



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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Do not run or fly away in order to become free.  
Rather, go deep into the narrow places given you.  
There you will find God and all things.

Gustave Thibon

# Order of Worship

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## **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.

The Youngstown Movement Studio next door is available for those of us who need to wiggle while worshipping. Parents please accompany your children.

**Ordinary Time** is a season in the church calendar. The church calendar tells the story of Jesus in calendar form. In Ordinary Time, we celebrate how Jesus dignified our ordinary lives by living 30 years of ordinary life working, cleaning, growing, revealing God's glory in the ordinary.

**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 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

## The Lord is My Light

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 and music by Jacques Berthier

The Lord is my light  
My light and salvation  
In God I trust, in God I trust

from Psalm 13, Joel 2

How long, Lord? Will you forget me forever?  
How long will you hide your face from me?

**How long must I wrestle with my thoughts  
and day after day have sorrow in my heart?**

But I trust in your unfailing love;  
**my heart rejoices in your salvation.**

I will sing the Lord's praise,  
**for he has been good to me.**

The Lord will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten; You will eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. **Praise is due to you, O God, O you who answer prayer!**

## Invocation

from the Book of Common Prayer

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 Still, My Soul

words by Katharina von Schelgel (1752), Latifah Alattas, Reid Phillips, and Dann Stockton (2010)  
music by Jean Sibelius, Latifah Alattas, Reid Phillips, Dann Stockton, and David Wilton

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side  
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain  
Leave to your God to order and provide  
In every change, he will remain

Be still, my soul; your God will undertake  
To guide the future as in ages past  
Your hope, your mind,  
Your will let nothing shake  
All now mysterious shall be bright

Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on  
When we shall be  
Forever with the Lord  
When disappointment,  
Grief, and fear are gone,  
Sorrows forgot, love's joys restored  
Be still, my soul...

seated

## Confession

Hebrews 4:15-16

We do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Father in heaven,

**forgive us, for we have sinned against you in our thoughts, in our words, and in our deeds.**

**We are not who we could be— and by your grace, will be.**

**We are not who our friends, family members, neighbors, and loved ones need us to be.**

**We have been quick to speak, to defend, to judge, and to dismiss.**

**And we have been slow to listen, to wonder, to love, and to admit.**

Forgive us and renew a humble spirit in us, O Lord.

**Help us to joyfully and faithfully walk in your ways.**

You are invited to acknowledge these things silently before God who hears you, and to draw hope from this promise: "Then I acknowledged my sin to you... and you forgave." (Psa 32:5).

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 is a word that means, at its core, "an obsession or worship of oneself." Martin Luther famously described sin as "curving in on oneself" which causes a relational breach not only with the people we harm, but also with God by not giving God the place He deserves in our lives as our loving creator and savior.

T.J. Williams / E. Wilson



Lord, ha - ve mer - cy. Christ, ha - ve mer - cy. Lord, ha - ve mer - cy on \_\_\_\_ me.

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

D.C. al Fine

# Receiving of Grace

Titus 3:4-7

*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.*

4 But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, 5 he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, 6 whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, 7 so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

Together, let us remember the promise of the gospel:

**In Christ, we are forgiven.**

standing

## 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.*

Mark 10:46- 52

35 Then they came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples, together with a large crowd, were leaving the city, a blind man, Bartimaeus (which means "son of Timaeus"), was sitting by the roadside begging. 47 When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"

48 Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

49 Jesus stopped and said, "Call him."

So they called to the blind man, "Cheer up! On your feet! He's calling you." 50 Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus.

51 "What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asked him.

The blind man said, "Rabbi, I want to see."

52 "Go," said Jesus, "your faith has healed you." Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road.

Exodus 20:1-2, 16

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.

16 You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Homily

Truth

Rev. R.J. March

## 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 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. You can share prayer requests to [prayer@allsoulsseattle.org](mailto:prayer@allsoulsseattle.org). If you have children with you, please feel free to use this time to teach them to pray with us. Today, we pray about who we are as All Souls, and our shared hope that we are becoming a vibrant expression of who God is— gracious, present, hospitable.*

