



Palm Sunday

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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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All Souls Kids + Youth

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you have shown your strength in choosing the humble, for
it was a sign of poverty for you to sit on the donkey;

but as the glorious One, you shake all of zion.

The cloaks of the disciples pointed to frugality;

but the song of the children and the throng of people

were a sign of your strength,

As they cry out, "Hosanna in the highest," a plea to Save

us! you who are on high, we pray, do save the humbled!

Heeding the palm branches, take pity on us,

Look upon those who cry out.

"you are the blessed One who come to call up Adam."

- Romanos, sixth-century Byzantine poet and deacon

Order of Worship

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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

from Psalm 24

In the Bible, God calls us to worship, because it is not our natural impulse to come to Him. But He calls, reminding us of His pursuing love, and we respond in gratitude.

words adapted and music Evan W. Wilson

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 118 and Zechariah 9

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest!

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

Lo, your king comes to you;

Triumphant and victorious is he,

Humble and riding on a donkey.

Hosanna in the highest!

Prayer of Adoration

We praise you, O God, for your redemption of the world through Jesus Christ. He entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph and was proclaimed Messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Just as we carry these branches, may we follow Christ in the way of the cross that, dying and rising with him, we may enter into your kingdom; through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

O Worship the King

words Robert Grant (1833) and music Joseph Martin Kraus (c. 1785)

O worship the King all-glorious above	We children of dust
O gratefully sing His power and His love	Are feeble and frail
Our shield and defender	In you do we trust for you never fail
The Ancient of Days	Your mercies how tender
Pavilioned in splendor	How firm to the end
And girded with praise	Our maker defender
	Redeemer and friend
O tell of His might and sing of His grace	O measureless Might
Whose robe is the light	Unchangeable Love
Whose canopy space	Whom angels delight
His chariots of wrath	To worship above
The deep thunderclouds form	Your ransomed creation
And dark is His path	With glory ablaze
On the wings of the storm	In true adoration
	Shall sing to your praise
Your bountiful care what tongue can recite	
It breathes in the air it shines in the light	
It streams from the hills	
It descends to the plain	
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain	

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

words Isaac Watts (1707) tune O WALY WALY (Scottish folk tune)

When I survey the wondrous cross	See from his head
on which the Prince of glory died	His hands his feet
my richest gain I count but loss	Sorrow and love flow mingled down
and pour contempt on all my pride	Did e'er such love and sorrow meet
	Or thorns compose so rich a crown
Forbid it Lord, that I should boast	Were the whole realm
save in the death of Christ my God	Of nature mine
All the vain things that charm me most	That were a present far too small
I sacrifice them through his blood	Love so amazing so divine
	Demands my soul, my life my all

Confession

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,**

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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.

by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

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

from Psalm 118

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.

Let those who fear the Lord say,
 His steadfast love endures for ever.
 Out of my distress I called on the Lord;
 the Lord answered me and set me free.
 The Lord is my strength and my song;
 he has become my salvation.

In Christ, God answers us and sets us free!
 In Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God.

Blessing for Learning

In lieu of separate classes today, children will be learning about Jesus by participating in the sermon. All ages welcome. Childcare is available in the giraffe classroom for children up to age 5.

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.

Zechariah 9:9-12

9 Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion!
Shout, Daughter Jerusalem!
See, your king comes to you,
righteous and victorious,
lowly and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
10 I will take away the chariots from Ephraim
and the warhorses from Jerusalem,
and the battle bow will be broken.
He will proclaim peace to the nations.
His rule will extend from sea to sea
and from the River to the ends of the earth.
11 As for you, because of the blood of my covenant with you,
I will free your prisoners from the waterless pit.
12 Return to your fortress, you prisoners of hope;
even now I announce that I will restore twice as much to you.

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

Psalm 118:19-29

19 Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.	25 Save us, we pray, O Lord! O Lord, we pray, give us success!
20 This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.	26 Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. We bless you from the house of the Lord.
21 I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.	27 The Lord is God, and he has given us light.
22 The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.	Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.
23 This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.	28 You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you.
24 This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.	29 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

5 In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

6 Who, being in very nature God,
did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;
7 rather, he made himself nothing
by taking the very nature of a servant,
being made in human likeness.
8 And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself
by becoming obedient to death—
even death on a cross!

9 Therefore God exalted him to the highest place
and gave him the name that is above every name,
10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
11 and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

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 11:1-11a

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, 2 saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. 3 If anyone asks you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.'"

