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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.

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## How do I get connected?

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## All Souls Kids + Youth

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Woe to those who call evil good  
and good evil,  
Who put darkness for light  
and light for darkness,  
Who put bitter for sweet  
and sweet for bitter

Isaiah 5:20

# Order of Worship

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT / MARCH 17 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 is 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*)

Psalm 51:10-12

Create in me a pure heart, O God,  
**and renew a steadfast spirit within me.**  
Do not cast me from your presence  
**or take your Holy Spirit from me.**  
Restore to me the joy of your salvation  
**and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.**

## Acclamation

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



## Be Thou My Vision

*words from a 6th C. Irish poem translated by Mary Elizabeth Byrne (1905) and tune "SLANE"*

Be Thou my vision O Lord of my heart	Thou and Thou only first in my heart
Naught be all else to me save that Thou art	High King of heaven
Thou my best thought by day or by night	My treasure Thou art
Waking or sleeping Thy presence my light	High King of heaven
Be Thou my wisdom	My victory won
And Thou my true Word	May I reach heaven's joys
I ever with Thee and Thou with me Lord	O bright heaven's son
Thou my great Father and Spirit and Son	Heart of my own heart
Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one	Whatever befall
Riches I heed not nor man's empty praise	Still be my vision O ruler of all
Thou mine inheritance now and always	

## Our Salvation Is Bound Up Together

*words and music Paul Zach and Brendan Jamieson (2022)*

Our salvation is bound up together x3	In our laughter
As we walk through this wilderness	We share joy together x3
When one suffers we feel it together x3	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 x3

## 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*



*Fine*

Lord, ha - ve mer - cy. Christ, ha - ve mer - cy. Lord, ha - ve mer - cy on \_\_\_\_\_ me.

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*D.C. al Fine*

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, Chris - te e - lei - son, Christ, ha - ve mer - cy on \_\_\_\_\_ me.

## 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

*All classes PreK-7th meet today. Childcare is available in the giraffe classroom for the entire service for ages 1-3.*

Lord, bless these children whom you love, as they discover in their own language who you are.

**Give them a sense of being known and loved by you,** and the freedom to come fully as themselves.

Bless our teachers, and be present in their every word and interaction.

**Help us all to become learners.**

**Beloved children, go in peace. Amen.**

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

*Music Rain for Roots (2014)*

**Open up our ears to listen. Open up our eyes to see.**

**Plant the seed of understanding. Grow it up like the tallest tree.**

**Pull the blinds. Open wide all the windows. Fill our hearts with the light of your truth.**

## 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.*

Jeremiah 31:31-34

31 "The days are coming," declares the Lord,  
"when I will make a new covenant  
with the people of Israel  
and with the people of Judah.  
32 It will not be like the covenant  
I made with their ancestors  
when I took them by the hand  
to lead them out of Egypt,  
because they broke my covenant,  
though I was a husband to them,"  
declares the Lord.  
33 "This is the covenant I will make with the people of  
Israel  
after that time," declares the Lord.

"I will put my law in their minds  
and write it on their hearts.  
I will be their God,  
and they will be my people.  
34 No longer will they teach their neighbor,  
or say to one another, 'Know the Lord,'  
because they will all know me,  
from the least of them to the greatest,"  
declares the Lord.  
"For I will forgive their wickedness  
and will remember their sins no more."

Psalm 51:1-9; 15

1 Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your unfailing love;  
**according to your great compassion  
blot out my transgressions.**  
2 Wash away all my iniquity  
and cleanse me from my sin.  
**For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is always before me.**  
4 Against you, you only, have I sinned  
and done what is evil in your sight;  
**so you are right in your verdict  
and justified when you judge.**

Surely I was sinful at birth,  
sinful from the time my mother conceived me.  
**6 Yet you desired faithfulness even in the womb;  
you taught me wisdom in that secret place.**  
7 Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean;  
wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.  
**8 Let me hear joy and gladness;  
let the bones you have crushed rejoice.**  
9 Hide your face from my sins  
and blot out all my iniquity.  
15 Open my lips, Lord,  
**and my mouth will declare your praise.**

Hebrews 4:14-16

14 Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. 15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. 16 Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

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.**

John 12:20-33

20 Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the festival. 21 They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. "Sir," they said, "we would like to see Jesus." 22 Philip went to tell Andrew; Andrew and Philip in turn told Jesus.

