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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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Ain't no grave can hold my body down.

Johnny Cash

Order of Worship

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An outdoor fire is where Peter was warming himself, in shock that Jesus had been taken, unfairly tried, sentenced to death, and brutally killed. At the fire, someone recognized Peter as one of Jesus's followers, but Peter denied ever knowing Jesus three times. A rooster crowed. Peter ran away in tears.

We begin this time with a bonfire, because we have all been where Peter was: finding comfort for our grief in a lie, denying the God of all comfort, driven away by shame from the very One who knowingly gave up his comfort to comfort us. Tonight, while it is still dark, we celebrate that God has come as comforting light in our deepest darkness.

We're glad you are here.

STANDING AS ABLE

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 evening, 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 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.

The Candle is Lit

Dear friends in Christ: On this most holy night, in which our Lord Jesus passed over from death to life, the Church invites her members, dispersed throughout the world, to gather in vigil and prayer. For this is the Passover of the Lord, in which, by hearing his Word and celebrating his Sacraments, we share in his victory over death.

Eternal God, who made this most holy night to shine with the brightness of your one true light: sanctify this new fire, we pray, and so set us aflame with the fire of your love, that with pure hearts and kindled affections we may attain to the radiance of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

May the light of Christ, rising in glory, banish all darkness from our hearts and minds. The light of Christ. **Thanks be to God!**

The candle representing the light of Christ is lit and carried into the sanctuary.

Drive Out the Darkness

words and music by The Porter's Gate (2020)

chorus

Come O Come

Be our light

Drive out the darkness

Come Jesus Come

Every weapon made for war

Every gun and every sword

Will be melted in the flame

To be used for gardening / *chorus*

Hand held candles are lit.

In the emptiness of grief

Through the night of suffering

Every loss and in the tears

God our comfort O be near / *chorus*

Come and end all the violence

Come do not be silent

Come we cling to your promise

Come break all injustice

Come Jesus Come

Prayer of Exultation

Rejoice now, heavenly hosts and choirs of angels,
and let your trumpets shout Salvation
for the victory of our mighty King.

Rejoice and sing now, all the round earth,
bright with a glorious splendor,
for darkness has been vanquished by our eternal King

Rejoice and be glad now, Mother Church,
and let your holy courts, in radiant light,
resound with the praises of your people.

All you who stand near this marvelous and holy flame, pray with me to God
the Almighty for the grace to sing the worthy praise of this great light;
through Jesus Christ his Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with him, in the
unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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 truly right and good, always and everywhere, with our whole heart and
mind and voice to praise you, the invisible, almighty, and eternal God, and
your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who paid for us the debt of
Adam's sin, and by his blood delivered your faithful people; for he is the true
Paschal Lamb, the very Lamb of God, whose blood marks the doorposts of
believers and makes us holy.

This is the night when you brought our forebears, the children of Israel, out
of bondage in Egypt, and led them through the Red Sea on dry land.
This is the night when all who believe in Christ are delivered from the gloom
of sin, and are restored to grace and holiness of life.

This is the night when Christ broke the bonds of death and hell, and rose
victorious from the grave.

How wonderful and beyond our knowing, O God, is your mercy and loving
kindness to us, that to redeem a slave, you gave a Son.

This is the night of which it is written: the night shall be as bright as the day.

How holy is this night when wickedness is put to flight, and sin is washed
away. It restores innocence to the fallen, and joy to those who mourn.
It casts out pride and hatred, and brings peace and concord.

How blessed is this night when earth and heaven are joined, and humankind is
reconciled to God. *Please stand and sing.*

Music begins.

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.

