



Youngstown Cultural Arts Center

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.

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Why is it that we hate "slow" when God appears to delight in it?

Jesus' work in the world is small and slow, like a little seed—
obscure, weak, almost invisible. Yet, Jesus promises we can trust him.

Pete Scuzzero

Order of Worship

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY



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.

Christ the King Sunday is an annual way to celebrate and better understand what it means that Jesus is King. We are distant from the political institution of kingship today, but the longings for a king are familiar: the king was the dispenser of protection, justice, and mercy and a good king meant someone good and capable was in charge cultivating flourishing for all. Christ fulfills these longings for a king in a surprising way: as the Servant King of a Kingdom in which the poor in spirit, the meek, the mourners, the merciful, the pure in heart, the peacemakers, and those who endure persecution — are blessed.

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 24

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 Evan Wilson

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

Psalm 93

The Lord reigns, **he is robed in majesty;**
the Lord is robed in majesty and armed with strength;
indeed, the world is established, firm and secure.

Your throne was established long ago;

you are from all eternity.

The seas have lifted up, Lord,

the seas have lifted up their voice;

the seas have lifted up their pounding waves.

Mightier than the thunder of the great waters,

mightier than the breakers of the sea—

the Lord on high is mighty.

Your statutes, Lord, stand firm;

holiness adorns your house for endless days.

from the Book of Common Prayer

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people, that bringing forth in abundance the fruit of good works, they may be abundantly rewarded when our Savior Jesus Christ comes to restore all things; who 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.

seated

Confession happens within the context of relationship, both with God and each other. We confess together, in community, before a gracious God who has given us himself. Confession both acknowledges our need for mercy and celebrates its abundance in Christ.

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

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

words: Joachim Neander (trans. Catherine Winkworth), Latifah Al Attas, Reid Phillips, David Wilton, Dann Stockton
music: LOBE DEN HERREN (Anonymous); additional music by Latifah Al Attas, Reid Phillips, David Wilton, Dann Stockton

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,
the king of creation
O my soul, praise Him,
for He is thy health and salvation
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near
Praise Him in glad adoration

Praise to the Lord, who hath
fearfully, wondrously, made thee
Granted thee health and,
when heedlessly falling, hath stayed thee
What need or grief ever hath failed of relief?
Wings of his mercy did shade thee

chorus:

Praise him, praise him. Praise him.

Praise to the Lord who,
when tempests their warfare are waging
Who, when the elements
madly around thee are raging,
Biddeth them cease,
turneth their fury to peace
Whirlwinds and waters assuaging / chorus

Praise to the Lord,
O let all that is in me adore Him
All that hath life and breath,
come now with praises before Him
Let the "amen"
sound from his people again
Gladly forever adore him
Praise him (praise him) / chorus

Confession

Matthew 5:3, 11

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Christ the King, I confess that I hold some form of this sentiment:

'God, look at what I have done for you!' so that you— you! who have given everything—
should owe me on my terms:
an easier life, more spending power, the admiration of other people.

Free me from my pride. Teach me the freedom of humility.

Help me to receive life, even the hard parts I don't understand,
with the open hands of a poor spirit—

and discover the everlasting riches found in your love and the ways of your Kingdom.

*Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

Christ the King, I am quick to blame, slow to confess.

I am quick to show the fault of others, and slow to self-awareness.

I expect others to do the right thing, but I often excuse myself.

In you mercy, grow in me: the risk-taking, servant-love you have shown me in Christ Jesus.

T.J. Williams / E. Wilson

Lord, ha - ve mer - cy. Christ, ha - ve mer - cy. Lord, ha - ve mer - cy on ____ me.

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

D.C. al Fine

Receiving of Grace

Jeremiah 31:34; Revelation 1:5-6

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.

The prophet Jeremiah describes the effect of God's grace upon our lives:

No longer will they teach their neighbor, or say to one another, 'Know the LORD,' because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest," declares the LORD. "For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more."

In the freedom of forgiveness, given to us by Jesus, let us give thanks: To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and power for ever and ever! **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.

John 18:33-40

33 Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?"