23 Jesus replied, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. 24 Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. 25 Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. 26 Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me. 27 "Now my soul is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. 28 Father, glorify your name!"

Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and will glorify it again." 29 The crowd that was there and heard it said it had thundered; others said an angel had spoken to him.

30 Jesus said, "This voice was for your benefit, not mine. 31 Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out. 32 And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." 33 He said this to show the kind of death he was going to die.

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

Homily

When "Good" is Good

Rev. R.J. March

Musical Interlude

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

# The Breastplate of Saint Patrick

*words adapted from a prayer attributed to the missionary Bishop Patrick (5th c.) music by The Porter's Gate (2023)*

*sing:* **When my work takes me places I don't want to go Christ before me  
And my heart aches with sorrow as I hit the road Christ be with me**

**When the care of my family takes all that I have Christ within me  
When I'm worn and exhausted, ashamed that I'm mad Christ defend me**

**I rise up today in a strength that is not my own  
I'm held by the promise of God that I'm never alone**

O Lord, you who are neither surprised nor ashamed of our neediness, **we offer you our needy bodies, hearts and minds as we continue through 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:* **When I'm tossed to the side and I want to give up Christ beside me  
When I put myself out but it's never enough, Christ beside me**

**When I work hard but someone else gets the reward God's eyes see me  
I ask for promotion and they shut the door God's ears hear me**

**I rise up today in a strength that is not my own  
I'm held by the promise of God that I'm never alone**

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:* **When I climb the first steps toward a long-held dream Christ above me  
And I leap out in faith and I hope to find wings Christ beneath me**

# The Lord's Prayer

*from* Matthew 6:9-13

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.**

# Restore Us Again

words and music Paul Zach (2018)

We longed for Egypt in the wilderness  
A kingdom made of dust  
Built an idol out of happiness  
A paradise of rust

*pre-chorus* We lost all the meaning

Drowned out the feeling  
Our hearts barely beating

*chorus* Restore us again

God of our salvation  
Revive us again in your unfailing love  
Restore us again  
God of our salvation  
Revive us again in your unfailing love

We have trusted in the meaningless  
And chased a life of ease  
Now we wander in the shadow lands  
Where comfort is our king  
*pre-chorus and chorus*

Holy Spirit  
Bring us life once again  
Holy Spirit  
Lead our hearts back to you (*repeat*)  
*chorus*

# Benediction

*from Psalm 23:6*

May goodness and mercy surely follow you all the days of your life, and may you dwell in the house of the LORD forever. **Amen.**

9 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

Sign up for our Weekly Friday email:



**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).



**Holy Week:** Recount Jesus's final days on earth: Attend or host a Maundy Thursday Meal (3/28); Sign up for a time slot to participate in the Good Friday interactive stations of the cross for all ages. Use the QR code or go to our homepage.

**Palm Sunday:** Children of all ages are invited to participate in the Palm Parade during the call to worship next Sunday. Meet Suzanne **outside of the sanctuary at 3:50p** to get lined up!

**Easter:** This year we are trying something new: The Great Easter Vigil, which is celebrated the night before Easter Sunday. Join us on **Saturday (3/30) at 7p** for our main Easter service this year that proclaims the resurrection hope of Easter Sunday starting in the dark and growing brighter and more celebratory as we go. Childcare and kids activities provided for ages 1-9. Join us again on Sunday morning for **a short, sunrise Easter Sunday service at 6:49a in Westcrest Park.**

## Serve Together

**Help feed unhoused neighbors.** Join us for the next Westside Neighbors Shelter meal prep gathering on **Sunday, April 7 from 2-3:30pm** at Trinity. All recipes and ingredients will be provided. Contact Kara (kara@) with any questions.

