



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.

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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It may be that when we no longer know what to do
we have come to our real work,
and that when we no longer know which way to go
we have come to our real journey

The impeded stream is the one that sings.

Wendell Berry
from "Our Real Work"

Order of Worship

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Please help us to be hospitable:

Face covering required indoors for all. Maintain six feet of space with people outside of your family or bubble.

Participate online if you have symptoms of Covid-19 or have known exposure to someone who has tested positive for Covid-19.

Please silence all devices for the duration of worship

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 to simply be together. We're glad you're here, and as you're getting settled we invite you to sit toward the aisle, allowing access for others along the edges. Thank you.

Call to Worship

from Psalm 67

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.

May God be gracious to us— Oh, let all the peoples praise you
And cause his face to shine on us— Oh, let all the peoples praise you

The nations will be glad
Be glad and sing for joy
Oh, let all the peoples praise you

Psalm 91:1-2, 11

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High
will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

**I will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress,
my God, in whom I trust."**

For he will command his angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways.

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.

Invocation

from Near the Cross

If you, or someone with you this morning, 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.

In the cross, in the cross,
be my glory ever

Fanny Crosby

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.

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.

All Creatures of Our God and King

words: St. Francis of Assisi, trans. William Draper / music: Peter Von Brachel

All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam

chorus:

O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
Ye clouds that sail in Heaven along,
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Thou rushing morn in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening find a voice

chorus

All ye men of tender heart,
Forgiving others take your part
O sing ye! Alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God and on Him cast your care

chorus

Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship Him in humbleness.
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son;
And praise the Spirit, Three in One

chorus

Confession

In the freedom the gospel provides, we are able to confess that we do not give the Lord the honor and praise of which he is worthy. Often, our meditations and concerns decenter God in our hearts and lives.

Lord, you come to us,
but we do not recognize you;
you call, **but we do not follow;**
you command, **but we do not obey,**
you bless us, **but we do not thank you.**
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, you accept us,
but we do not accept others;
you forgive us,
but we do not forgive those who wrong us;
you love us,
but we do not love our neighbors.
Christ, have mercy.

Let’s acknowledge these things silently before the Lord, knowing forgiveness and rest are freely available in Jesus.

Lord, you showed us
how to carry out your mission,
but we still insist on our own;
you suffered and died
for the sake of all,
**but we have made others suffer
for our selfish gain.**

Have mercy on us, Lord.
**We ask you to heal, forgive,
and restore us
as we embrace your promises
in Jesus.**

Receiving of Grace

from Romans 8:34; 2 Corinthians 5:17

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.

Who is in a position to condemn?

Only Christ,

and Christ died for us,
Christ rose for us,
Christ reigns in power for us,
Christ prays for us.

Hear and know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.

Thanks be to God.

standing

Reading

Mark 8:27-38

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.

27 Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, "Who do people say I am?"

28 They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets."

29 "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?"

Peter answered, "You are the Messiah."

30 Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about him.

31 He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. 32 He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

33 But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. "Get behind me, Satan!" he said. "You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns."

34 Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. 35 For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. 36 What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? 37 Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? 38 If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels."

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.

Lord make me an instrument of peace, an instrument of peace. (2x)

**Where there is hatred, let me sow love. Where there is darkness, let me sow light.
For in the giving, we shall receive, and in the dying, we're given life.**

Lord make me an instrument of peace, an instrument of peace. (2x)

Prayer

Lord make me an instrument of peace, an instrument of peace. (2x)

**Where there is sorrow, let me sow hope. Where there is doubt, let me sow faith.
Where there is injury, your pardon give; your consolation to those in pain.**

Lord make me an instrument of peace, an instrument of peace. (2x)

Prayer

Lord make me an instrument of peace, an instrument of peace. (2x)

seated

Homily

the Name | Exodus 20:1-7

Rev. Andy Pelander

1 And God spoke all these words:

2 "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

3 "You shall have no other gods before me.

4 "You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. 5 You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, 6 but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.

7 "You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.

Freely you have received; freely give.

All we have is given to us by God. Our offerings express this joyful dependance 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.

If you are our guest today, please feel no obligation to give. Let us know you're here, as well as any questions, comments or prayer requests you may have, by emailing pastor@allsoulsseattle.org. Read more about giving in worship on p.11.

standing

the Nicene Creed

The Nicene Creed has for centuries helped people understand who God is, and the essential truths of Christian faith. Who is God? As we speak the creed now together it unites us with the Church globally and across the ages. We say this together as a community, because we need each other in life with God, and so that as a community we may grow as a vibrant expression of who God is.

We believe in one God,

**the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, visible and invisible.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

**the only-begotten Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again in glory

**to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,

**the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

**We acknowledge one Baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

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.