34 "Is that your own idea," Jesus asked, "or did others talk to you about me?"

35 "Am I a Jew?" Pilate replied. "Your own people and chief priests handed you over to me. What is it you have done?"

36 Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place."

37 "You are a king, then!" said Pilate.

Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me."

38 "What is truth?" retorted Pilate. With this he went out again to the Jews gathered there and said, "I find no basis for a charge against him. 39 But it is your custom for me to release to you one prisoner at the time of the Passover. Do you want me to release 'the king of the Jews'?"

40 They shouted back, "No, not him! Give us Barabbas!" Now Barabbas had taken part in an uprising.

Exodus 40:20-37

20 He took the tablets of the covenant law and placed them in the ark, attached the poles to the ark and put the atonement cover over it. 21 Then he brought the ark into the tabernacle and hung the shielding curtain and shielded the ark of the covenant law, as the Lord commanded him.

22 Moses placed the table in the tent of meeting on the north side of the tabernacle outside the curtain 23 and set out the bread on it before the Lord, as the Lord commanded him.

24 He placed the lampstand in the tent of meeting opposite the table on the south side of the tabernacle 25 and set up the lamps before the Lord, as the Lord commanded him.

26 Moses placed the gold altar in the tent of meeting in front of the curtain 27 and burned fragrant incense on it, as the Lord commanded him.

28 Then he put up the curtain at the entrance to the tabernacle. 29 He set the altar of burnt offering near the entrance to the tabernacle, the tent of meeting, and offered on it burnt offerings and grain offerings, as the Lord commanded him.

³⁰ He placed the basin between the tent of meeting and the altar and put water in it for washing, ³¹ and Moses and Aaron and his sons used it to wash their hands and feet. ³² They washed whenever they entered the tent of meeting or approached the altar, as the Lord commanded Moses.

³³ Then Moses set up the courtyard around the tabernacle and altar and put up the curtain at the entrance to the courtyard. And so Moses finished the work.

³⁴ Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle. ³⁵ Moses could not enter the tent of meeting because the cloud had settled on it, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle.

³⁶ In all the travels of the Israelites, whenever the cloud lifted from above the tabernacle, they would set out; ³⁷ but if the cloud did not lift, they did not set out—until the day it lifted.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Homily

God With Us

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.

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name.

*Take a moment to praise God, silently or aloud—
what is something you want to give God thanks for?*

King Jesus, **hear our prayer.**

Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

*Take a moment now to pray, silently or aloud—
what would you like to ask God to heal and restore in our world?*

King Jesus, **hear our prayer.**

Give us this day our daily bread,

Take a moment now to imagine a long table with our community and brothers and sisters from all over the world seated at it. As you look down the table, what are 'our' daily needs as a community gathered to God's table? Now, silently or aloud—talk to God about your personal, daily needs and 'our' needs as a community.

King Jesus, **hear our prayer.**

And forgive us our debts,

Take a moment now to reflect on how your actions or inactions have cost others and God. How do we— in our actions or inactions as a community— need forgiveness? Pray silently or aloud.

King Jesus, **hear our prayer.**

As we forgive our debtors.

Silently or aloud, ask God for the grace to forgive as you have been forgiven.

King Jesus, **hear our prayer.**

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Silently or aloud, talk to God about your fears and unburden yourself to Him. In what situations would you like to ask for God's protection— personally, for our community?

King Jesus, **hear our prayer.**

For thine is the Kingdom, the power, and the glory. Now and forever. 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. 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.

Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending

words: Charles Wesley, Martin Madan, Joseph Swain, John Cennick
music: Nathan Ryan (2014)

Lo! He comes with clouds descending; once for our salvation slain
Thousand thousand saints attending; swell the triumph of His train
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! God appears on earth to reign (2x)

Lo! He comes in glory shining; saints arise and meet your king
Glorious captain of salvation; "Welcome! Welcome!" Hear them sing
Shouts of triumph, shouts of triumph! Make the heav'ns with echoes ring (2x)

Now redemption, long expected; see in solemn pomp appear
All His saints, by man rejected, now shall meet Him in the air
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! See the day of God appear (2x)

Yea, amen! Let all adore Thee; high on Thine eternal throne
Savior, take the power and glory; claim the kingdom for Thine own
O come quickly! O come quickly! Hallelujah! Come, Lord, come (2x)

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Benediction

Jude 24-25

Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. **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

Advent Wreath Making



Friday, December 10, 7-9p in the March's backyard. **RSVP by Friday, December 3 using the QR code** so we can get the necessary supplies. Reach out to rsvp@allsoulsseattle.org with any questions.

