Lion and Deer classes meet teachers at the back of the sanctuary. Bear and Zebra classes meet your teachers at the front of the sanctuary. Look for the clipboard with your class animal!

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

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. Clipboards with paper and WikiSticks are available for busy hands.

What will they be learning?

Children ages PreK through 7th grade will be learning about Jesus and the big story of the gospel through lessons from the Dwell Curriculum. Lessons include story, prayer, and fun activities. 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 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 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, 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.

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.

Fiscal Year 2023/24 began this October as we hope to see All Souls this year grow in organizational health, wisdom, and listening to God. Our new budgeted average expense is \$44,300/month. January giving was \$48,559.84.

All Souls KIDS!

What's something you
HEARD during worship today?

A GUIDE FOR
EXPLORING
WHO GOD
IS TO US!

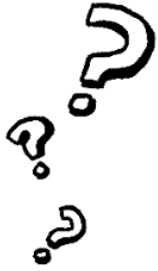
Did you hear any
words that were
NEW to you?



AS YOU
LISTEN...



Draw something that
inspired your IMAGINATION:



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

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

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

PRAY:

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

draw!
color in!

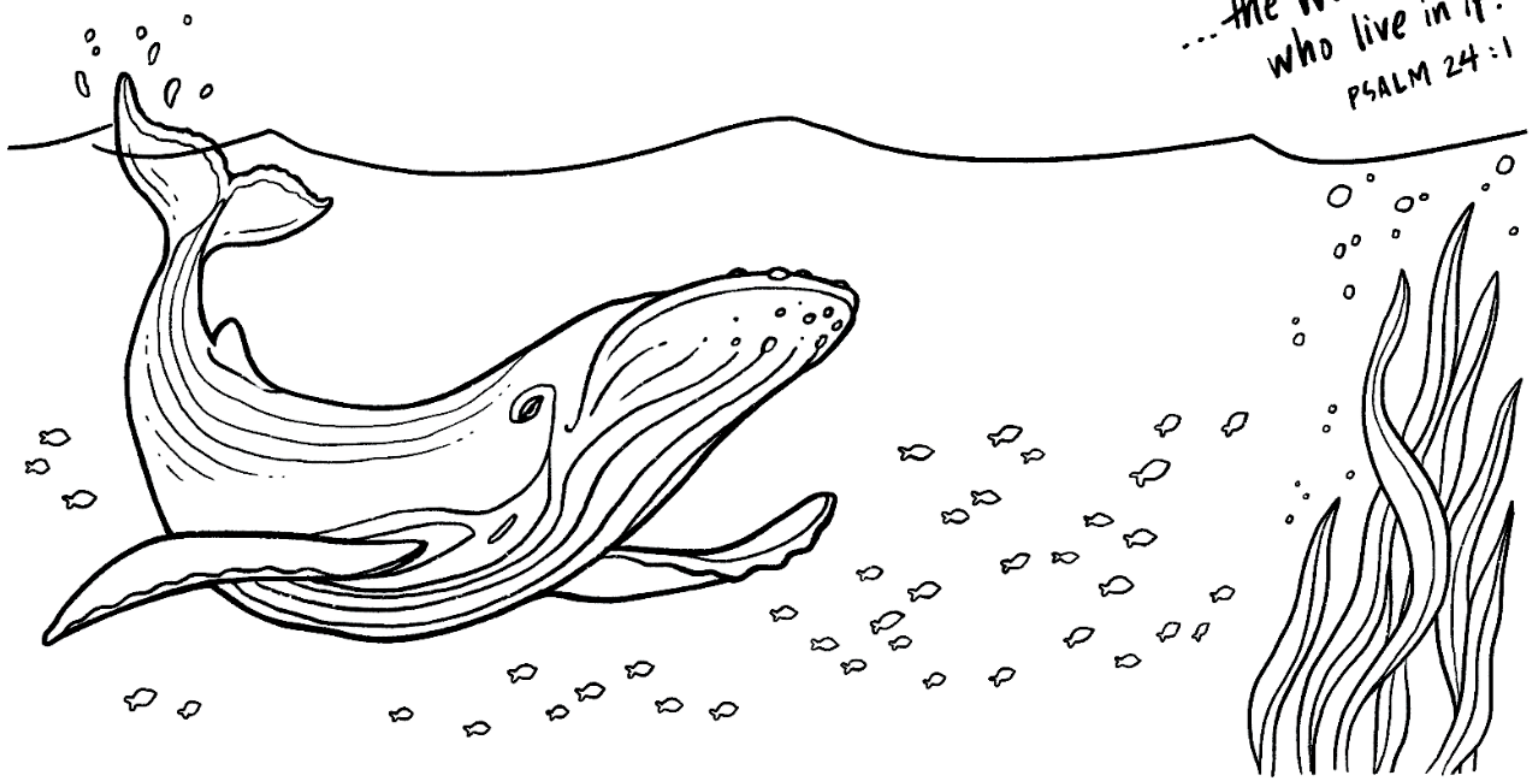
All Souls KIDS doodle page

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



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PASTORAL

Rev. R.J. March, *rector*
Rev. Kara Nichols Barrett, *priest*
Suzanne Case, *pastor, community*
Steve Simmons, *prayer + listening*

COMMUNITY / LITURGICAL ARTS / OPERATIONS

Alyssa Reeve
Kelly Smith

VESTRY

Adam Aljets, *treasurer*
Corey MORAIGN, *new*
Jen Eckert, *new*
Merrilee Thompson, *secretary*
Nicole Bennett
Rachel Faunce, *people's warden*
Sonya Luchauer, *new*
Thad Williams, *senior warden*

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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