His Kingdom Now is Come (Behold! Behold!)

words and music by Paul Zach, Isaac Wardell, Leslie Jordan, Lorenzo Baylor, Brian Nhira

The light shines in the darkness
And the darkness cannot overcome x2
Behold Behold His kingdom now is come

The valleys will be lifted
And the mountains will be brought down low x2
Behold Behold His kingdom now is come

Hear the voice cry from the highway
"Make way for the Prince of Peace" x2
Behold! Behold His kingdom now is come

God of justice
Righteous judge / Behold! x3
Our Defender
Prince of Peace / Behold x3
Father to the fatherless
Our strong deliverer / Behold x3
He's troubling the water
And we're marching through
Behold Behold
His kingdom now is come

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

words by Henry Van Dyke (1907) e. R.J. March (2024) music by Ludwig van Beethoven (1824)

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

Thou art giving and forgiving
Ever blessing ever blessed
Wellspring of the joy of living
Ocean depth of happy rest

Thou our Father Christ our Brother
All who live in love are Thine
Teach us how to love each other
Lift us to the joy divine

Mortals join the happy chorus
Which the morning stars began
Father love is reigning over us
Brother love binds all to Him
Ever singing march we onward
Victors in the midst of strife
Joyful music leads us Sunward
In the triumph song of life

REMAIN STANDING

AS ABLE

Let us hear the record of God's saving deeds in history, recalling how he saved his people in ages past and in the fullness of time sent his Son to be our Redeemer. The Bible isn't simply a book of rules or moral examples. The Bible is most of all a story. The true story of God's love for people. Let us pray that through this Easter celebration God may bring to maturity in each of us the good work he has begun in Christ Jesus.

The Story of Creation

Genesis 1:1-2:3 (The Children's Storybook Bible)

In the beginning, there was nothing. Nothing to hear. Nothing to feel. Nothing to see. Only emptiness. And darkness. And nothing but nothing. But God was there. And God had a wonderful Plan. "I'll take this emptiness," God said, "and I'll fill it up! Out of the darkness, I'm going to make light! And out of the nothing, I'm going to make ... EVERYTHING!" Like a mommy bird flutters her wings over her eggs to help her babies hatch, God hovered over the deep, silent darkness. He was making life happen. God spoke. That's all. And whatever he said, it happened.

God said, "Hello light!" and light shone into the darkness. God called the light, "Day" and the darkness, "Night." "You're good," God said. And they were. Then God said, "Hello sea! Hello sky!" and a great space opened up, wide and deep and high. "You're good," God said. And they were. Then God said, "Hello land!" and there — splashing up through the oceans — came cliffs, mountains, sandy beaches. "You're good," God said. And they were. "Hello trees!" God said. "Hello grass and flowers!" And everything everywhere burst into life. He made buds bud: shoots shoot; flowers flower. "You're good." God said. And they were. "Hello stars!" God said. "Hello sun! Hello moon!" And whizzing into the darkness came fiery globes, spinning around and around - whirling orange and purple and golden planets. "You're good," God said. And they were. "Hello birds!" God said. And with a fluttering and flapping and chirping and singing, birds filled the skies. "Hello fish!" God said. And with a darting and dashing and wriggling and splashing, fish filled the seas! "You're good," God said. And they were. Then God said, "Hello animals!" And everyone came out to play. The earth was filled with noisy noises - growling and gobbling and snapping and snorting and happy skerfuffling. "You're good," God said. And they were. God saw all that he had made and he loved them. And they were lovely because he loved them. But God saved the best for last. From the beginning, God had a shining dream in his heart. He would make people to share his Forever Happiness. They would be his children, and the world would be their perfect home. So God breathed life into Adam and Eve. When they opened their eyes, the first thing they ever saw was God's face. And when God saw them he was like a new dad. "You look like me," he said. "You're the most beautiful thing I've ever made!" God loved them with all of his heart. And they were lovely because he loved them. And Adam and Eve joined in the song of the stars and the streams and the wind in the trees, the wonderful song of love to the one who made them. Their hearts were filled with happiness. And nothing ever made them sad or lonely or sick or afraid. God looked at everything he had made. "Perfect!" he said. And it was. But all the stars and the mountains and oceans and galaxies and everything were nothing compared to how much God loved his children. He would move heaven and earth to be near them. Always. Whatever happened, whatever it cost him, he would always love them. And so it was that the wonderful love story began.

