



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

# Welcome.

All Souls is a church in and for the city, and 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.

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.

You should always 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 the historic Christian gospel.

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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*All Souls*

The object of opening the mind, as of opening the mouth,  
is to shut it again on something solid.

G.K. Chesterton

# Order of Worship

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*Please silence all devices for  
the duration of worship*

## welcome

*standing*

## call to worship

Paschal Troparion

Christ is risen from the dead  
Trampling down death by death

And to those in the tomb  
And to those in the tomb he has given new life

*from Psalm 118*

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

**In our anguish we cried to the LORD, and he answered by setting us free.**

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

**The LORD is our strength and our song; he has become our salvation.**

We will not die but live, and will proclaim what the LORD has done.

**Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.**

The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone;

The LORD has done this; and it is marvelous in our eyes.

**This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

*Text in **bold** is read aloud  
by the entire congregation.  
Plain text is read by the  
worship leader only.*

*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.*

## invocation

Matthew 11:28

“Come to me,” Jesus said, “all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.”

## hymns

## O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

O for a thousand tongues to sing  
My great Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King,  
The triumphs of His grace.

*words and music:  
Charles Wesley*

Jesus, the name that charms our fears,  
That bids our sorrows cease;  
It's music in the sinner's ears,  
It's life, and health, and peace.

He breaks the power of cancelled sin,  
He sets the prisoner free;  
His blood can make the foulest clean;  
His blood availed for me.

My gracious Master and my God,  
Assist me to proclaim,  
To spread through all the earth abroad  
The honors of your name.

Glory to God and praise and love  
Be ever, ever giv'n  
By saints below and saints above,  
The church in earth and heav'n

## Resurrection Song

Hallelujah, Christ is risen  
From the darkness  
Jesus raised in resurrection  
Hallelujah, all our joys and triumphs rise

Hallelujah on the third day  
Love's redeeming work ablaze  
in heaven's glory  
Hallelujah, all our joys and triumphs rise

Christ is risen, hallelujah  
Christ is risen, hallelujah

Hallelujah, sin is conquered  
Praise the king of glory,  
Jesus, our redemption  
Hallelujah, death in vain forbids him rise

Hallelujah on the third day  
Love's redeeming work  
ablaze in heaven's glory  
Hallelujah, death in vain forbids him rise

Christ is risen, hallelujah  
We are risen, hallelujah  
Christ is risen, hallelujah  
We are risen, hallelujah

Rejoice! the Lord is risen!  
We live in resurrection

*words: Evan Wilson  
music: Evan Wilson, Russ Ware*

*Hymns comprise most of the  
worship songs at All Souls,  
because of their richness,  
doctrinal depth, and focus  
on God's character and  
redemptive work.*

*Many hymns are patterned  
after the Psalms with their  
varied expressions of praise  
and thanksgiving, and, too, a  
wrestling with what it is to  
trust in a love as audacious  
as the Lord's. Our hope is  
that these hymns and prayers  
set to music would lead us  
into a dynamic encounter  
with our Savior, in worship.*

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!  
What more can He say than to you He hath said,  
You, who unto Jesus for refuge have fled?

In every condition, in sickness, in health;  
In poverty's vale, or abounding in wealth;  
At home and abroad, on the land, on the sea,  
As thy days may demand, shall thy strength ever be.

Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed,  
For I am thy God and will still give thee aid;  
I'll strengthen and help you, and cause you to stand  
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

When through the deep waters I call thee to go,  
The rivers of woe shall not you overflow;  
For I will be with you, thy troubles to bless,  
And sanctify to you thy deepest distress.

When through fiery trials thy pathways shall lie,  
My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;  
The flame shall not hurt you; I only design  
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

## scripture reading + interlude

Philippians 4:4-9

4 Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! 5 Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. 6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. 7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

8 Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. 9 Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

*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.*

*Musical interludes are included in our service in order to provide space for reflection and worship.*

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

*sequed*

*Confession of sin 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.*

*words: Henry Lyte,  
Justin Smith*

*music: Justin Smith*

## prayer of 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.**

*Let's acknowledge these things silently before the Lord, knowing forgiveness and rest are freely available in Jesus.*

## hymn

Abide with Me

Abide with me; falls the eventide;  
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.  
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless, abide with me.

Thou on my head, in early youth didst smile;  
And, though rebellious,  
and perverse meanwhile,  
Thou hast not left me, oft as I left Thee,  
On to the close Lord, abide with me.