**Meal Kits Assembly for Sierra Leone students.** Save the date for **Saturday April 20th from 10a-12:15p.** All ages are invited to a joint effort between Trinity and All Souls to make 40,000 meal kits, the main lunch option for a food scarce region in Sierra Leone that is home to an orphanage and school whose work is supported by these meals.

## 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).

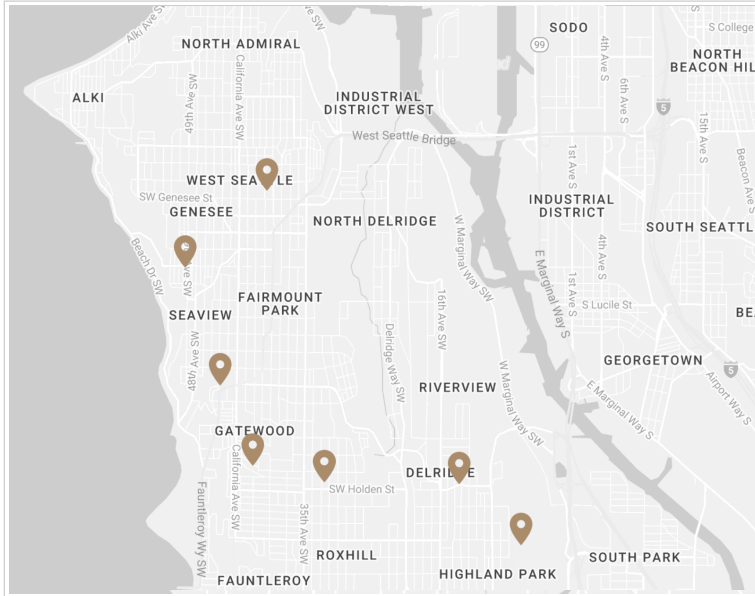
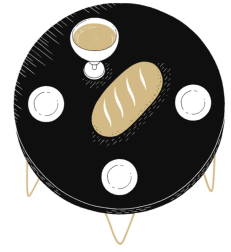
### Youth Group

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

**Upcoming:** Bingo night at Village Green, middle school students: **Tuesday, March 19th 6:30p.**

# 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](https://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).

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 in the Giraffe (nursery) classroom. Nursing mothers are welcome to use the nursing mother's room as needed, located next to the sanctuary.

## What happens in class

Classes begin with a greeting and lighting of the Christ Candle. Each student is invited to share a response to a question relating to the theme of the lesson.

Next, we dive into the story of the week, followed by discussion. Discussion questions point to God's character, His rescue plan for the world, and the unending hope and love available to us because of Jesus. After the discussion, students participate in a short activity like acting out the story or a simple craft.

We close with a modified version of Prayers of the People, when children are given an opportunity to pray for others and ask for prayer. Classes close the prayer time in the Lord's Prayer, together.

After the worship service, children are offered a lollipop as part of the benediction, or blessing. When we hand them the lollipop we say "Peace be with you". The response is "And also with you"

## F.A.Q.

*child protection policies >>*



*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.

*Is there an at-home connection?*

Yes! Each week's scripture passage will be included in the all church email, the Friday prior to class, to give families a heads up about what your child will be learning. Families are encouraged to talk about the story at home by asking children to retell the story and something new they learned about God.

## 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](https://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](mailto:bookkeeper@allsoulsseattle.org)

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

*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. February giving was \$34,032.88.

# All Souls KIDS!

What's something you  
HEARD during worship today?

A GUIDE FOR  
EXPLORING  
WHO GOD  
IS TO US!

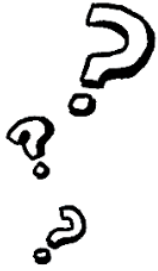
Did you hear any  
words that were  
NEW to you?



AS YOU  
LISTEN...



Draw something that  
inspired your IMAGINATION:



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

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

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

PRAY:

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

draw!  
color in!