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

Communion

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

EXTEND PEACE

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:

P. Scholtes

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly___ Lord God of pow'r and___ might. Heav'n and earth are
 2. Blessed is he who comes in the name, in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

6
 filled with your glo - ry. Ho - san - na, Ho
 in the___ high - est.

10
 san - na, in___ the high - est! *2nd time

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.

We Will Feast in the House of Zion

words and music by Sandra McCracken and Joshua Moore

chorus:

We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
“He has done great things,”
we will say together
We will feast and weep no more

We will not be burned by the fire
He is the Lord our God
We are not consumed by the flood
Upheld, protected, gathered up

chorus

In the dark of night, before the dawn
My soul be not afraid
For the promised morning,
Oh, how long?
O God of Jacob, be my strength

chorus

Every vow we’ve broken and betrayed
You are the faithful one
And from the garden to the grave
Bind us together, bring shalom

chorus

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Benediction

1 Thessalonians 5:23

May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. **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 for Communion; non-alcoholic grape juice is in the smaller of the two goblets. For those with wheat allergies, a gluten-free cracker is available in place of the bread (ingredients: water, organic brown and white rice flour).

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

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

Practicing Solitude: Learning to Listen to the Voice of Love

The Christian life is an invitation to fellowship and participation with God. Listening and responding to God is learned. It requires practice. Jesus's life on earth was arranged around practices that enabled him to remain in constant fellowship with the Father: solitude and silence, prayer, simple and sacrificial living, study and meditation of God's Word and ways, and service to others. It is through Jesus that we come to the Father and through Jesus that we learn how to commune with our Father. Like Jesus, we want to learn how to withdraw ourselves from tasks, distractions, and noise in order to be quiet enough to hear the voice of God who speaks in the silence. We want to receive God's invitation to be honest with ourselves in God's presence and to experience God draw near to and attend to our joys, sorrows, longings, loneliness, and questions. We want to learn to wait upon God and to release ourselves into God's loving care.

Let's practice listening to the voice of love together!

Join your All Souls family at Lincoln park, September 25, from 9-11a. We'll gather and chat over coffee at shelter 5 (across from the northern playground), receive guidance, disperse and practice solitude and silence, and then come back together for a time of group reflection. Please contact Kara Barrett with any questions (kara@allsoulsseattle.org).

Youth Group Kickoff at Arroyos Beach

Saturday, Sept 18 2-4p

All middle and high school students welcome! Snacks and drinks provided, bring beach games and your sunscreen :) Bring a friend! Questions? Need to be added to youth news emails? Contact Suzanne (suzanne@allsoulsseattle.org)

Youngstown Cultural Art Center

In 1947, a graduate-school student at the University of Washington named Thelma Dewitty was finishing her mathematics book for children and applying to teach with Seattle Public Schools. She and her husband were not the only ones hoping she would get the job. The Seattle Urban League, NAACP, the Civic Unity Committee, and Christian Friends for Racial Equality all encouraged the school system to break 'the color barrier' by hiring her. The Frank B. Cooper School, where you are today, hired Thelma Dewitty and she became the first African American teacher to teach in Seattle Public Schools.

Today, as Youngstown Cultural Arts Center, the Cooper School building continues to be a place where ongoing color barriers— and other barriers that harm our community— are creatively engaged.

This building is a gallery space, a dance studio, a home to artists-in-residence, a recording studio for young musicians, a hub for educational and volunteer opportunities in Seattle's green spaces and waterways.

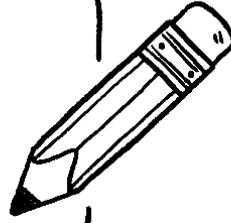
God has provided these past ten years for All Souls and its exciting to imagine how again he is provide for us to be lovingly engaged in our neighborhoods in ways that echo how God loves— with grace, presence, and hospitality.

All Souls KIDS!

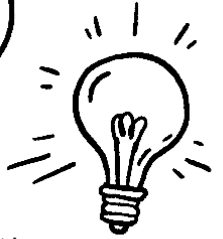
What's something you
HEARD during worship today?

A GUIDE FOR
EXPLORING
WHO GOD
IS TO US!

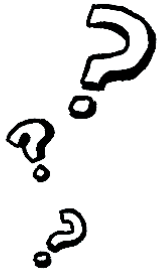
Did you hear any
words that were
NEW to you?



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?