Advent Vespers

Each Wednesday in December (1st, 8th, 15th, and 22nd); 6-7:30p; The Hallows Church + Zoom



Our Wednesday evening prayer service, called Vespers, is back! Join us for a shared meal + a time of singing and prayer. All Souls Youth will be joining Vespers, in lieu of regular Wednesday eve gatherings.

To RSVP for dinner, follow the QR code.

Lectio at Lincoln

Saturday, December 11, 10a-noon; Lincoln Park, Shelter 3

Come gather around the fire, sip a hot beverage, and read (that's what *lectio* means) Mary's Song (Luke 1:46-55) in a fresh and reflective way. Reach out to Kara Barrett to learn more (kara@allsoulsseattle.org).

Christmas Eve Service

Friday, December 24, 5-8p; location details TBA. Service followed by a shared meal.

Advent Giving Opportunities

Seeking to be a church not just for ourselves, and a vibrant expression of who God is, please join us in these two specific partnerships this Advent season:

- **YoungLives:** We are thankful for the continued opportunity to come alongside YoungLives and their mentoring ministry to teen moms and their children. We invite you to consider sponsoring a meal or Christmas gift for a YoungLives family this holiday season. Contact: Alyssa Reeve (alyssa@allsoulsseattle.org)
- **Department of Children, Youth, and Families:** Join us in supporting foster care this season by donating to our local DCYF. Bring formula, bottles, and pacifiers on Sundays during December. **For a list of which items to donate, follow the QR code** or email Nancy Spiro (nancyspiro@gmail.com).



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](https://www.instagram.com/allsoulsyouth_parents)

COMING UP

- **High School Outdoor Movie Night!** December 3, 7p at the Cases' house. Snacks + fire provided.
- **No Youth Group Wednesday, November 23—** Happy Thanksgiving!
- **Summer Service Trip:** All Souls is sending a team of 20 teens and adults back to Warm Springs, Oregon this summer. The dates are July 2-9, 2022. Interested? Pick up an informational flyer and plan on attending one of two informational meetings:

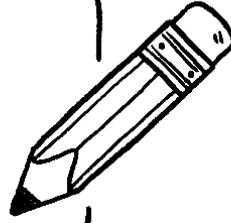
Sunday, December 5th or 12th, 10:40-10:55a in Room 111 at Youngstown

All Souls KIDS!

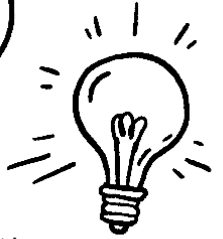
What's something you
HEARD during worship today?

A GUIDE FOR
EXPLORING
WHO GOD
IS TO US!

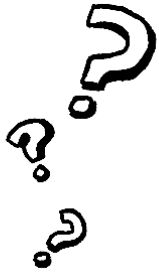
Did you hear any
words that were
NEW to you?



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?

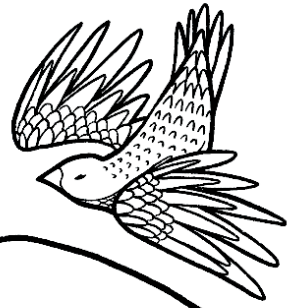
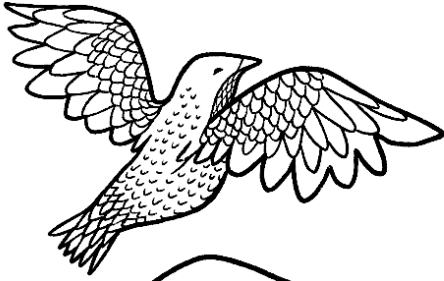
PRAY:

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

draw!
color in!

