

Lent

# 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.

All Souls is a safe place to begin from anywhere.

**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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## How do I get connected?

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## All Souls Kids + Youth

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

## How can I serve?

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*illustration by Lori White*

Before the throne of God above  
I have a strong and perfect plea.  
A great High Priest whose Name is Love  
Who ever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is graven on His hands,  
My name is written on His heart.  
I know that while in Heaven He stands  
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

Charitie L. Bancroft, 1863

# Order of Worship

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT / MARCH 26 2023



## **Please help us to be hospitable:**

Face covering is optional on the main floor of the building (recommended downstairs). Participate online if you have symptoms of Covid-19 or have known exposure to someone who has tested positive.

If you have any questions about our precautions, check out our website at [allsoulsseattle.org/covid](https://allsoulsseattle.org/covid) or email [info@allsoulsseattle.org](mailto:info@allsoulsseattle.org).

**Lent** is a 40-day season preparing us for Easter, when we celebrate God's victory over death and the promise of new life in Jesus. The journey begins by facing our brokenness and deep need for God's healing.

Lent is about more than giving things up for the sake of giving things up. It's about taking a close look at the unmatched beauty of — and our need for— our Savior.

During Lent, we take inventory of the heart, and fall headlong into grace.

**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 afternoon, 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. *This is a safe place to begin from anywhere.*

## Call to Worship

*from Genesis 3:19*

*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 The Brilliance (2015)*

From dust we've come and dust we are and shall return

*chorus:*

Be still my soul and let it go just let it go  
Glory to God Glory to God In the highest (2x)

Naked we came and shall return into the grave / *chorus*

Be still my soul. Lord, make me whole (3x)  
Glory to God (3x)

Psalm 130:5-8

I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits,  
**and in his word I put my hope.**

I wait for the Lord  
more than watchmen wait for the morning,  
**more than watchmen wait for the morning.**

Israel, put your hope in the Lord,  
**for with the Lord is unfailing love  
and with him is full redemption.**

He himself will redeem Israel  
from all their sins.

## Acclamation

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.  
**His mercy endures for ever.**

# Canticle of the Turning

words by Rory Cooney (1990) and music from Irish Folk Tune "Star of the County Down"

My soul cries out with a joyful shout  
that the God of my heart is great,  
And my spirit sings of the wondrous things  
that you bring to the one who waits.  
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight,  
and my weakness you did not spurn,  
So from east to west shall my name be blest.  
Could the world be about to turn?

*chorus:*

My heart shall sing of the day you bring.  
Let the fires of your justice burn.  
Wipe away all tears,  
For the dawn draws near,  
And the world is about to turn.

Though I am small, my God, my all,  
you work great things in me.  
And your mercy will last  
from the depths of the past  
to the end of the age to be.  
Your very name puts the proud to shame,  
and those who would for you yearn,  
You will show your might,  
put the strong to flight,  
for the world is about to turn. / *chorus*

From the halls of power  
to the fortress tower,  
not a stone will be left on stone.  
Let the king beware for your justice tears  
every tyrant from his throne.  
The hungry poor shall weep no more,  
for the food they can never earn;  
There are tables spread,  
ev'ry mouth be fed,  
for the world is about to turn. / *chorus*

Though the nations rage  
from age to age,  
we remember who holds us fast:  
God's mercy must deliver us  
from the conqueror's crushing grasp.  
This saving word  
that our forbears heard  
is the promise that holds us bound,  
'Til the spear and rod  
be crushed by God,  
who is turning the world around.  
*chorus*

# Almighty God

words (adapted from the Book of Common Prayer) and music by Sandra McCracken (2015)

Almighty God to you all hearts are open  
Search and know our thoughts  
and anxious fears  
Wash us in the fountain of your mercy  
Come with your light,  
We cannot hide from you

Almighty God to you all hearts are open  
With gratitude we raise our song to you

Come and fill the praises of your people  
In grace and truth, you make us new again

Almighty God to you all hearts are open  
We long for more than  
what this world provides  
No shallow spring will ever satisfy us  
Your river deep  
Floods over everything

# Confession

Merciful Lord, I confess to you:

**I spend more time and energy on covering my sin, than confessing it to you;**

*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 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.*

**I am more concerned with my right-ness than reconciliation;  
I focus on the faults of others and hide my own iniquity;  
But now, I acknowledge my sin to you, and I will not hide my iniquity.**

Almighty and merciful God, we as a community confess:

**We have sinned and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.  
We have followed the desires of our own hearts, independent of your leading.  
We have ignored your commands.  
We have left undone those things which we ought to have done;  
And we have done those things which we ought not to have done.**

Have mercy on us, Lord.

