



Youngstown Cultural Arts Center

9:30 + 11a

7 Nov 2021



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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Our level of true belonging can never exceed our level of self-worth,
because when my self-worth is low I'm quick to change who I am to fit in.
And fitting in is the opposite of true belonging.

Brené BROWN

Order of Worship

TWENTY-FOURTH 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

from Psalm 27

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.

music by Evan Wilson

The Lord is my light and my salvation / Whom shall I fear? (2x)
The Lord is the stronghold of my life / Of whom shall I be afraid?

One thing I ask, one thing I seek / To gaze upon the beauty of the Lord
Wait for the Lord, wait for the Lord / Oh, be strong and take heart

Psalm 146:1, 6-10

Praise the Lord.

Praise the Lord, my soul.

He is the Maker of heaven and earth,
the sea, and everything in them— **he remains faithful forever.**

He upholds the cause of the oppressed
and gives food to the hungry.

The Lord sets prisoners free,

the Lord gives sight to the blind,
the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down,
the Lord loves the righteous.

The Lord watches over the foreigner and sustains the fatherless and the widow,

but he frustrates the ways of the wicked.

The Lord reigns forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations.

Praise the Lord.

Invocation

from the Book of Common Prayer

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **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.

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.

All People That On Earth Do Dwell

words: William Kethe, paraphrased c. 1594

music: OLD HUNDREDTH (alt.); attr. Louis Bourgeois, 1510-1561

All people that on earth do dwell
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice
Serve him with joy, his praises tell
Come now before Him and rejoice

Know that the Lord is God, indeed
He formed us all without our aid
We are the flock he surely feeds
The sheep who by his hand were made

O enter then his gates with thanks
Within his courts his praise proclaim
Let thankful songs your tongues employ
Oh, bless and magnify his name

Because the Lord our God is good
His mercy is forever sure
His faithfulness at all times stood
And shall from age to age endure

seated

Confession

Mighty God, because you are merciful and patient,
we confess our selfishness, short-sightedness, and lack of trust in you.

You have said that you are the Most High God,
but we have given greater authority, power, and reverence to 'things' and feelings.

You have said that you are the God who is peace,
but we have been a people marked by anxiety, arguments, and foolish judgments.

You have said that you are the God who makes promises and keeps them,
but we have not trusted in your life-giving promises.

You have said that you are the God who is our righteousness,
but we have sought our own way.

You have said that you are the God who is our shepherd,
but we have not rested in your care.

You have said that you are our only Savior, by your grace,
but we have tried to be our own gods and to justify ourselves, by our performance.

You have said that you are our Father, but we have not acted like your children.

Lord, forgive us, renew us, and change us.

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).

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

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.

Lord, you have said that you are our Most High God who provides for us, is our peace, keeps your promises, is our righteousness, is our Shepherd, is our Savior, and is our Father. Because of this, we are:

**called your beloved children,
forgiven of all our sins, and brought into new life,
cherished, transformed, and cared for, redeemed, rescued, and delighted in!**

Let our hope be in Jesus alone. **Amen.**

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 12:38-44

38 As he taught, Jesus said, "Watch out for the teachers of the law. They like to walk around in flowing robes and be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, 39 and have the most important seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at banquets. 40 They devour widows' houses and for a show make lengthy prayers. These men will be punished most severely."

41 Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. 42 But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents.

43 Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. 44 They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on."

Exodus 32:7-8; 33:1-6, 15-23; 34:5-8

7 Then the Lord said to Moses, "Go down, because your people, whom you brought up out of Egypt, have become corrupt. 8 They have been quick to turn away from what I commanded them and have made themselves an idol cast in the shape of a calf. They have bowed down to it and sacrificed to it and have said, 'These are your gods, Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt.'

1 Then the Lord said to Moses, "Leave this place, you and the people you brought up out of Egypt, and go up to the land I promised on oath to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, saying, 'I will give it to your descendants.' 2 I will send an angel before you and drive out the Canaanites, Amorites, Hittites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. 3 Go up to the land flowing with milk and honey. But I will not go with you, because you are a stiff-necked people and I might destroy you on the way."

4 When the people heard these distressing words, they began to mourn and no one put on any ornaments. 5 For the Lord had said to Moses, "Tell the Israelites, 'You are a stiff-necked people. If I were to go with you even for a moment, I might destroy you. Now take off your ornaments and I will decide what to do with you.'" 6 So the Israelites stripped off their ornaments at Mount Horeb.

15 Then Moses said to him, "If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here. 16 How will anyone know that you are pleased with me and with your people unless you go with us? What else will distinguish me and your people from all the other people on the face of the earth?" 17 And the Lord said to Moses, "I will do the very thing you have asked, because I am pleased with you and I know you by name."

18 Then Moses said, "Now show me your glory."

19 And the Lord said, "I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you, and I will proclaim my name, the Lord, in your presence. I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion.

20 But," he said, "you cannot see my face, for no one may see me and live."

21 Then the Lord said, "There is a place near me where you may stand on a rock. 22 When my glory passes by, I will put you in a cleft in the rock and cover you with my hand until I have passed by. 23 Then I will remove my hand and you will see my back; but my face must not be seen."

5 Then the Lord came down in the cloud and stood there with him and proclaimed his name, the Lord. 6 And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, "The Lord, the Lord, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, 7 maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin. Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished; he punishes the children and their children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation."

8 Moses bowed to the ground at once and worshiped.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Homily

Grace and Glory

Rev. Andy Pelander

standing

the Apostles' Creed

The Apostles' 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.

