

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 good, sole good, and highest
good, our true and living Master.
Love and lover manifest.
Wisdom and the wise.
The humble and the patient,
Beauty beckoning. Gentle shelter.

Francis of Assisi
"The Pleach to Speak His Name"

Order of Worship

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER / APRIL 14 2024



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 95

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 music by Evan Wallace Wilson (2019)

Come let us sing for joy unto the Lord	For the Lord is a great God x2
Let us shout to the rock of our salvation	In his hands are the earth the seas x2
O let us sing to him with grateful hearts	For the Lord is the great king x2
Shout for joy with music and song	The seas are his he has made them x2
(O Come...)	

STANDING

Psalm 98:1, 4, 7-9

Sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done marvelous things;
Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth,
burst into jubilant song with music;
Let the sea resound, and everything in it,
the world, and all who live in it.
Let the rivers clap their hands,
let the mountains sing together for joy;
let them sing before the Lord,
for he comes to judge the earth.
**He will judge the world in righteousness
and the peoples with equity.**

***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.

Easter Acclamation

Alleluia! He is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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

Rejoice, The Lord Is King

words Charles Wesley (1744) music John Darwall (1770)

Rejoice the Lord is King
Your Lord and King adore
Rejoice give thanks and sing
And triumph evermore

chorus

Lift up your heart
Lift up your voice
Rejoice again I say rejoice

Jesus the Savior reigns
The God of truth and love
When He had purged our stains
He took His seat above / *chorus*

His kingdom cannot fail
He rules o'er earth and heav'n
The keys of death and hell
Are to our Jesus giv'n / *chorus*

Rejoice in glorious hope
Our Lord and judge shall come
And take His servants up
To their eternal home / *chorus*

Confession

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hid:

Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.

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.



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

Receiving of Grace

1 John 2:1-2

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.

If anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the perfect offering for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world.

God's grace abounds for us, even in our weakness.

Hear and know that you are forgiven, and be at peace. **Thanks be to God!**

Blessing for Learning

All ASK classes PreK-7th meet today.

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 Isaiah 40:8 by Verses Project (2023)

The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.

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.

Micah 4:1-5

In the last days
the mountain of the Lord's temple will be established
as the highest of the mountains;
it will be exalted above the hills,
and peoples will stream to it.
2 Many nations will come and say,
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the temple of the God of Jacob.
He will teach us his ways,
so that we may walk in his paths."
The law will go out from Zion,
the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.
He will judge between many peoples
and will settle disputes for strong nations far and wide.

They will beat their swords into plowshares
and their spears into pruning hooks.
Nation will not take up sword against nation,
nor will they train for war anymore.
Everyone will sit under their own vine
and under their own fig tree,
and no one will make them afraid,
for the Lord Almighty has spoken.
5 All the nations may walk
in the name of their gods,
but we will walk in the name of the Lord
our God for ever and ever.

Acts 4:5-14

5 The next day the rulers, the elders and the teachers of the law met in Jerusalem. 6 Annas the high priest was there, and so were Caiaphas, John, Alexander and others of the high priest's family. 7 They had Peter and John brought before them and began to question them: "By what power or what name did you do this?" 8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: "Rulers and elders of the people! 9 If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a man who was lame and are being asked how he was healed, 10 then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. 11 Jesus is "the stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone." 12 Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved." 13 When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus. 14 But since they could see the man who had been healed standing there with them, there was nothing they could say.

1 John 1:1-2:2

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. 2 The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. 3 We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. 4 We write this to make our joy complete. 5 This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. 6 If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. 7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

8 If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us.

2 My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. 2 He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

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

Luke 24:36-49

36 While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." 37 They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. 38 He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? 39 Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have."

40 When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. 41 And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" 42 They gave him a piece of broiled fish, 43 and he took it and ate it in their presence.

44 He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms."

45 Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. 46 He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, 47 and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. 48 You are witnesses of these things. 49 I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

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

Homily

Our Given Name

Rev. R.J. March

Musical Interlude

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

Prayers of the People

We regularly pray for needs in our community, our city, and the world as an act of obedience and love, and to align our concerns with the Lord's. If you have children with you, please feel free to use this time to teach them to pray with us, as we ask God to honor our hope that we are becoming a vibrant expression of who God is— gracious, present, hospitable.

For the church of Christ around the globe,
that we would learn what it means to be one,
as you, Lord, along with the Father and the Holy Spirit, are One.
For the church of Christ in Seattle,
that we would grow in unity with one another,
seeking to understand more than to be understood.
For your church across the neighborhoods and industries of our city,
that our lives of love and service would bear witness to the resurrection.
Lord, **hear our prayer.**

For the victims of oppression, genocide, enslavement, and abuse;
For those who must flee to find safety,
we pray for your comfort, for your present help;
we pray that acts of violence would be defied and brought to an end.
For all who are vulnerable,
we pray for just protection and merciful care
to break the systemic cycles of poverty and oppression.
For those who face social turmoil,
we pray for *your* peace to take root in hearts and lives.
Lord, **hear our prayer.**

For those who live on our streets,
we pray for relief, and for comfort.
May we, your people, humanize how we engage with our brothers and sisters
and know the grace of serving you, even as we serve them.
We pray in particular for your sustaining grace of the Westside Neighbors Shelter, New Horizons,
West Seattle and White Center Food Banks.
Lord, **hear our prayer. Amen.**

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

Galatians 6:2

Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.