I need Thy presence, every passing hour.  
What but Thy grace  
can foil the tempter's power?  
Who, like Thyself,  
my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, abide with me.

I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless  
Ills have no weight,  
tears lose their bitterness  
Where is thy sting, death?  
Where, grave, thy victory?  
I triumph still, abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy cross,  
before my closing eyes;  
Shine through the gloom,  
and point me to the skies.  
Heaven's morning breaks,  
and earth's vain shadows flee;  
In life, in death, Lord, abide with me.

## receiving of grace

*from Ephesians 1:6-8*

We praise God for the glorious grace he has poured out on us in Jesus, his Son. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of his grace, which he lavished on us, with all wisdom and understanding.

Hear and know that you are forgiven, and be at peace. **Thanks be to God.**

## prayers of the people

**You hear us calling**

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

**Lord, have mercy**

**Christ, have mercy**

**Lord, have mercy**

**Christ, have mercy**

We pray to you, O Lord; you hear our voice in the morning.

God of compassion,

we remember the poor and the afflicted, the sick and the dying, the prisoners and all who are lonely, the victims of war, injustice, and inhumanity, and all who suffer  
Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

**You hear us calling**

**You hear us calling, Abba Father**

O Lord of providence, who holds the destiny of the nations in your hand, we pray for our country. Inspire the hearts and minds of our leaders that they, together with all our nation, may first seek your kingdom and righteousness, that order, liberty, and peace may dwell with your people.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

**You hear us calling**

**You hear us calling, Abba Father**

O God the Creator, we pray for all nations and peoples.

Take away the mistrust and lack of understanding that divide us; increase in us the recognition that we are all your creatures.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

**You hear us calling**

**You hear us calling, Abba Father**

O Savior God, look upon your church in its struggle upon the earth.

Have mercy on our weakness, bring an end to divisions, and scatter our fears.

Watch over the ministry of your church. Increase its courage, strengthen its faith, and inspire its witness to all people, even to the ends of the earth.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

**You hear us calling**

**You hear us calling, Abba Father**

O Loving God, we offer these prayers, joining the great chorus of those who, too, sing your praise and depend on you alone.

We long for that day when all your children will live in your peace, and praise your name.

Until that day, give us sturdy patience and enduring hope, rooted only in Jesus, in whose name we pray.

**Lord, have mercy**

**Christ, have mercy**

**Lord, have mercy**

**Christ, have mercy**

*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.*

*Submit prayer requests to [prayer@allsoulsseattle.org](mailto:prayer@allsoulsseattle.org)*

*Music: The Brilliance*

*Preschool and elementary-age children are dismissed to All Souls Kids following announcements, where they can learn and discover in a language and style more suitable to them.*



*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

*Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but 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 sins and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen.*

COMMUNION PRAYER

*Lord Jesus, your perfect life, your death, and your resurrection are the source of all blessing in this life and the life to come. As I eat this bread and drink this cup, renew me in the joy and glory of knowing and serving you. I come to this table on the basis of your merit only and not my own. As you have completely and fully offered yourself for me, I now completely and fully offer myself to you as a living sacrifice. Amen.*

*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 of the gifts that God has given to us, knowing God will continue to provide.*

*All gifts go toward ministry initiatives of All Souls and the relief of the poor.*

*If you are our guest today, please feel no obligation to give. Read more about giving in worship on p. 12.*

## gospel lesson

Rev. R.J. March

<sup>6</sup> “I stand here on trial because of my hope in the promise made by God to our fathers, <sup>7</sup> to which our twelve tribes hope to attain, as they earnestly worship night and day. And for this hope I am accused by Jews, O king! <sup>8</sup> Why is it thought incredible by any of you that God raises the dead? <sup>9</sup> I myself was convinced that I ought to do many things in opposing the name of Jesus of Nazareth. <sup>10</sup> And I did so in Jerusalem. I not only locked up many of the saints in prison after receiving authority from the chief priests, but when they were put to death I cast my vote against them. <sup>11</sup> And I punished them often in all the synagogues and tried to make them blaspheme, and in raging fury against them I persecuted them even to foreign cities.

<sup>12</sup> “In this connection I journeyed to Damascus with the authority and commission of the chief priests. <sup>13</sup> At midday, O king, I saw on the way a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, that shone around me and those who journeyed with me. <sup>14</sup> And when we had all fallen to the ground, I heard a voice saying to me in the Hebrew language, ‘Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me? It is hard for you to kick against the goads.’ <sup>15</sup> And I said, ‘Who are you, Lord?’ And the Lord said, ‘I am Jesus whom you are persecuting. <sup>16</sup> But rise and stand upon your feet, for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to appoint you as a servant and witness to the things in which you have seen me and to those in which I will appear to you, <sup>17</sup> delivering you from your people and from the Gentiles—to whom I am sending you <sup>18</sup> to open their eyes, so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.’