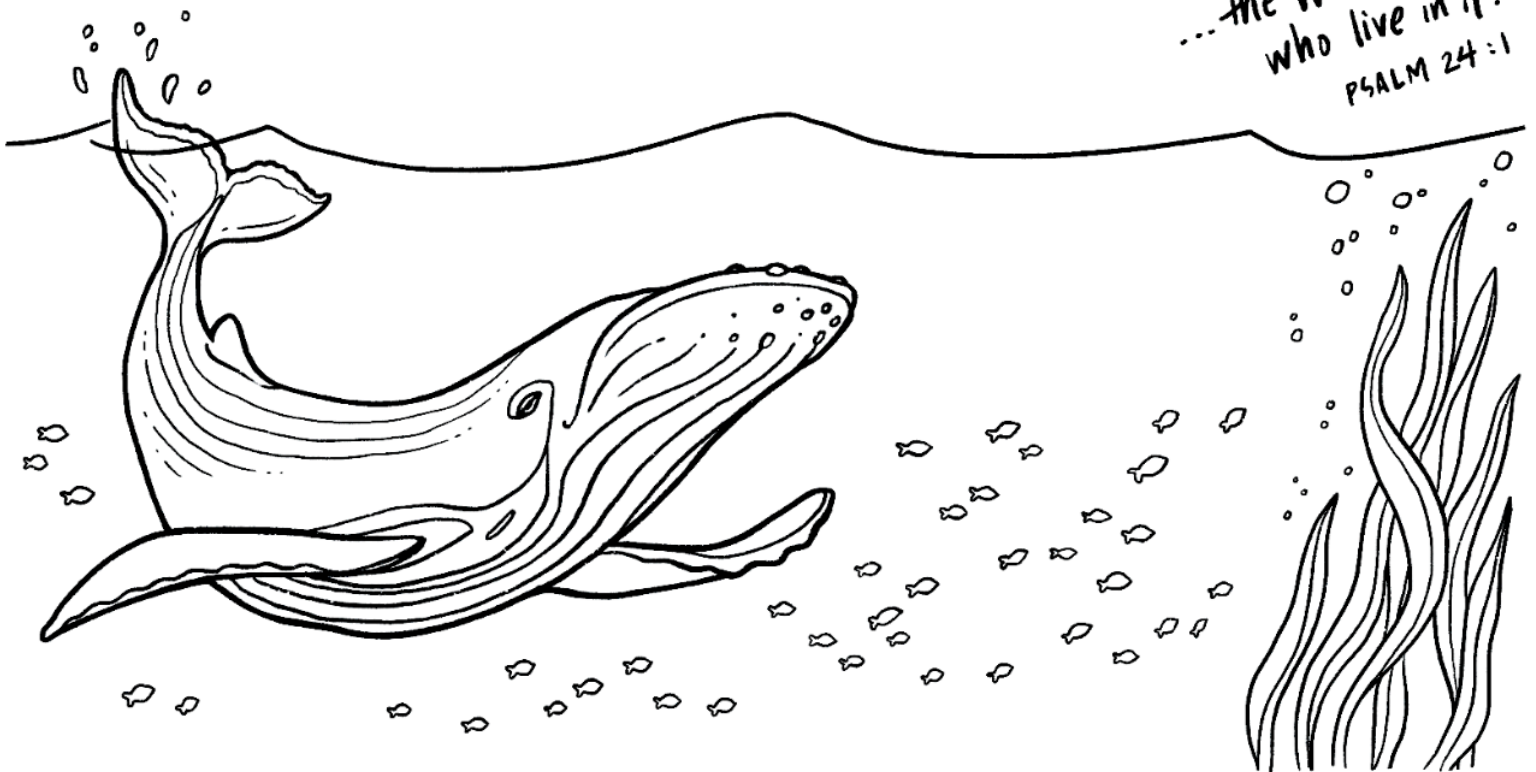
# All Souls KIDS doodle page

for kids  
of ALL ages!



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

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



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## PASTORAL

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

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Alyssa Reeve  
Kelly Smith

## VESTRY

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Corey MORAIGN, *new*  
Jen Eckert, *new*  
Merrilee Thompson, *secretary*  
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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