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

*Let's acknowledge our need for Jesus to do what we cannot: heal, forgive, and restore where we have harmed, hurt, and broken. After a brief silence we will sing our confession.*

*T.J. Williams / E. Wilson*



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

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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

Romans 5:1

*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.*

Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Let us live in light of the gospel and receive the forgiving love of God. **Amen.**

## Liturgy of Community

*Following prayer, students are dismissed to their classes downstairs, where they, too, can hear about the love and grace of God in their own language. Bear Class (2nd-5th) dismissed from the front, left of stage; Lion Class (PreK - 1st) dismissed from Sanctuary entrance.*

Lord, bless these children whom you love, as they discover in their own language who you are.

**Give them a sense of being known and loved by you,** and the freedom to come fully as themselves.

Bless our teachers, and be present in their every word and interaction.

**Beloved children, go in peace. Amen.**

As you're able, please stand and greet those around you—especially someone you haven't met!

## the 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 11:1-3; 17-37

Now a man named Lazarus was sick. He was from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. 2 (This Mary, whose brother Lazarus now lay sick, was the same one who poured perfume on the Lord and wiped his feet with her hair.) 3 So the sisters sent word to Jesus, "Lord, the one you love is sick."

17 On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. 18 Now Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem, 19 and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother. 20 When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home.

21 "Lord," Martha said to Jesus, "if you had been here, my brother would not have died. 22 But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask."

23 Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again."

24 Martha answered, "I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day."

25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; 26 and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

27 "Yes, Lord," she replied, "I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world."

28 After she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary aside. "The Teacher is here," she said, "and is asking for you." 29 When Mary heard this, she got up quickly and went to him. 30 Now Jesus had not yet entered the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. 31 When the Jews who had been with Mary in the house, comforting her, noticed how quickly she got up and went out, they followed her, supposing she was going to the tomb to mourn there.

32 When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."

33 When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. 34 "Where have you laid him?" he asked.

"Come and see, Lord," they replied.

35 Jesus wept.

36 Then the Jews said, "See how he loved him!"

37 But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

Hebrews 7:18-27

18 The former regulation is set aside because it was weak and useless 19 (for the law made nothing perfect), and a better hope is introduced, by which we draw near to God.

20 And it was not without an oath! Others became priests without any oath, 21 but he became a priest with an oath when God said to him:

"The Lord has sworn

and will not change his mind:

"You are a priest forever."

22 Because of this oath, Jesus has become the guarantor of a better covenant.

23 Now there have been many of those priests, since death prevented them from continuing in office; 24 but because Jesus lives forever, he has a permanent priesthood. 25 Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.

26 Such a high priest truly meets our need—one who is holy, blameless, pure, set apart from sinners, exalted above the heavens. 27 Unlike the other high priests, he does not need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for the sins of the people. He sacrificed for their sins once for all when he offered himself.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

# Homily

A Perfect Plea

Rev. R.J. March

## Interlude

*Musical interludes are included to provide space for reflection and worship.*

## Praying the Psalms

*words adapted and music by The Brilliance (2015)*

**You hear us calling**

**You hear us calling, Abba Father (2x)**

**Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy (2x)**

*Prayer*

**You hear us calling (2x), Abba Father**

*Prayer*

**You hear us calling (2x), Abba Father**

*Prayer*

**You hear us calling (2x), Abba Father**

**You hear us calling**

**You hear us calling, Abba Father (2x)**

**Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy (2x)**

## Grateful Giving

James 1:17

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.





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.

### THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lo - rd, God of pow - er,  
hea - ven and ear - th are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in

### 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.**

# It Is Well With My Soul

words by Horatio G. Spafford and music by Philip Bliss

When peace, like a river,  
attendeth my way,  
When sorrows like sea billows roll;  
Whatever my lot,  
Thou hast taught me to say,  
It is well, it is well with my soul

*chorus:*

It is well (it is well)  
With my soul (with my soul)  
It is well, it is well with my soul

Though Satan should buffet  
though trials should come,  
Let this blest assurance control  
That Christ has regarded  
my helpless estate  
And hath shed His own blood  
for my soul. / *chorus*

My sin, oh the bliss  
of this glorious thought!  
My sin, not in part but the whole,  
Is nailed to the cross,  
and I bear it no more,  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
O my soul! / *chorus*

STANDING

## Amazing Grace

words and music by John Newton (1779)

Amazing grace how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost, but now I'm found  
Was blind but now I see

It was grace that taught my heart to fear  
And grace my fears relieved  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed

Through many dangers, toils, and snares  
I have already come  
'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far  
And grace will lead me home

When we've been there ten thousand  
years  
Bright, shining as the sun  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we first begun

## Announcements + Benediction

May God sustain you and fill you with joy  
so that you may abound in hope  
by the power of the Holy Spirit.  
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 and non-alcoholic grape juice for Communion. For those with wheat allergies, a gluten-free cracker is available in place of the bread (ingredients: cauliflower, brown rice flour, tapioca starch, coconut milk powder, pumpkin seeds, sunflower seeds, sesame seeds, mustard powder, sea salt, garlic powder, onion powder).*

### **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.*

*Scripture appears in the English Standard Version (ESV) or New International Version (NIV) unless otherwise noted.*

*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

**Children's Parade of Palms** All Souls Kids ages 2-11 are invited to parade during the Call to Worship on Palm Sunday, April 2nd. No prep needed. Meet Suzanne Case and our youth helpers outside of the sanctuary by 3:45 to participate!