<sup>19</sup> “Therefore, O King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision, <sup>20</sup> but declared first to those in Damascus, then in Jerusalem and throughout all the region of Judea, and also to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, performing deeds in keeping with their repentance. <sup>21</sup> For this reason the Jews seized me in the temple and tried to kill me. <sup>22</sup> To this day I have had the help that comes from God, and so I stand here testifying both to small and great, saying nothing but what the prophets and Moses said would come to pass: <sup>23</sup> that the Christ must suffer and that, by being the first to rise from the dead, he would proclaim light both to our people and to the Gentiles.”

<sup>24</sup> And as he was saying these things in his defense, Festus said with a loud voice, “Paul, you are out of your mind; your great learning is driving you out of your mind.” <sup>25</sup> But Paul said, “I am not out of my mind, most excellent Festus, but I am speaking true and rational words. <sup>26</sup> For the king knows about these things, and to him I speak boldly. For I am persuaded that none of these things has escaped his notice, for this has not been done in a corner. <sup>27</sup> King Agrippa, do you believe the prophets? I know that you believe.” <sup>28</sup> And Agrippa said to Paul, “In a short time would you persuade me to be a Christian?” <sup>29</sup> And Paul said, “Whether short or long, I would to God that not only you but also all who hear me this day might become such as I am—except for these chains.”

<sup>30</sup> Then the king rose, and the governor and Bernice and those who were sitting with them.

<sup>31</sup> And when they had withdrawn, they said to one another, “This man is doing nothing to deserve death or imprisonment.” <sup>32</sup> And Agrippa said to Festus, “This man could have been set free if he had not appealed to Caesar.”

## offering

based on Psalm 111:1

Let us give thanks to the Lord with all our being.

Let us honor God for the blessings and goodness we have received.

# the Lord's table

## hymns

God is my shepherd. I won't be wanting. I won't be wanting.  
He makes me rest in fields of green, by quiet streams.

Even though I walk through the valley of death and dying,  
I will not fear, for you are with me; you're always with me.

Your Shepherd's staff,  
it comforts me.  
You are my feast,  
in the presence of enemies;

Surely goodness will follow me, will follow me,  
in the house of God forever.

## 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus  
And to take him at his word  
Just to rest upon his promise  
And to know, "Thus sayeth the Lord"

*chorus:*

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him  
How I've proved him o'er and o'er  
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus  
O for grace to trust him more  
and more, and more  
and more, and more

O how sweet to trust in Jesus  
Just to trust his cleansing blood  
And in simple faith to plunge me  
'Neath the healing, cleansing flood

*chorus*

I'm so glad I learned to trust thee  
Precious Jesus, Savior, friend  
And I know that thou art with me  
Wilt be with me to the end.  
the end, the end  
the end, the end

*chorus (2x)*

## benediction + sending

May the grace of Christ renew you daily,  
the love of God enable you to love everyone,  
and the Holy Spirit unite us as one body under our Savior. **Amen.**

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

**Thanks be to God!**

## Psalm 23

*The Lord's Supper, also called Communion or the Eucharist, is the family meal of Christians.*

*We invite all baptized followers of Jesus Christ who acknowledge their sin against God and their neighbors and confess their need for the grace of Christ to partake of this meal. We take it as a sign of health to have regular attenders who love our community but don't profess faith in Christ, and so remain seated during this time. If you are a Christian and haven't been baptized, please talk with our pastor. We would be honored to baptize you.*

*Allergen-free communion elements (wafer ingredients: organic brown and white rice flour) are available at the center of the communion table. To partake, please dip in either the wine (larger cup) or grape juice and proceed through the line.*

## standing

*musical adaptation of Psalm 23  
by: Jon Foreman*

*words: Louisa M. R. Stead  
music: William J. Kirkpatrick*

*Our pastors and other leaders are available following the service for prayer or to answer any questions you may have about All Souls.*

*Unless otherwise noted, all Scripture is taken from The Holy Bible, English Standard Version (ESV) or New International Version (NIV).*

Please contact  
info@allsoulsseattle.org for  
details or directions to any of  
these gatherings, or visit  
allsoulsseattle.org/events.