Psalm 104:1-3

1 Praise the Lord, my soul. Lord my God, you are very great; you are clothed with splendor and majesty.

2 **The Lord wraps himself in light as with a garment; he stretches out the heavens like a tent**

3 and lays the beams of his upper chambers on their waters.

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature:

Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All Creatures of our God and King

words by Francis of Assisi (1225); music by William H. Draper (1912) The Sing Team (2017)

All creatures of our God and King
lift up your voice and with us sing
O praise him Alleluia
Thou burning sun with golden beam
thou silver moon with softer gleam
O praise him x3 Alleluia x3

Thou rushing wind that art so strong
ye clouds that sail in heav'n along
O praise him Alleluia
Thou rising moon in praise rejoice
ye lights of evening, find a voice
O praise him x3 Alleluia x3

And ev'ryone, with tender heart
forgiving others, take your part
O praise him Alleluia
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear
sing praise and cast on God your care
O praise him x3 Alleluia x3

Let all things their Creator bless
and worship God in humbleness
O praise him Alleluia
To God all thanks and praise belong
Join in the everlasting song
O praise him x3 Alleluia x3

BE SEATED

The Story of Human Rebellion

Genesis 3

Now the serpent was the most cunning of all the wild animals that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You can't eat from any tree in the garden'?"
2 The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat the fruit from the trees in the garden. 3 But about the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden, God said, 'You must not eat it or touch it, or you will die.'"
4 "No! You will certainly not die," the serpent said to the woman. 5 "In fact, God knows that when you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." 6 The woman saw that the tree was good for food and delightful to look at, and that it was desirable for obtaining wisdom. So she took some of its fruit and ate it; she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. 7 Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.
8 Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees of the garden. 9 So the Lord God called out to the man and said to him, "Where are you?"
10 And he said, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked, so I hid."
11 Then he asked, "Who told you that you were naked? Did you eat from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?"
12 The man replied, "The woman you gave to be with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate."
13 So the Lord God asked the woman, "What have you done?"
And the woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."
14 So the Lord God said to the serpent:
Because you have done this,
you are cursed more than any livestock
and more than any wild animal.
You will move on your belly
and eat dust all the days of your life.

15 I will put hostility between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and her offspring.
He will strike your head,
and you will strike his heel.

16 He said to the woman:
I will intensify your labor pains;
you will bear children with painful effort.
Your desire will be for your husband,
yet he will rule over you.

17 And he said to the man, "Because you listened
to your wife and ate from the tree
about which I commanded you,
'Do not eat from it':
The ground is cursed because of you.

You will eat from it by means of painful labor
all the days of your life.

18 It will produce thorns and thistles for you,
and you will eat the plants of the field.

19 You will eat bread by the sweat of your brow
until you return to the ground,
since you were taken from it.

For you are dust,
and you will return to dust."

20 The man named his wife Eve because she was the mother of all the living. 21 The Lord God made clothing from skins for the man and his wife, and he clothed them. 22 The Lord God said, "Since the man has become like one of us, knowing good and evil, he must not reach out, take from the tree of life, eat, and live forever." 23 So the Lord God sent him away from the garden of Eden to work the ground from which he was taken. 24 He drove the man out and stationed the cherubim and the flaming, whirling sword east of the garden of Eden to guard the way to the tree of life.

from Psalm 32 by Wendell Kimbrough (2016)

Blessed is the soul that's free from deceit
No need to hide what he says from what he means
Blessed is the heart forgiven by love
Whose every fault our good Lord covers up

Long I disguised and buried my shame
Ran through the night and I groaned through the day
Shelter I sought where I thought I was safe
But oh silent soul, how you wasted away!

chorus: Then at last I told all my sins
And with shouts of joy, lovin' arms drew me in
To my one true safe place
In the love of God and the family of grace

So listen up, if you truly want to live
Do not hide alone in the dark like this one fool did
Be not like the mule as he fights against the reins
Come let your broken heart be bound by grace

chorus

O God, you sent your blessed Son, the seed of the woman, that he might crush the serpent's head and make all creation new: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Story of God's Rescue from Slavery

Exodus 14:10-15:18

10 As Pharaoh approached, the Israelites looked up and there were the Egyptians coming after them! The Israelites were terrified and cried out to the Lord for help. 11 They said to Moses, "Is it because there are no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us by bringing us out of Egypt?
12 Isn't this what we told you in Egypt: Leave us alone so that we may serve the Egyptians? It would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness." 13 But Moses said to the people, "Don't be afraid. Stand firm and see the Lord's salvation that he will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians you see today, you will never see again. 14 The Lord will fight for you, and you must be quiet."