**Holy Week** Join us as we imaginatively engage the last days Jesus spent on Earth, as his story shapes our story. Use the QR code to sign up for a Maundy Thursday meal and a time slot for Stations of the Cross. We'll celebrate Jesus's resurrection on Easter Sunday at our usual time of 4p at Trinity. *Invite a friend!*



**Transition Committee** is available for questions and to pray with and for you throughout our current leadership transition as they support the work of Vestry (our nominated, lay leadership team). You can reach out to Luke Crook (lukecrook@gmail.com), Andrew Eckert (trihokie85@gmail.com), Marc Gleason (marc.gleason61@outlook.com), Matt Huey (mhuey@pointb.com), Ruth Rogers Lewis (ruthrogerslewis@comcast.net), or Lydia Peterson (lydia.s.peterson@gmail.com).

**Let's Pray** As we journey through this period of transition, we need God's help to grieve, to heal, to care for one another, and to discern next steps. Over the next three months, members of staff and vestry will gather in The Upper Room (above the kitchen at Trinity) every Sunday from 3:30-3:45p to pray for the All Souls community. Please come pray with us. Nursery will open at 3:25pm for children 0-6 years old. Older children are welcome to join the time of prayer.

## Serve Together

**Serve Unhoused Neighbors** Throughout February and March, groups from All Souls prepared hot meals for unhoused neighbors seeking shelter at the West Seattle Veterans Center. The WSVC is opening its doors from 7:30-11:30am, seven days a week, for unhoused neighbors to have a cup of coffee, receive a warm meal, take a shower, and do laundry. Groups from All Souls will be volunteering on Saturdays this spring (April-June). If you are interested in participating, please contact Kara (kara@).

**Warm Springs Summer Service Trip 2023** All Souls is sending a group of 21 adults and youth to Warm Springs, Oregon this summer to serve our Native American neighbors. Please be in prayer for our group, for the Warm Springs community, and for God to be at work through us on this trip! Stay tuned for tangible ways to help support our team.

## Group Life

**Home Groups** — *New Home Group at the Case's house on Mondays in Arbor Heights*

In a world that pushes us toward isolation, we need community—a place where we're known, loved, and belong. Home Groups are one of the main ways we learn to enjoy and extend the hospitality of Christ in our neighborhoods. See page 9 or contact R.J. (rj@) to learn more.

### Grace Groups

Grace Groups @Work

Join conversations that explore how to live more by God's grace @work. Make new connections and deepen connection with other All Souls people working in your field. Contact R.J. (rj@) to learn more.

### Youth Group

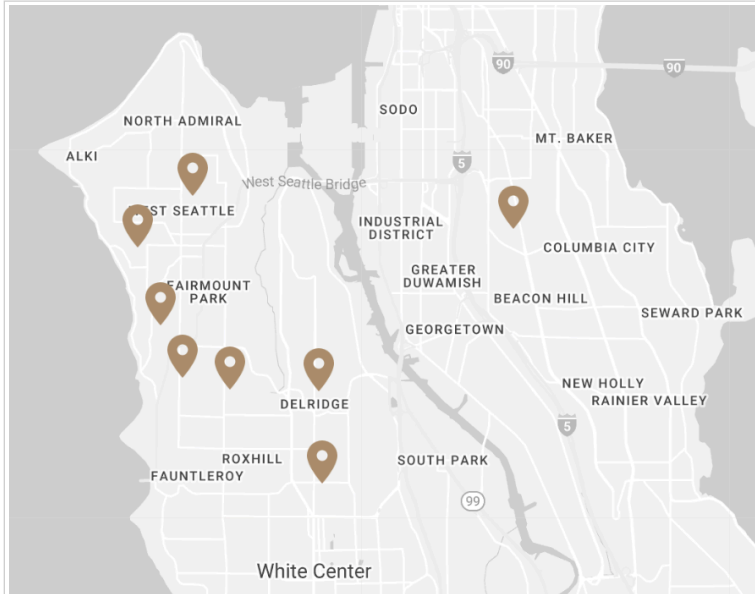
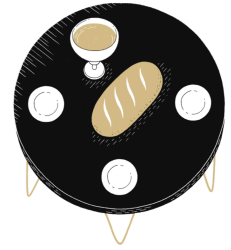
Weekly student gatherings are on Wednesdays, 6:30-8p at Trinity.