## Gathering

### DINNER FOR SIX

Next: Friday, May 18

Dinner for Six is a periodic meal hosted by those within the All Souls community who will welcome four to five others into their home (six total) as an opportunity to get to know folks and, very often, spark a new friendship(s). All are encouraged to sign up or host (rsvp@allsoulsseattle.org), and you will be assigned to a home.

## Growing

### WEEKLY PRAYER

Fridays, 11:45-12:30p

We gather to pray for our community and the world on Fridays at the All Souls Loft.

Bring your lunch and join us (4138 California Ave SW, 2nd fl.; prayer@allsoulsseattle.org).

### GROWTH GROUPS

Ready to learn and apply the Bible more broadly, press the gospel of Jesus further into your heart and life, dig into deeper, bigger questions, and share with greater transparency in a smaller (6-8 ppl max), gender-specific group? Growth Groups are a unique and more intimate place to grow spiritually, with a committed focus on discipleship. Details and sign up / groups@allsoulsseattle.org

### JOIN A HOME GROUP

Home groups provide safe places to know and be known as we grow in relationship with ourselves, God, and one another. Each group is unique and has its own 'personality,' while they share a focus on growing in relationship with Jesus and with each other. Groups meet throughout the week and neighborhood. Please see p.11 for group meeting time, location, and contact details.

### CARE + COUNSEL

The Bible teaches that God has given us powerful tools to navigate difficulty and grapple with hard questions: the Holy Spirit, the gospel, and community. At All Souls we lean heavily on these for encouragement, direction, and life-change. So whatever it is, you should know it's okay to talk about it (relationships, sexuality, addiction, marriage/family, faith, etc.). Don't wait.

## Bulletin Board

### BRAVE EVENT

Saturday, May 5

Brave is a one-day catalytic event whose purpose is to remind a very specific demographic that they are worth celebrating: girls 12-18 years old who are in vulnerable situations like foster care, homelessness, youth probation, etc. If you are interested in volunteering or donating, please contact Nancy Spiro: 206-261-5381 / nancyspiro@gmail.com

### YOUNG LIFE DESSERT AUCTION

Friday, May 11, 6:30p, Lady of Guadalupe School Hall

You are invited to join other folks from All Souls and our broader West Seattle community for a Dessert Auction supporting West Seattle Young Life. The goal is to raise \$25,000 to send Young Life students from WS schools to camp this summer, many of whom would be unable to pay for camp without this support. Interested in attending? Contact Rachel Pelander (rachelpelander@gmail.com).

### BABYSITTING CO-OP

New members welcome! Join our community of All Souls families who help each other with childcare and gather monthly for playdates and fun. Contact: Anndrea Beaty (beaty.anndrea@gmail.com)

*How do we desire to be  
'formed,' spiritually?*

*The gospel cultivates gratitude,  
generosity, patience, and  
compassion... and also a  
sense of wonder— a curious  
heart that seeks to know God  
more deeply and more  
intimately. Together, these are  
the makings of being 'spiritually  
formed'... alongside others,  
journeying toward maturity  
in Christ.*

*Coming to understand the  
gospel is the beginning of a  
process that gradually  
transforms how we do every  
aspect of life as new desires,  
new hopes, new thoughts, and  
new affections emerge. As we  
engage this new life in the  
Spirit, we find ourselves drawn  
to doctrines, practices, and  
disciplines that enable us to  
know Jesus more intimately,  
and savor Him more fully.*

*To meet with a pastor or other  
leader confidentially, or for a  
counseling referral:  
pastor@allsoulsseattle.org*

# All Souls Kids + Youth



Our ministry to children is designed to equip and partner with families as you seek to invest in the spiritual wholeness of your children.

We value the role of kids in our community, and are committed to cultivating an environment where they feel known, loved and respected. We intend to draw them into an engaging, enjoyable, and provocative encounter with the gospel using language familiar to them.

We encourage them to learn to ask good questions in the discovery of who they are and who God is, in the hope of building a foundation that shapes their lives for years to come!

Because worship is a celebration of grace, not a theological lecture, children of all ages are encouraged to join us at any time during the service— we are used to having them around!

We also offer a safe place for kids to be together during the service.