15 The Lord said to Moses, "Why are you crying out to me? Tell the Israelites to break camp. 16 As for you, lift up your staff, stretch out your hand over the sea, and divide it so that the Israelites can go through the sea on dry ground. 17 As for me, I am going to harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them, and I will receive glory by means of Pharaoh, all his army, and his chariots and horsemen. 18 The Egyptians will know that I am the Lord when I receive glory through Pharaoh, his chariots, and his horsemen."

19 Then the angel of God, who was going in front of the Israelite forces, moved and went behind them. The pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and stood behind them. 20 It came between the Egyptian and Israelite forces. There was cloud and darkness, it lit up the night, and neither group came near the other all night long.

21 Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back with a powerful east wind all that night and turned the sea into dry land. So the waters were divided, 22 and the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with the waters like a wall to them on their right and their left.

23 The Egyptians set out in pursuit—all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen—and went into the sea after them. 24 During the morning watch, the Lord looked down at the Egyptian forces from the pillar of fire and cloud, and threw the Egyptian forces into confusion. 25 He caused their chariot wheels to swerve and made them drive with difficulty. "Let's get away from Israel," the Egyptians said, "because the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt!"

26 Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea so that the water may come back on the Egyptians, on their chariots and horsemen." 27 So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at daybreak the sea returned to its normal depth. While the Egyptians were trying to escape from it, the Lord threw them into the sea. 28 The water came back and covered the chariots and horsemen, plus the entire army of Pharaoh that had gone after them into the sea. Not even one of them survived.

29 But the Israelites had walked through the sea on dry ground, with the waters like a wall to them on their right and their left. 30 That day the Lord saved Israel from the power of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. 31 When Israel saw the great power that the Lord used against the Egyptians, the people feared the Lord and believed in him and in his servant Moses. 15:1 Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the Lord. They said:

I will sing to the Lord, for he is lofty and uplifted;
the horse and its rider has he hurled into the sea.

The Lord is my strength and my refuge;
the Lord has become my Savior.

This is my God and I will praise him,
the God of my people and I will exalt him.

The Lord is a mighty warrior;
The Lord is his Name.

The chariots of Pharaoh and his army has he hurled into
the sea;

the finest of those who bear armor
have been drowned in the Red Sea.

The fathomless deep has overwhelmed them;
they sank into the depths like a stone.

Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in might;
your right hand, O Lord, has overthrown the enemy.

Who can be compared with you, O Lord, among the
gods?

**Who is like you, glorious in holiness,
awesome in renown, and worker of wonders?**

You stretched forth your right hand;
the earth swallowed them up.

With your constant love you led the people you
redeemed; you brought them in safety to your holy
dwelling.

**You will bring them in and plant them on the mount
of your possession,**

the resting-place you have made for yourself,

O Lord, the sanctuary that your hand has established.
The Lord shall reign for ever and for ever.

O God, whose wonderful deeds of old shine forth even to our own day, by the power of your mighty arm you once delivered your chosen people from slavery under Pharaoh, to be a sign for us of the salvation offered to all nations by the water of Baptism: Grant that all the peoples of the earth may be numbered among the offspring of Abraham, and rejoice in the inheritance of Israel; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Story of God's Presence with Renewed Israel

Isaiah 4:2-6

2 On that day the Branch of the Lord will be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the land will be the pride and glory of Israel's survivors. 3 Whoever remains in Zion and whoever is left in Jerusalem will be called holy—all in Jerusalem written in the book of life— 4 when the Lord has washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion and cleansed the bloodguilt from the heart of Jerusalem by a spirit of judgment and a spirit of burning. 5 Then the Lord will create a cloud of smoke by day and a glowing flame of fire by night over the entire site of Mount Zion and over its assemblies. For there will be a canopy over all the glory, 6 and there will be a shelter for shade from heat by day and a refuge and shelter from storm and rain.

