



Youngstown Cultural Arts Center

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9:30 + 11a

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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.

**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.

## How do I get connected?

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## All Souls Kids + Youth

[allsoulsseattle.org/kids](http://allsoulsseattle.org/kids) ( /youth )

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if you are what you do and you do poorly, what then?

Anne Lamott  
Traveling Mercies

# Order of Worship

SEVENTEENTH 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

**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.

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.

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.

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 24

The earth is the Lord's and everything in it  
The earth and all who live in it

Come, now, and receive blessing from the Lord  
And vindication from our God

Lift up your heads (lift up your heads)  
You mighty gates (you mighty gates)  
Be lifted up (be lifted up)  
You ancient doors (you ancient doors)  
That the king of glory may come in

from Revelation 15:3-4

"Great and amazing are your deeds,  
O Lord God the Almighty!  
Just and true are your ways,  
O King of the nations!

**Who will not fear, O Lord,  
and glorify your name?**

For you alone are holy.

**All nations will come and worship you,  
for your righteous acts have been revealed."**

## Invocation

Psalm 16:11

Lord, you make known to me the path of life;  
in your presence there is fullness of joy;  
at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

*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.*

## Great is Our God

*words and music by Eric Marshall*

Come, let us praise Him  
Let us kneel at the throne of our God  
Through His Son, our salvation was bought  
With mercy and grace

Come, let us bow down  
In His hands are the depths of the earth  
With one voice,  
we proclaim His great worth  
Lord, our God

*chorus:*

And we will seek him,  
our rock of salvation  
Morning by morning,  
with thanksgiving we come  
And we will bow down,  
with creation, we cry out  
In daylight and darkness,  
we sing to the Lord  
Great is our God...

Lord of all nations, we will stand  
at the end of our days  
In your courts and declare  
your great ways  
In Spirit and Truth

We long for your kingdom  
Bring your thunder and gather the earth  
All who tremble will tell of Your worth  
Lord, our God

*chorus*

## Call to Confession

Isaiah 30:18

The Lord longs to be gracious to you, he rises to show you compassion.

## Confession

*adapted from the Book of Common Prayer*

*God welcomes us to come as we are, to acknowledge our weakness, and to experience his grace and compassion. Let's pray:*

Almighty and everlasting God,  
You are always more ready to hear us than we are to pray,  
and you are ready to give more than we desire or deserve.

**Pour down on us an abundance of your mercy;  
forgive us of all that weighs on our hearts.  
Give us the grace that we are unworthy to ask for,  
but that you promise to us in Jesus.**

## Receiving of Grace

1 John 5:11-13

*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.*

And this is what God has testified: He has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have God's Son does not have life. I have written this to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know you have eternal life.

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.**

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## Reading

Mark 9:30-37

*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.*

30 They left that place and passed through Galilee. Jesus did not want anyone to know where they were, 31 because he was teaching his disciples. He said to them, "The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men. They will kill him, and after three days he will rise." 32 But they did not understand what he meant and were afraid to ask him about it.

33 They came to Capernaum. When he was in the house, he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the road?" 34 But they kept quiet because on the way they had argued about who was the greatest.

35 Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, "Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all."

36 He took a little child whom he placed among them. Taking the child in his arms, he said to them, 37 "Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me."

# 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.*

Heavenly Father, You have taught us that your Kingdom is like a seed planted deep within us, growing to bring greater wholeness and healing— making all things new. But often, all we see is the dirt where your promises lie buried. We see the dark clouds overhead; we see the earth that is barren with loneliness, with apathy, and with the suffering of your children aching for your Kingdom that cannot come soon enough.

We pray now for the many ways that we await your wholeness and healing. (silent prayer)

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus, help us to believe your Word— that we are the soil where your promises lie hidden. You are the firstborn of all creation, and you have called us sons, daughters, and heirs with you. And so together we groan in frustration as we await the green shoots and ripe fruit of your Kingdom. Let them become as real on earth as they are in heaven.

We pray now for the ways our world groans, awaiting your reign of peace. (silent prayer)

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy Spirit, awaken our imaginations to see your work here on earth that is more real than the fears and doubts we experience. Lead your church to where our hands and our words can mend what is broken and heal what is wounded. Give us the eyes of faith to see that day when every valley shall be exalted, and every hill and mountain shall be made low.

The rough places will be made plain, and the crooked places will be made straight, and your glory will be revealed and all flesh shall see it together. **Lord, let your kingdom come, we pray. Amen.**

## Homily

Keeping Time by the Sabbath | Exodus 20:1-11

Rev. R.J. March

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.

8 "Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. 9 Six days you shall labor and do all your work, 10 but the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns. 11 For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

What do you have that you did not receive?

*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](mailto: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:

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of pow'r and might. |  
2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of pow'r and might. |

6 filled with your glo - ry. Ho - san  
comes in the name of the Lord. Lord.

11 san - na, in the high

### 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.**

## Come to the Water

*words and music by John B. Foley and Matt Maher*

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

I will run to you (3x), my Lord

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## Benediction

Gregorian Sacramentary

May the grace of the Lord Jesus sanctify us and keep us from unbelief;  
may he drive far from us all hurtful things, and purify both our souls and bodies;  
may he bind us to himself by the bond of love,  
and may his peace abound in our hearts. **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

*THIS WEEK*

### **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 3 (along the water), receive guidance, disperse and practice solitude and silence, and then come back together for a time of group reflection. Please contact Kara Barrett will any questions ([kara@allsoulsseattle.org](mailto:kara@allsoulsseattle.org)).

*NEW DATE*

### **Youth Group Kickoff at Ocean View Beach in Arbor Heights**

Saturday, Oct 2 2-4p

All Middle and High School students welcome! Scavenger hunt, bonfire, snacks, you name it! Bring a friend! Questions? Need to be added to youth news emails? Contact Suzanne Case ([suzanne@allsoulsseattle.org](mailto: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!

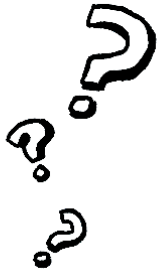
Did you hear any  
words that were  
NEW to you?



AS YOU  
LISTEN...



Draw something that  
inspired your IMAGINATION:



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

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

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

PRAY:

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

draw!  
color in!

# All Souls KIDS doodle page

for kids  
of ALL ages!



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

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



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

*The intentional financial participation of those who consider All Souls their church home is vital. If you are not already tithing regularly, please prayerfully consider doing so.*

*If you have questions about tithing or biblical guidelines for giving, please ask.*

# All Souls

## CLERGY

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Rev. Andy Pelander

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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