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4 They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, 5 some people standing there asked, "What are you doing, untying that colt?" 6 They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go. 7 When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it. 8 Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields.

9 Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted,

"Hosanna!"

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

10 "Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!"

"Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

11 Jesus entered Jerusalem and went into the temple courts. He looked around at everything, but since it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the Twelve.

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

Homily

Redefining Triumph

Rev. Kara Nichols Barrett

Musical Interlude

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

Prayers of the People

Good and gracious God,
as we walk together to Jerusalem, through Gethsemane,
and to the hill of the cross, we bring with us our concerns, worries, and troubles.

Be with those who are struggling to hope in the resurrection.

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

Be with those who are grieving, those whose “alleluia” will be tear-stained.

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer..

Be with those who are seeking employment, affordable housing, or access to health care.

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

Be with us all as we seek to prepare for your resurrection by following you to your death.

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

Help us to find rest and refuge in your everlasting arms of love.

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

Additional prayers may be added silently or aloud.

Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Grateful Giving

2 Corinthians 8:9

9 For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.



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!"

No Limit to Your Love

words and music by John van Deusen (2019)

I will turn to You when night is falling
When my sin is calling
When I can't see straight
And the smoke's in my eyes
I will wait for You when the future's blurry
Amidst the rush and hurry
When the pain is real
And the questions burn

chorus 'Cause there's no limit to Your love
No bottom to Your ocean
No top to Your mountain
No end to Your sky
There's no limit to Your love

I will turn and walk in a new direction
Remove this infection
Yeah, this need to own
And get what's mine
I ask for wisdom when I'm lost
Nail my motives to the cross
And find my peace
In the promises You've made
I will call on Your name, Jesus / *chorus*

And I will bend the knee
Before Your throne
Worship You and You alone
I will cast away these worthless chains
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.

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

words Edward Perronet (1779) music Oliver Holden (1792)

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name
Let angels prostrate fall
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown Him Lord of all x2

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race
Ye ransomed from the fall
Hail Him who saves you by His grace
And crown Him Lord of all x2

Let every kindred, every tribe
On this terrestrial ball
To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of all x2

O that with yonder sacred throng
We at His feet may fall
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord of all x2

Benediction

May God, whose arms were spread on the cross to embrace the whole world, strengthen us to walk in the way of the cross and grant us to find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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

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: 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.

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. Kids care and activities provided for children ages 1-9. Join us again on Sunday morning for a **short, sunrise Easter Sunday service at 6:49a in Westcrest Park.**



Save the Date-Baptism Q&A Meeting and Dinner: April 28th 5:30p-6:30p Trinity Commons, RSVP using the QR code.

Serve Together

Help feed unhoused neighbors. Join us for the next Westside Neighbors Shelter meal prep gathering on **Sunday, April 7 from 2-3:30p** 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).

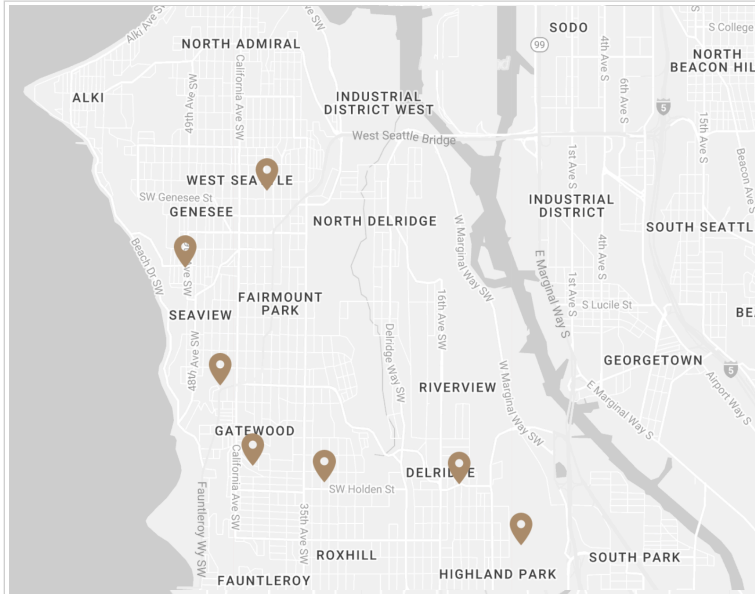
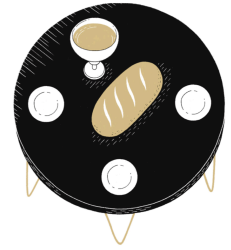
Youth Group

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

Upcoming: There will be no youth group on April 10th because of Spring 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).