Psalm 122

1 I rejoiced with those who said to me,
"Let us go to the house of the Lord."

**2 Our feet are standing
in your gates, Jerusalem.**

3 Jerusalem is built like a city
that is closely compacted together.

**4 That is where the tribes go up—
the tribes of the Lord—**

to praise the name of the Lord

according to the statute given to Israel.

5 There stand the thrones for judgment,
the thrones of the house of David.

6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:

"May those who love you be secure.

7 May there be peace within your walls
and security within your citadels."

8 For the sake of my family and friends,

I will say,

"Peace be within you."

9 For the sake of the house of the Lord our God,
I will seek your prosperity.

O God, you led your ancient people by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night: Grant that we, who serve you now on earth, may come to the joy of that heavenly Jerusalem, where all tears are wiped away and where your saints for ever sing your praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

STAND AS ABLE

The Story of Salvation Offered Freely to All

from Isaiah 55:1-11 music by Matt Maher (2006)

O let all who thirst, let them come to the water
And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord
Without money, without price
Why should you pay the price, except for the Lord?

And let all who seek, let them come to the water
And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord
Without money, without strife
Why should you spend your life, except for the Lord?

And let all who toil, let them come to the water
And let all who are weary, let them come to the Lord
All who labor, without rest
How can you soul find rest, except for the Lord?

And let all the poor, let them come to the water
Bring the ones who are laden, bring them all to the Lord
Bring the children, without might, easy the load and light
Come to the Lord

1 As the deer pants for streams of water,
so my soul pants for you, my God.

2 My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.

When can I go and meet with God?

3 My tears have been my food day and night,
while people say to me all day long,
“Where is your God?”

4 These things I remember

as I pour out my soul:

**how I used to go to the house of God
under the protection of the Mighty One
with shouts of joy and praise
among the festive throng.**

5 Why, my soul, are you downcast?

Why so disturbed within me?

Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him,
my Savior and my God.

**6 My soul is downcast within me;
therefore I will remember you
from the land of the Jordan,
the heights of Hermon—from Mount Mizar.**

7 Deep calls to deep

in the roar of your waterfalls;

all your waves and breakers

have swept over me.

O God, you have created all things by the power of your Word, and you renew the earth by your Spirit: Give the water of life to all who thirst for you, that they may bring forth abundant fruit in your glorious kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

BE SEATED

A New Heart and a New Spirit

Ezekiel 36:24-28 (The Message)

24-28 “For here’s what I’m going to do: I’m going to take you out of these countries, gather you from all over, and bring you back to your own land. I’ll pour pure water over you and scrub you clean. I’ll give you a new heart, put a new spirit in you. I’ll remove the stone heart from your body and replace it with a heart that’s God-willed, not self-willed. I’ll put my Spirit in you and make it possible for you to do what I tell you and live by my commands. You’ll once again live in the land I gave your ancestors. You’ll be my people! I’ll be your God!

Heavenly Father, by the power of your Holy Spirit you promise your faithful people new life in the water of Baptism: Guide and strengthen us by the same Spirit, that we who are born again may serve you in faith and love, and grow into the full stature of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Story of the Valley of the Dry Bones

Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the Lord was on me, and he brought me out by his Spirit and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. 2 He led me all around them. There were a great many of them on the surface of the valley, and they were very dry. 3 Then he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?"

I replied, "Lord God, only you know."

4 He said to me, "Prophecy concerning these bones and say to them: Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord! 5 This is what the Lord God says to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you will live. 6 I will put tendons on you, make flesh grow on you, and cover you with skin. I will put breath in you so that you come to life. Then you will know that I am the Lord."