- **Nursery (4mos-new walkers) and Toddlers (18mos-2 yrs):** Both rooms are open through the entire worship service and are fully staffed by providers who are trained in First Aid/CPR. Little ones receive excellent care in a safe, peaceful space set up specifically for our babies and toddlers. Please sign your child in and out on the provided clip-board when you arrive and pick up. You will be contacted during worship, if needed.
- **3-year-olds, Pre-K (4-5 yrs), and Kindergarten:** Children begin in worship, and are dismissed midway to these dynamic and fun classes. Kids will receive excellent care as they play, sing, read, do crafts, and have a nut-free snack. *The Jesus Storybook Bible* is our primary teaching tool. Please sign your child in and out on the provided clip-board when you drop-off and pick-up.
- **1st, 2nd Grade, and 3rd-5th Grade:** Kids begin in worship and are dismissed midway to class where they will learn and discover in a language and style more suitable to young, growing hearts and minds. Our instruction is framed around a cyclical exploration of key Biblical truths and gospel realities. Students are dismissed by their teachers to rejoin their families after worship (except for the 4th-5th Grade Class, which rejoins their families before the Lord's Supper).

## Middle and High School Students

We desire to be a community where each of us experiences significant, lasting relationships that would highlight the active presence of Jesus in the lives of His people, and where we would encounter Jesus in ways that will shape our understanding and experience of His grace for the rest of our lives. And this is true regardless of age. Middle and high schoolers are invited to stay in worship to explore, question, and reflect alongside adults.

Because we believe we grow best in the context of relationship, we are committed to coming alongside middle and high school students through monthly, age-specific Growth Groups on Sunday evenings, geared towards laughing, playing, sharing, exploring, serving, studying, praying and growing together. If you have a middle or high school student, or would like to get involved, please contact us.

Additionally, **Young Life** has many opportunities for youth to connect, and to explore the gospel. To learn more, contact Area Director Alison Bray (alisonb.yl@gmail.com).

*If you have special needs or have a friend or family member with special needs, we do not want to miss an opportunity to serve you.*

*Please introduce yourself and let us know how we can serve you best.*

*Parents:*

*There is a designated and semi-private area in the teachers' lounge, through the double doors in the back-left corner, for anyone during the worship service.*

*Please use this at your convenience.*

*Learn more:  
[allsoulsseattle.org/kids](http://allsoulsseattle.org/kids)*

*See below:  
All Souls Kids classroom map (downstairs) on p. 12*

# How can I serve?



Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. (Romans 12:11)

We are called to serve, not to be served.

As Jesus came into the world to serve rather than to be served (Mark 10:42-45), our desire is that we as a church would regularly serve each other and also the under-resourced and marginalized of our neighborhood and city.

## ALL SOULS COMMUNITY

We value— and rely on!— a collaborative culture at All Souls.

We're not here to consume or spectate, but to **lean in, take ownership, and serve**, no matter what we bring to the table. We honor God with what he's given us and seek to bless those around us, as a family, on Sundays and throughout the week.

*current needs / opportunities to serve:*

- ▶ **Sundays** - As you might imagine, it takes many hands to turn a middle school into a warm, welcoming worship space. We need volunteers to help with set-up, greeting, coffee/snacks, and more. Contact: Charlotte Aljets ([charlotte@allsoulsseattle.org](mailto:charlotte@allsoulsseattle.org)).
- ▶ **Make a Meal** - As a way to tangibly serve one another in challenging or transitional seasons of life, we as a family make meals for each other. To make *or request* a meal, please contact [communitycare@allsoulsseattle.org](mailto:communitycare@allsoulsseattle.org). Thank you!

## NEIGHBORHOOD + CITY

Seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you. (Jeremiah 29:7)

As a church 'not just for ourselves', there are also lots of ways to serve and seek the well-being of our neighborhood and city through All Souls. We are primarily interested in connecting volunteers to vital service organizations already serving for the sake of renewal, mercy, and justice.

*current opportunities:*

### ▶ **West Seattle Young Life**

Young Life leaders go to where students are to develop relationships and to share the story and reality of God's love for them in Jesus Christ. Below are current ways to partner and support this ministry, its staff, and volunteers (for details and sign up contact [mercy@allsoulsseattle.org](mailto:mercy@allsoulsseattle.org)).

- Provide dinner for Young Life Club (large group gatherings)
- Become a 'leader host' who cares and prays for a volunteer leader, even inviting them into your home/family life

### ▶ **Serve and Partner with the West Seattle DSHS Foster Care Office**

All Souls is actively building a relationship with the WA State Department of Social and Health Services' Delridge office. Foster care is a pivotal place to intervene upstream of many other social concerns (homelessness, addictions, etc), and opportunities to support kids and families in the foster care system are varied (toy/clothing donations, DSHS staff appreciations, etc). Please opt-in via email to receive regular updates with needs as they arise ([mercy@allsoulsseattle.org](mailto:mercy@allsoulsseattle.org)).