**Blessed are the merciful (3x)**

**For they shall receive mercy, mercy**

**Forgive us as we forgive those who sin against us (2x)**

**Lord, have mercy on us; show your mercy through us (3x) mercy**

*Gracious God, we confess our fickleness. We want you to be a God of merit when it suits us, when we think we have proven ourselves worthy so we can make demands about what you and others owe us. And yet, when our limitations are exposed, when our weakness is revealed, when we have wake up to reality, we see our constant need for you to be a God of grace. Forgive our fickleness as your church in our witness to the world, especially when we demand grace but are stingy to offer grace. Jesus you have revealed to us that you are the only human who ultimately has it all together. And Jesus you have also revealed to us your heart for us— you allowed yourself to be exposed to shame and suffered death so that we could find dignity and refuge. Help us to live not from what we think we have to prove about ourselves, but from what you have done for us in your grace. Embolden us by your grace to live as those who are truly loved, that we no longer have to hide from exposure or project that we have it all together. May our Grace Groups, in the various ways they gather in our community, be a place where we can apprentice to your grace and learn your ways. O Lord, have mercy on us, show your mercy through us.*

**Lord, have mercy on us; show your mercy through us; mercy**

*O Lord, our ever-present help, we confess the many ways we as a church are absent in our community. In the ways we could be more present, would you give us the comfort and challenge of your Holy Spirit to lead us toward having a meaning presence in our community, especially with those who are hurting right now. Show us how to attend to our own pain that we would be those who know how to skillfully move toward others in their pain. Please bless Prayer Triads as they meet and form. May Prayer Triads be sacred space where we seek to practice your presence and seek to learn to be present to each other. O Lord, have mercy on us, show your mercy through us.*

**Lord, have mercy on us; show your mercy through us; mercy**

*O God our great Host. In the cross, you have shown us the great cost to which you were willing to go so that we would know we are welcome in your household. You have given us homes and jobs where we can extend your hospitality. Make us thoughtful hosts in these spaces. We also pray for creativity to fill the void of Home Groups while they are still on hold, and in your mercy, we ask you to end this pandemic and make regular gatherings in one another's homes a regular feature of our life again. O Lord, have mercy on us, show your mercy through us.*

**Blessed are the merciful (3x)**

**For they shall receive mercy, mercy**

**Forgive us as we forgive those who sin against us (2x)**

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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.**

## GENEROUS GIVING

Freely you have received; freely give. (Matthew 10:8)

Online giving:



## 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. ry. 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.**

## Trinity Song

*words and music by Sandra McCracken*

Holy Father, Son, and Spirit  
Holy Communion, Three-in-one.

Come with your peace, with your invitation  
Bind us together in Holy love.

## But For You Who Fear My Name

*words and music by Leonard E. Smith, Jr., adapted from Malachi. 4:2; 3:17*

But for you who fear my name  
The son of righteousness will rise  
With healing in his wings

And you shall go forth again  
And skip about like calves  
Coming from their stalls at last

You shall be my very own  
On the day that I caused you  
to be my special home

I shall spare you as a man  
Has compassion on his son  
Who does the best he can

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## Benediction

Romans 8:38-39

For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

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

**Thanks be to God!**

*All Souls welcomes all who are trusting in Jesus Christ for salvation, understand the meaning of the Lord's Supper, and are in good standing with congregations that proclaim the gospel to receive Holy Communion with us.*

*Please note that we use wine 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

## YoungLives

We are thankful for the continued opportunity to come alongside YoungLives and their mentoring ministry to teen moms and their children. 9 girls showed up to their first meeting of the year and there are two specific ways you can come alongside them to help:

1. Sponsor a meal: In the past they have had volunteers come and cook food at their meetings, but due to COVID they are providing pre-packaged food this year. They would love some "sponsors" for these meals to help with costs.
2. Subscribe to the monthly bulletin: Pray for these women and their children.

You can contact Alyssa for next steps and more information: [alyssa@allsoulsseattle.org](mailto:alyssa@allsoulsseattle.org).

## All Souls Youth Group!

Wednesdays, 6-8p at Trinity West Seattle. All Middle and High school students welcome. Dinner included. Contact Suzanne Case with questions or to sign up to help provide a meal ([suzanne@allsoulsseattle.org](mailto:suzanne@allsoulsseattle.org)).

Parents, join the All Souls Youth parents channel on Instagram [@allsoulsyouth\\_parents](https://www.instagram.com/allsoulsyouth_parents).

## Middle School Werewolf Game Night

Friday October 29 7:00pm at Trinity West Seattle. Snacks provided.

## 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!

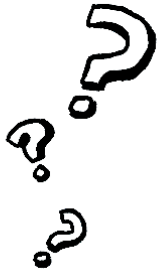
Did you hear any  
words that were  
NEW to you?



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

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'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:

- ▶ 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](https://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.*

*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).*

Online giving:



# 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