7 So I prophesied as I had been commanded. While I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone. 8 As I looked, tendons appeared on them, flesh grew, and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them. 9 He said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, son of man. Say to it: This is what the Lord God says: Breath, come from the four winds and breathe into these slain so that they may live!" 10 So I prophesied as he commanded me; the breath entered them, and they came to life and stood on their feet, a vast army.

11 Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Look how they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope has perished; we are cut off.' 12 Therefore, prophesy and say to them, 'This is what the Lord God says: I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them, my people, and lead you into the land of Israel. 13 You will know that I am the Lord, my people, when I open your graves and bring you up from them. 14 I will put my Spirit in you, and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I am the Lord. I have spoken, and I will do it. This is the declaration of the Lord.'"

Psalm 126

1 When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dreamed.

**2 Our mouths were filled with laughter,
our tongues with songs of joy.**

Then it was said among the nations,
"The Lord has done great things for them."

**3 The Lord has done great things for us,
and we are filled with joy.**

4 Restore our fortunes, Lord,
like streams in the Negev.

**5 Those who sow with tears
will reap with songs of joy.**

6 Those who go out weeping,
carrying seed to sow,
will return with songs of joy,
carrying sheaves with them.

Lord God of our salvation, you speak the word to your scattered people, and raise us up from the valley of death: Breathe your Spirit upon your Church, that we may live and stand before you confident in your risen Son our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

STAND AS ABLE

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: "Alleluia" by Fintan O'Carroll and Christopher Walker.

The Appearing of God's Son

Mark 1:9-11; 31-34

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. 10 And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. 11 And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

Jesus, having proclaimed the Kingdom's arrival, began to heal and preach the good news of God's love. Though the people saw the power of God's kingdom, they did not perceive the truth. Though they heard Jesus' teaching, they did not understand. Their hearts were hardened and they plotted against Jesus to put him to death.

31 So also the chief priests with the scribes mocked him to one another, saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. 32 Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him also reviled him. 33 And when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. 34 And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

Lights are dimmed and silence is observed.

The Story of the Resurrection

John 20:1; Matthew 28:1-10

1 Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. 1 Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. 2 There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. 3 His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. 4 The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men. 5 The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. 6 He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. 7 Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you." 8 So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. 9 Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. 10 Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

The gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Homily

'While it was still dark'

Rev. R.J. March

Easter Acclamation

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**You are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Break Forth O Joyful Heart

words Fanny Crosby and music Nathan Partain (2008)

Break forth break forth O joyful heart
And make His goodness known
Who all thy life though undeserved
Such love to thee has shown

chorus Break forth break forth O joyful heart
Break forth no longer silent be
Break forth break forth in grateful praise
To Him who came to ransom Thee

'Twas Jesus sought my wand'ring soul
And with a shepherd's care
He brought me kindly to His fold
And still protects me there / *chorus*

He is my advocate with God
My Savior and my friend
His mercies new with every morn
Like healing showers descend

My soul shall magnify the Lord
My voice His love proclaim
And every power within me join
To bless and praise His name / *chorus*

Baptismal Renewal

In baptism, we are buried with Christ in his death and raised with him to newness of life. We are set free in the Spirit to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness. As God's children who he has raised to life, I ask you to renew the promises and vows of your baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve Christ faithfully in his body, the Church. For those baptized in Christ please join in the parts in bold. For those curious about baptism, we would love to talk more with you about and invite you to the Baptism Info Dinner on Sunday April 28th following worship.

Do you, here in the presence of God and the Church, renew the solemn promises and vows made at your Baptism and commit yourself to keep them?

I do.

Do you renounce the devil and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the empty promises and deadly deceits of this world that corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the sinful desires of the flesh that draw you from the love of God?

I renounce them.

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and confess him as your Lord and Savior?

I do.

Do you joyfully receive the Christian Faith, as revealed in the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?

I do.

Will you obediently keep God's holy will and commandments, and walk in them all the days of your life?

I will, the Lord being my helper.

Will you by your prayers and witness help one another to grow into the full stature of Christ?

We will, with God's grace.