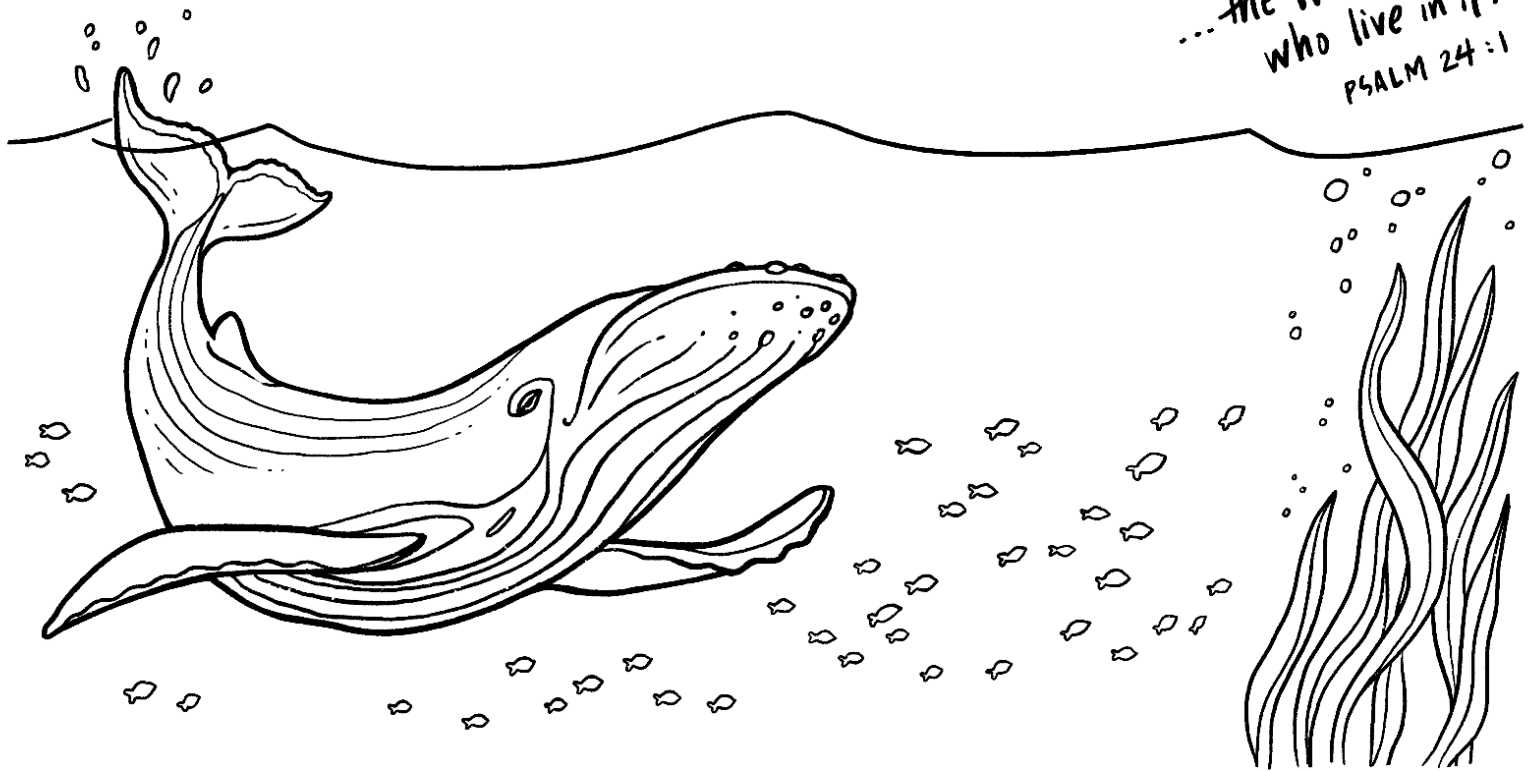
All Souls KIDS doodle page

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.

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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