Glorify Your Name

written by Alex Peterson (2023)

God of glory we can't help but praise
All your works declare that you are holy
You are worthy
Draw us near under your wings of grace
Glorify your holy name

chorus

Glorify your name x4

Holy Spirit fall on us we pray
Fill our hearts with joy oh you are holy
You are worthy

By your power work in mighty ways
Glorify your holy name / *chorus*

Jesus brother, Savior, Prince of Peace
Lamb of God enthroned oh you are holy
You are worthy

At your table we are whole and free
Glorify your holy name / *chorus*

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!"*

Bountiful Messiah

written by Jeff Heck

Has ever one loved like thee
That boundless mercy
Wed thy sorrow grieving
What king would surely die
For servant just deserving
Or run to me a wretch entrenched
In darkness death and thieving

chorus Hallelujah
Let me not forget the
Wonder of Thy buying blood
Oh bountiful Messiah

Has ever one died like Thee
Crying out with longing for the Father
Who turned His face away
And left there none beside Thee

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.**

Nothing

words and music Paul Zach (2024)

chorus
Nothing can separate us from your love x2
Oh nothing can separate us from your love
Oh nothing can separate us nothing

Neither life nor death
Nor the powers that be
Neither height nor depth
Nor the pain within me

Save murderers that by Thy blood
Became new sons and daughters
chorus

Has ever one conquered so
That death itself is humbled by Thy glory
Can sin then speak for me
Or guilt assert its shadow
Thy pardon is Thy timeless love
And mercy given for me / *chorus*

Has ever one loved like Thee
Has ever one loved like Thee
As endless ebb and flow
Eternal sky and river
Ever does Thy love my God
Oh great high priest and giver / *chorus*

Neither doubts nor fears
Of the present or past
Nothing, nothing / *chorus*

Neither guilt nor shame
Nor the rage in our souls
Neither pride nor hate
Nor the lies that we hold
Neither wounds nor scars
Nor the shadow they cast
Nothing nothing / *chorus*

Benediction

from Isaiah 43:1-3

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers; they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. **Amen.**

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

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:



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 Friday: Share morning coffee and the day's work in community at the All Souls offices. Colleagues, friends, neighbors welcome. Drop by or stay starting from 8:15a. **Please BYOLunch.**

Pentecost Sunday Stories May 19: This year, we'll celebrate the Spirit's presence among us through stories and a reflection on the past year as a community. In a new annual tradition, we'll get to hear from one another in what God has been doing among us. If you have something you would like to share please reach out to R.J. (rj@allsoulsseattle.org).

Serve Together

Help feed unhoused neighbors. The shelter is closed for overnight stays for the season. Keith Hughes, the shelter's manager, would like to keep the shelter open as a warming station six days a week (Monday-Saturday) where folks can receive a warm breakfast and take a hot shower. To remain open, though, Keith needs the community's support.

Serving breakfast. Friday mornings volunteers are needed who can pop breakfast burritos in the oven and make sure breakfast is set out for clients. Breakfast is served from 8:15-9:15am.

Supervising morning operations. Friday mornings a morning supervisor is needed to open the building, make coffee, greet people, hand out towels and generally offer the ministry of presence from 7-10am.

Please contact kara@allsoulsseattle.org for more information or to sign up to participate.



Meal Kits Assembly for Sierra Leone students. RSVP 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)

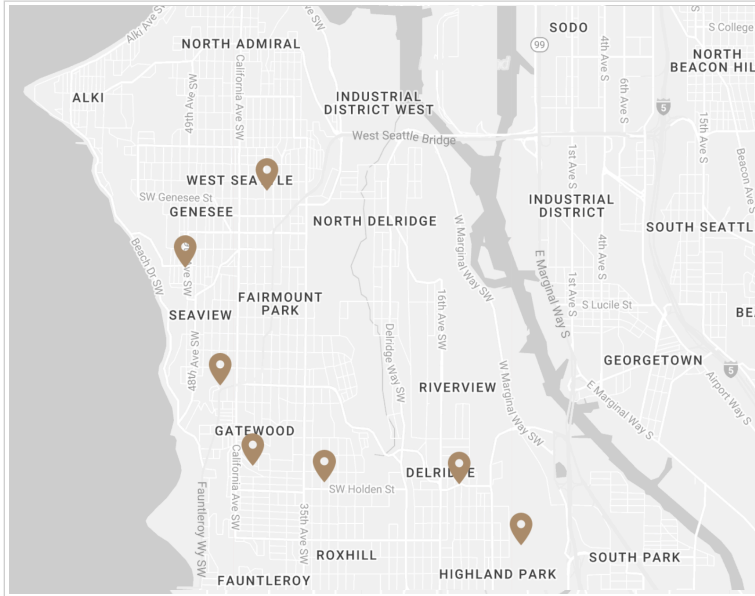
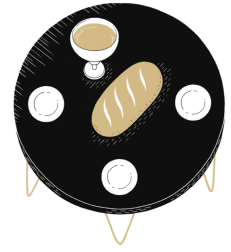
Youth Group

8th-12th grade- Youth group resumes April 24th, **6:30-8p at Trinity**. Dinner provided!