Will you do all in your power to support one another in life in Christ?

We will, with God's grace.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Amazing Grace

words John Newton (1779)

Amazing grace How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now am found
Was blind, but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

Through many dangers toils and snares
I have already come
'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far
And grace will lead me home

When we've been there
Ten thousand years
Bright shining as the sun
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun

Grateful Giving

And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:19



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!"*

We Will Feast in the House of Zion

written by Sandra McCracken and Joshua Moore (2015)

chorus: We will feast in the house of Zion In the dark of night, before the dawn
We will sing with our hearts restored My soul be not afraid
He has done great things For the promised morning oh, how long
We will say together O God of Jacob, be my strength
We will feast and weep no more / chorus

We will not be burned by the fire Every vow we've broken and betrayed
He is the Lord, our God You are the faithful One
We are not consumed by the flood And from the garden and to the grave
Upheld protected gathered up / chorus Bind us together bring shalom / 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.

Father Let Your Kingdom Come

words and music by The Porter's Gate (2017)

chorus: Hallelu hallelujah
Father let Your kingdom come *repeat*
May the works of my hands bring You joy / chorus
May the words from my mouth speak Your peace / chorus
You make all things new
You make all things new
In places we don't choose
You make all things new / chorus

Benediction

God is the One who raised Christ from the dead, and he will give life through his Spirit that lives in you. **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

Easter Sunday Sunrise Service: Join us tomorrow morning at **6:49a in Westcrest Park** for songs and Easter celebration as the sun rises over the city. Park in the Southern Lot near the small playground and follow the signage through the Pea Patch Community Garden to the overlook.

Baptism Q&A Dinner: Join us **Sunday April 28** following worship for dinner and a time of questions and discussion about baptism to learn more about the sacrament of baptism at All Souls. All ages welcome.



We're Hiring: All Souls is seeking a part-time Hospitality Assistant. Please see the job description linked to the QR code and invite interested persons to reach out to Suzanne (suzanne@allsoulsseattle.org).

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.**

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.

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)

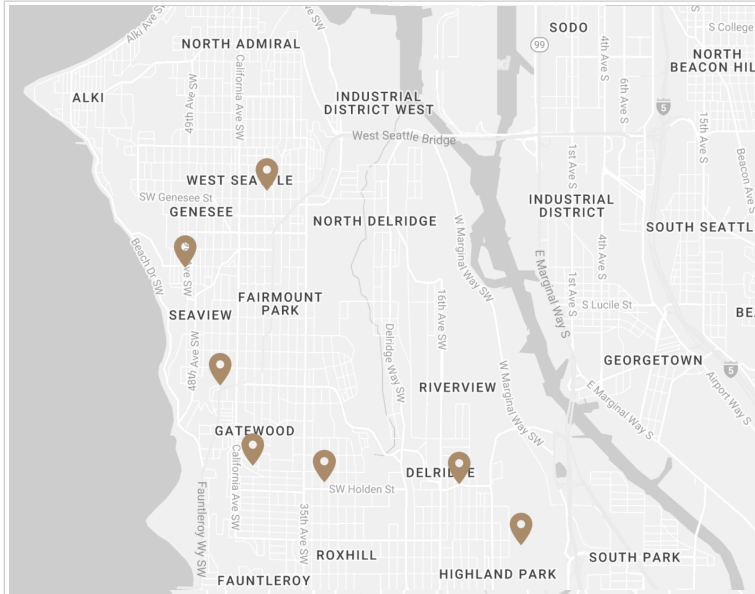
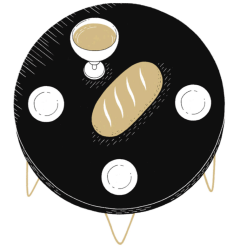
Youth Group

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

Upcoming: **April 3rd Game night!** All middle and high schoolers. Invite a friend! **April 10th no group** (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). 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.

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. 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. Following the story each week, we discuss the passage. 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!

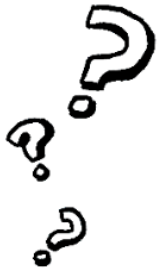
Did you hear any words that were NEW to you?