- Office Moms & Dads is an on-call, daytime volunteer opportunity (customizable to your schedule!) to care for foster kids that have recently been removed from their home while a social worker works hard to find a foster care placement for them.  
Contact Janine Krebs ([westseattleomd@gmail.com](mailto:westseattleomd@gmail.com)) to learn more and to sign up for the next volunteer training.

### ▶ **YoungLives**

All Souls is in the early stages of a partnership with YoungLives, the ministry of Young Life to teenage moms. Our hope is to begin to invest in life-on-life mentoring with teen moms in West Seattle through entering into their lives, building relationships with them and with their little ones, modeling the unconditional love of Christ, and encouraging them to become the women and mothers God created them to be. All levels of commitment are welcome! If you have questions about this ministry, or are interested in hearing more about partnering with YoungLives, contact Rachel at [rachelpelander@gmail.com](mailto:rachelpelander@gmail.com).

# Home Groups

In a world that pushes us toward isolation, we need community— a place where we're known and loved, and can grow. Home groups are a vital part of shared life and growth in Christ— places of care and community where we discover and live the Christian life together.

Simply put, they are the best way at All Souls to integrate as a newcomer, build lasting friendships, and to consistently be in each other's lives. We are a community that places high value on this time together in God's word and in prayer, and also serving our city and neighborhoods.

All are encouraged to prioritize Home Groups, most of which meet every other week, Sept - June. They can be joined by *anyone at anytime*, and aim to accommodate a variety of schedules, including those of families and commuters.

Groups meet every other week beginning January 7. To join or learn more about a group please contact the leader(s) directly.

PLEASE NOTE: Group rosters are capped at 12 adults (plus kids). If a group is full, staff will help you find another option (groups@).

Neighborhood	Contact	Time	Notes
ADMIRAL	Graeme + Sarah Hanson s.wulf.hanson@gmail.com	Wed / 7 - 8:30p	Mixed group of adults
	Martin + Sarah Dillard sarahjdillard@gmail.com	Wed / 6:30 - 8p	Mixed group of adults; childcare provided
ALASKA	R.J. + Carolyn March rj@allsoulsseattle.org	Sun / 5 - 6:30p	Mixed group of adults; children welcome includes a meal and childcare
ARBOR HEIGHTS	Jeff + Suzanne Case suzannecase3@gmail.com	Tues / 6 - 7:30p	Mixed group of adults; children welcome includes a meal
	Matt + Nancy Spiro Nicholas + Alyssa Incorvaia nancyspiro@gmail.com	Tues / 6 - 7:30p	Mixed group of adults; children welcome includes a meal
DELRIDGE	Jonathan + Rachel Faunce rachelfaunce@gmail.com	Sun / 4:30 - 6p	Mixed group of adults; children welcome includes a meal
FAIRMOUNT PARK	Jake + Emily Anderson jake.anderson486@gmail.com	Thurs / 6 - 8:30p	Mixed group of adults; includes a meal
YOUTH HOME GROUP	Stefphan Gambill stefphan@allsoulsseattle.org	Sun / 4:30 - 6p	All middle schoolers welcome (invite a friend!); meets at the All Souls Loft

Group schedules can also be found here: [allsoulsseattle.org/events](http://allsoulsseattle.org/events)

# Giving as part of worship

We recognize that as the church, we must consistently remind one another of the truth that everything we have is a gift from the Lord.

The Bible says that 'we know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for our sake he became poor, so that we through his poverty might become rich' (2 Corinthians 8:9). Jesus's death on the cross represents the most generous gift ever given—when he gave up everything in order to reconcile us to God.

Giving cheerfully, sacrificially, and consistently is a part of our worship—not because it's something churches do, but because giving in response to the gospel ought to be worshipful. When we are generous with others, we are reminding one another of the great generosity of our God.

All Souls seeks to build community, love our neighbors, and work for peace and justice within Seattle. Our desire in giving is not only to meet our own financial needs, but to be able to serve those in need in our city and neighborhoods.

## There are few ways that you can contribute financially to All Souls.

- › Place cash or check in the offering on Sundays
- › Mail a check, or set up automatic bill pay through your bank, payable to:  
All Souls  
PO Box 16613  
Seattle, WA 98116
- › 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.*

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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