April 17th no group (leader planning meeting)

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.

What's the curriculum?

Our lessons follow the big story of the Bible using content from Dwell, the Jesus Storybook Bible, and pastor created content.

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!

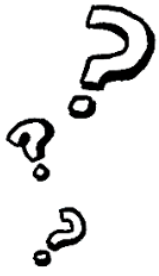
Did you hear any words that were NEW to you?



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!

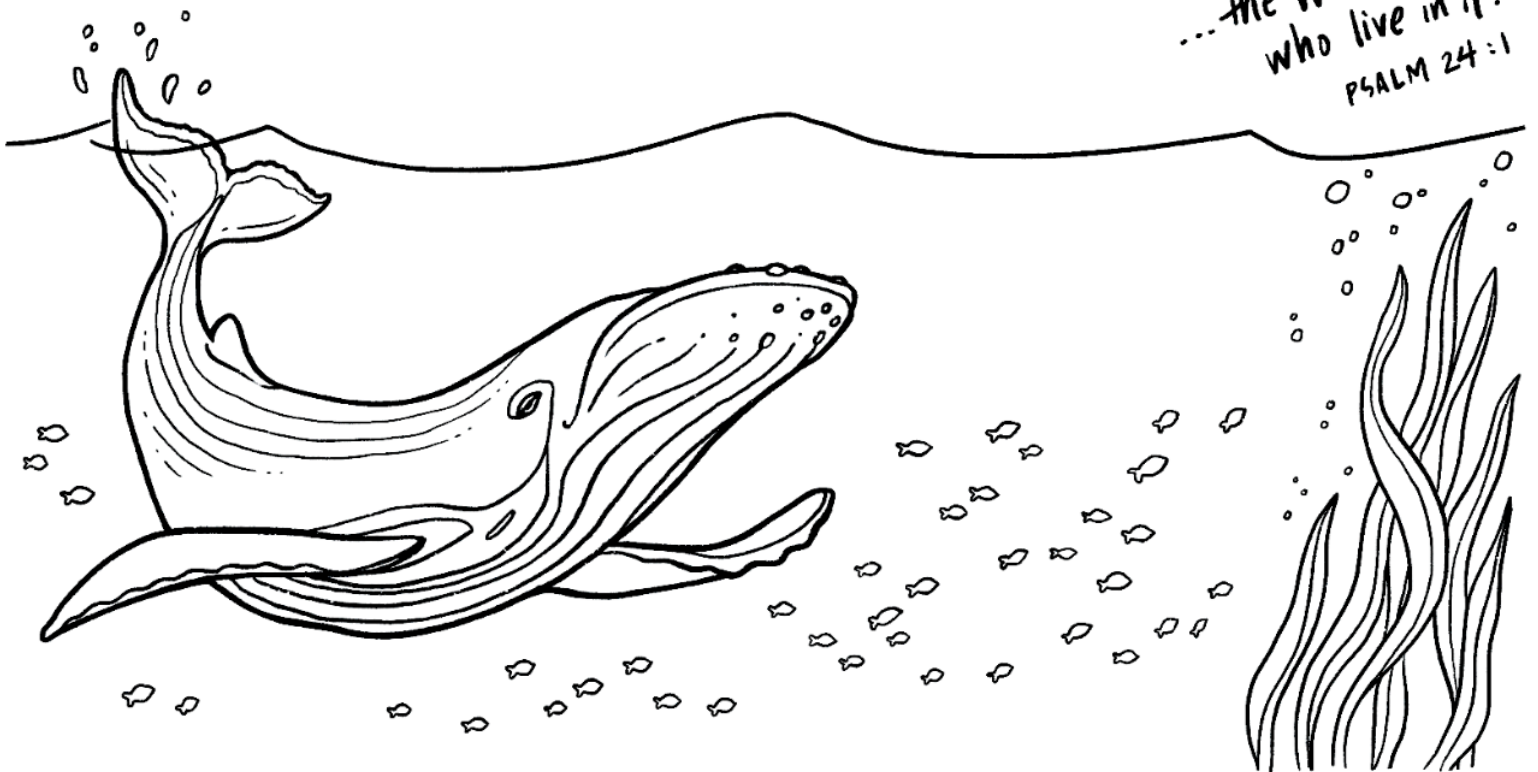
All Souls KIDS doodle page

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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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