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!

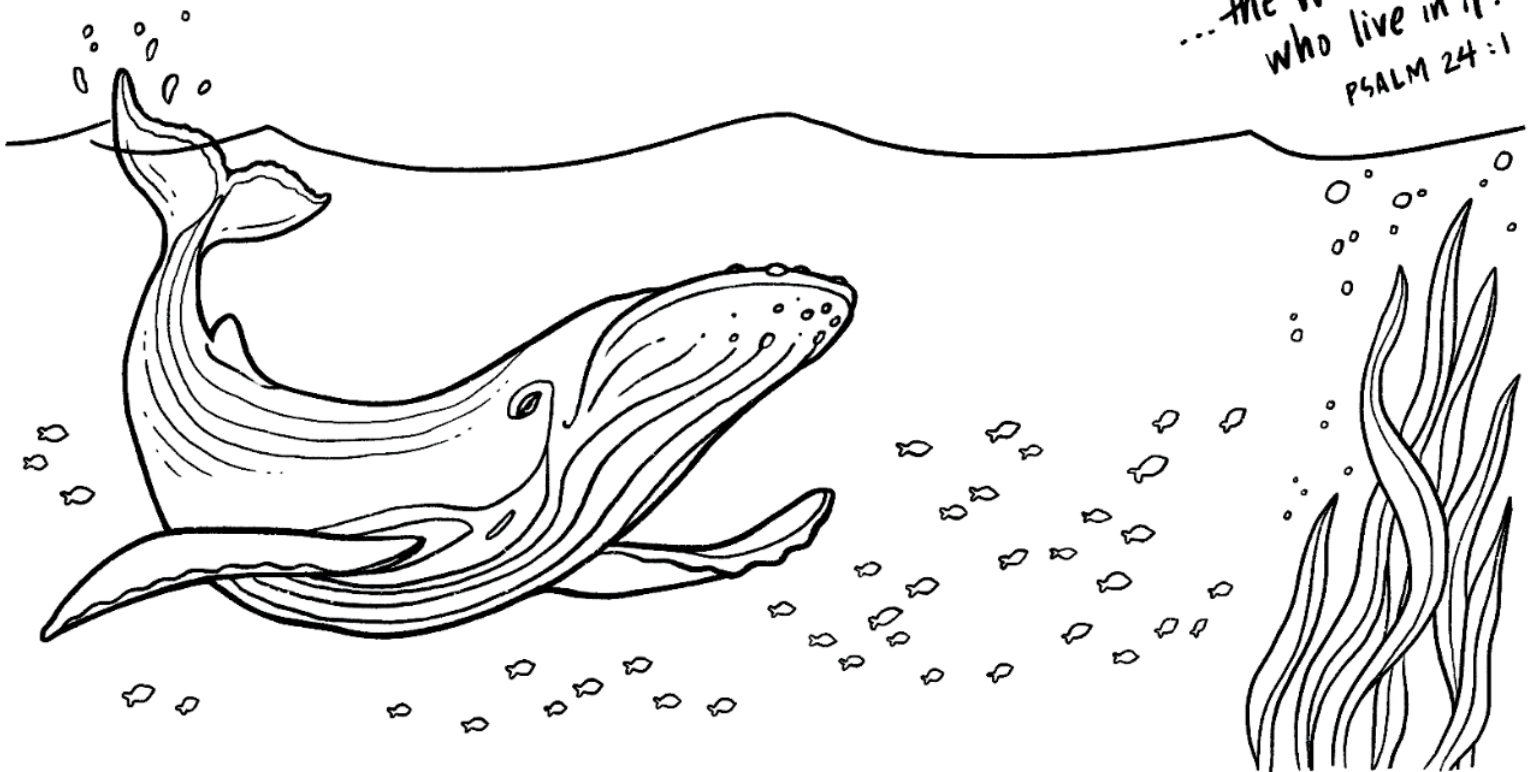
All Souls KIDS doodle page

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

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Corey MORAIGN,
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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