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

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

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

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

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

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

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

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. You can send prayer requests to prayer@allsoulsseattle.org.

Grief feels so near to many of us in this prolonged season of loss.

On November 2 each year, the Church has historically recognized All Souls' Day— or, as it's also known, Feast of All Souls. It is a day of prayer and remembrance and hope for those who've gone before us, honoring especially those whose life and witness deeply touched our own. Instead of a time of mourning, our remembrance focuses on the hope of the resurrection, both theirs and ours.

Our prayer was written by Cole Arthur Riley, creator and curator of @Blackliturgies.

God who knows loss,

and the longing we feel for the presence of those we've lost— the sound of their voice, their laughter, the way their faces moved. A longing so deep it is difficult to articulate; keep it from consuming us.

Silent prayer

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

Protect our grief from the grip of despair.

Silent prayer

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

Guide us into the kind of remembrance and hope that lead to healing.

Silent prayer

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

Keep watch over us who endure the complexity of losing the imperfect— those who both loved us and have hurt us. Keep us from that cheap form of remembrance that reduces those we've loved into faultless, polished, uncomplicated caricatures. Let us recall them within their sacred humanity.

Silent prayer

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

And as we behold their passing into Your arms, into the arms of the ancestors, may some portion of their peace find its way to us.

Silent prayer

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

Jesus our Savior King, because your death is not the end. It does not win. Because you are alive, we and those who've gone ahead of us in death, though we die we yet shall live. All in this life is not well, and is not as it should be. But neither, you have promised, is it as it will be. Be with us as we mourn and as we wait, Lord.

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.**

GRATEFUL 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.

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.

Justice Will Roll Down

words and music by Sandra McCracken

O, my love, you have grown so cold
To the world outside, to the house next door
She who has been loved much has so much to give
Mercy is the fragrance of the broken

chorus:

Justice will roll down, oh, justice will roll down
From high upon those mountains with a mighty river's sound
It will roll down, it will roll down

O, my child, I will be your light
In your secret pain, in the dark of night
No enemy, no conquerer will steal your life from me
I am your salvation and your victory

chorus

Soon, oh, soon, when the trumpet sounds
Every knee shall bend, every heart will pound
"I have made a new world where the servant is the king
Oppression will be over and the slave set free"

chorus

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Benediction

The love of the Father surround you,
the grace of Christ attend you,
and the Holy Spirit keep you now and forevermore.

Let us rejoice in the Lord always. **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

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. Let's practice together! **Join your All Souls family at Lincoln park November 13 from 10a-12p.** We will be meeting at Shelter 4 (along the water). There will be a short reflection on prayer before dispersing throughout out the park to practice solitude and silence with God. We'll regroup afterwards to process our experience. Please contact Kara Barrett (kara@allsoulsseattle.org) with any questions.

Advent Candle Holders

Advent, which begins on Sunday, November 28, is a season of anticipation— of watching and waiting. During Advent we light candles and hope for the fuller brightness that is to come when God's glory fully illuminates the world (Rev. 21:23). Last year, many in our community received a hand-crafted Advent candle holder made by Alyssa Reeve. If you did not and would like to receive a candle holder this year, please contact alyssa@allsoulsseattle.org by Sunday, November 14.

If you would like to make a donation for your candle holder, all donations will go toward purchasing Christmas gifts for YoungLives teen moms. Each Christmas gift costs \$25.

YoungLives

We are thankful for the continued opportunity to come alongside YoungLives and their mentoring ministry to teen moms and their children. To sponsor a meal for their gatherings or to subscribe to receive updates, contact Alyssa: 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).
Parents: join the All Souls Youth Parents channel on Instagram @allsoulsyouth_parents

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!

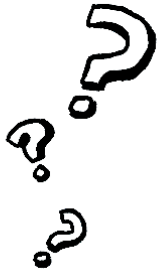
Did you hear any
words that were
NEW to you?



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

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 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
- ▶ 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.

Amidst one of the longest seasons of challenge most of us have ever experienced, we want to celebrate how God has continually met our community's financial needs. This has allowed All Souls to continue in her mission, entering our eleventh year of worship together, as a church in and for our neighborhood seeking to be a vibrant expression of who God is— gracious, present, hospitable. 98.5% of our costs from last year were covered by careful cost adjustments by staff, and your continued giving and support. We thank God for your partnership in this work!

This year, as we look at our budget, there are few things to note: Pandemic realities have led to our giving and expenses shrinking around 20% over the last 2 years. However, this year we anticipate additional costs and have built them into our budget as we resume in-person Sunday gatherings. We have budgeted as realistically as possible, though many uncertainties remain about our costs this year. Our new budget of \$600,000 (\$550,000 last year) assumes a 10% growth in giving, and even then we are prepared to dip into our reserves about \$70,000 as we expect our costs to be closer to \$670,000. The pastors and leadership of All Souls invite you to join us in this generous risk, investing in our shared life together this next year.

September Giving Goal: \$50,000 **September Actual Giving:** \$48,000 **Deficit:** \$2,000

Online giving:



All Souls

CLERGY

Rev. R.J. March
Rev. Andy Pelander

VESTRY

Charlotte Aljets
Peter Barrett
Joe Berg
Suzanne Case
Rachel Faunce
Graeme Hanson
Dan Reeve
Nancy Spiro
Thad Williams

COMMUNITY / LITURGY

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KIDS / YOUTH

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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