MS students meet in the Commons; HS students meet in the youth room. Dinner provided; invite a friend!

Parents: Contact Suzanne Case with questions (suzanne@), and follow us on Instagram (@allsoulsyouth\_parents).

# Home Group Map + Details

These are open groups anyone can join at any time, built to be a place to share—food, stories, hopes, and life.



## ALASKA

Peter + Kara Barrett  
**Every other Sunday, 6-7:30p**  
indoors, mixed group of adults, kids welcome, meal included

## ARBOR HEIGHTS

Jeff + Suzanne Case  
**Every other Monday, 6-7:30p**  
indoors, mixed group of adults, kids welcome, meal included

## BEACON HILL

Janiece Jenkins and Ryan + Leah Yoke  
**Every other Sunday, 10-11:30a**  
mixed group of adults, kids welcome, meal included

## GATEWOOD - NORTH

Andrew + Jen Eckert and Steve + MaryAnn Simmons  
**Every other Thursday, 6-7:30p**  
online, mixed group of adults, kids welcome, meal included

## GATEWOOD - SOUTH

Luke + Terri Crook  
**Every other Sunday, 6-7:30p**  
mixed group of adults, meal included

## HIGHLAND PARK - NORTH

Dan + Alyssa Reeve and Jonathan + Rachel Faunce  
**Every other Monday, 6-7:30p**  
mixed group of adults, kids + teens welcome, meal included

## HIGHLAND PARK - SOUTH

R.J. + Carolyn March  
**Every other Sunday, 10-11:30a**  
mixed group of adults, kids welcome, meal included

## SEAVIEW

Dustin + Kelley Long  
**Every other Tuesday, 6-7:30p**  
mixed group of adults, kids + teens welcome, meal included

## WESTWOOD

Thad + Lauren Williams and Erik + Nicole Bennett  
**Every other Wednesday, 6-7:30p**  
mixed group of adults, kids welcome

Preview the three-part rhythm that guides our time together:



To connect with one of these groups, visit: [allsoulsseattle.org/connect](https://allsoulsseattle.org/connect)



# All Souls Kids + Youth on Sundays

Our ministry exists to help children in partnership with families to know Jesus, and experience his love.



## Sunday School

Sunday school classes are offered during worship October through June. We currently have two classes: **Lion Class** (PreK-1st grade) and **Bear Class** (2nd-5th grades)—hear them roar! Both classes meet downstairs.

**Parents:** please sign your child(ren) in prior to the start of the worship service. Sign-in sheets are located at the ASK table, just past the greeting table when you arrive.

**First time here? Welcome! All Souls Kids staff and volunteers are here to greet you and answer any questions.**

Kids will be dismissed from the service to their teachers prior to the scripture reading, and escorted to their classrooms. Teachers will bring students back to rejoin families just before the Lord's Supper.

Nursery provided for the entire worship service, ages 0-5. **Parents:** sign your little one in and out downstairs in the Giraffe (nursery) classroom.

## House Rules

In order to keep kids safe and extend hospitality toward our community and Trinity hosts, some house rules:

- Balcony, stage, and downstairs areas are closed to children and youth
- Walking feet only (no running) in the commons and hallways areas
- Adult supervision required in the sanctuary

Table activities are welcome and encouraged in the Commons! Families, please feel free to bring board games, etc. for kids during coffee hour. Encourage them to invite an adult friend to play!

## F.A.Q.

*Can I join my child in class, if they need me?*

Absolutely! Parents may accompany children to class for as long as needed.

*Can my child stay in the service with me?*

Yes! Children of all ages are welcome in the service at any time.

*What will they be learning?*

This fall we are sharing with children the immense love Jesus has for each of them, through story, song, and prayer. We will be sharing stories using *The Jesus Storybook Bible* series, as well as the Bible. Classes are designed to be engaging for all children, whether this is their first or hundredth Sunday at church!

*Is there an at-home connection?*

Yes! Each Sunday we encourage parents to ask children questions about what they learned! Perhaps these questions may help guide your discussion:

- Ask your child to retell the story from class today.
- What does this story teach you about God?
- Is there anything you'd like to ask God about this story?
- What is one thing you'd like to remember about this story?
- How is this story about you?

*How can I view your child protection policies?*  
Simple! Scan the code.



Additional questions? Contact Suzanne Case  
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## 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, in addition to during worship, 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) (ACH now available)



- 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.*

*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. We thank God for your partnership in this work, and invite you to ask him how you might best reflect his radical, sacrificial generosity with your own.*

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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