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 (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. 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!

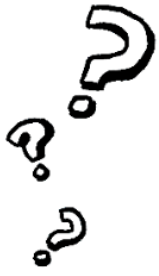
Did you hear any words that were NEW to you?



AS YOU LISTEN...



Draw something that inspired your IMAGINATION:



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

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!

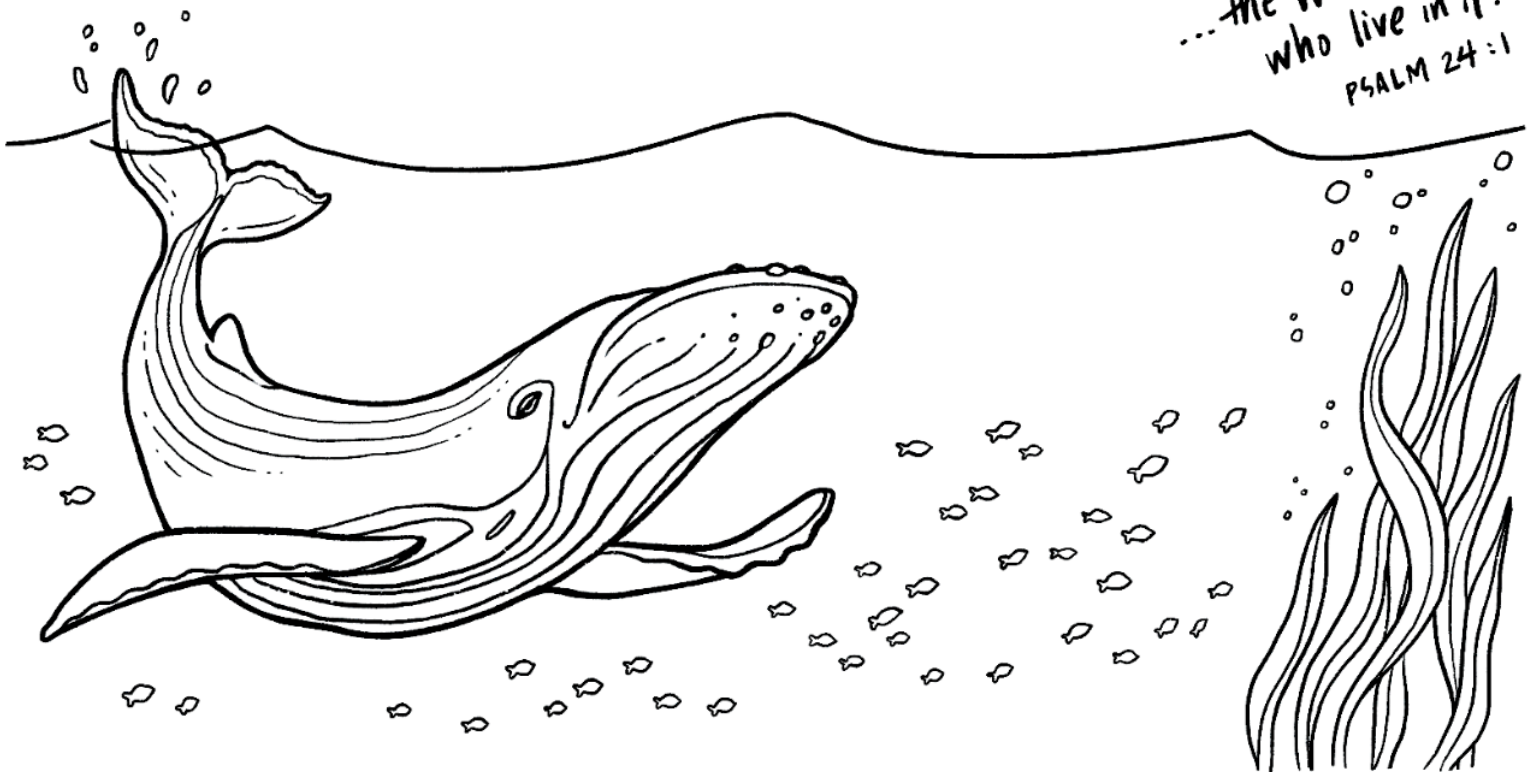
All Souls KIDS doodle page

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*

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Alyssa Reeve
Kelly Smith

VESTRY

Adam Aljets, *treasurer*
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