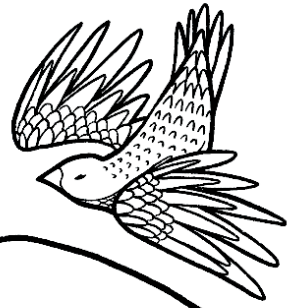
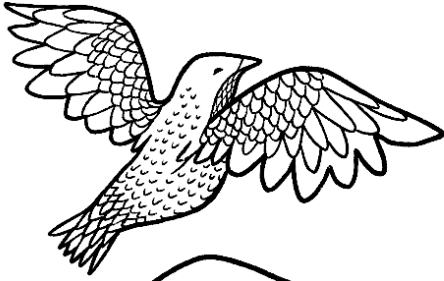
PRAY:

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

draw!
color in!

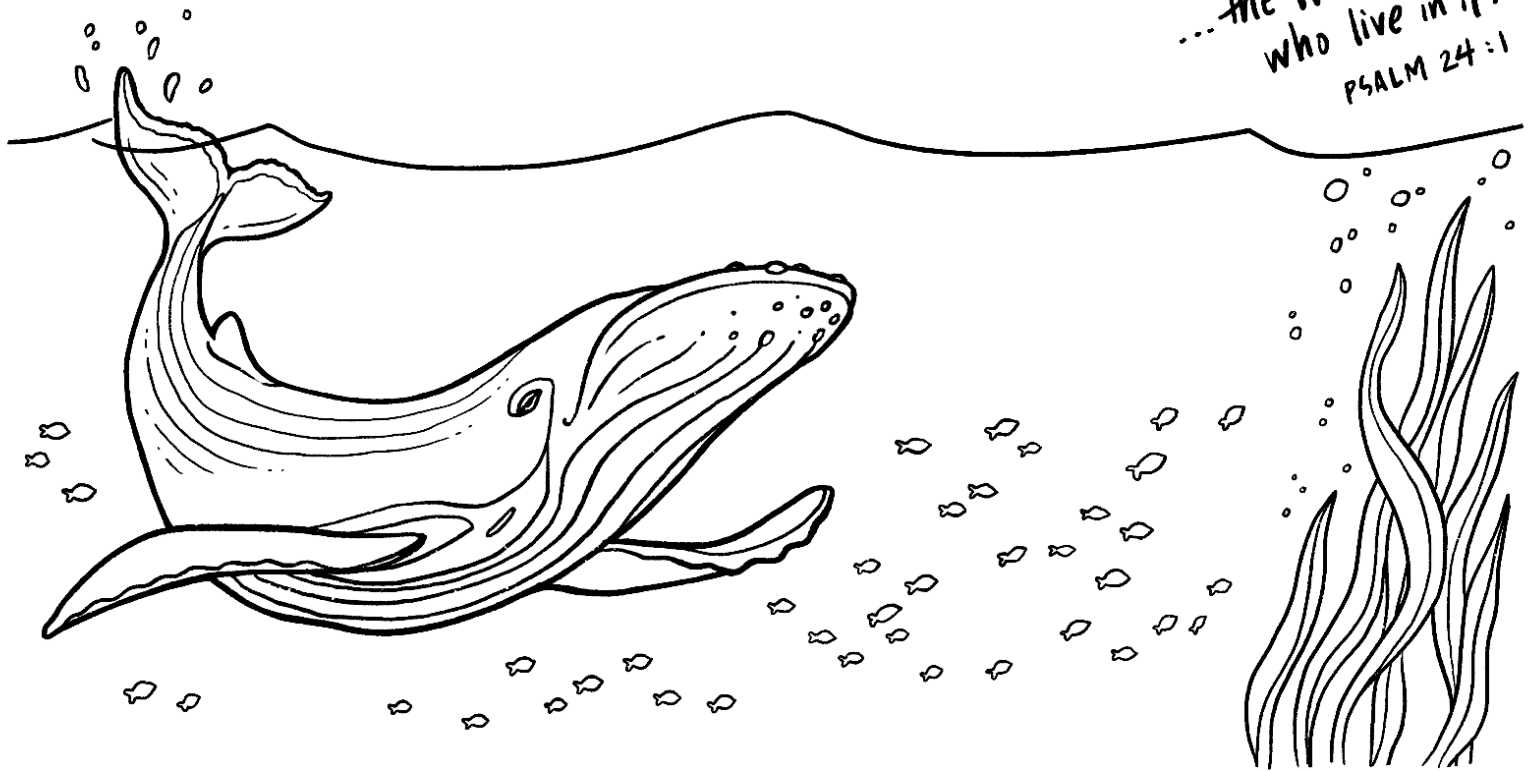
All Souls KIDS doodle page

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



Giving as Part of Worship

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's 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 ought to be worshipful. When we are generous with others, we are reminding one another of the great generosity of our 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 that you can contribute financially to All Souls:

- Place cash or check in the offering on Sundays
- 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
- 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.

All Souls

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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