



August 7

Welcome

All Souls, seeking to be a church not just for ourselves, exists to be a vibrant expression of who God is— gracious, present, hospitable.

Launched in 2010, we are a worshipping community rooted in the belief that the historic Christian gospel is true, compelling, and promises to change our lives powerfully, in the direction of freedom, wholeness, and hope.

We seek to embody and articulate this gospel of grace, bringing about spiritual, social, and cultural renewal in Seattle and, through it, the world.

Please feel the freedom to participate actively in worship or to just listen and observe at your discretion. It is a time to process freely and safely the audacious claims of Jesus, and the inevitable tension between the beauty and scandal of God's grace, freely given to you.

As a church, we are part of that historical, counter-cultural community that Jesus started and continues to build, sustain, and perfect.

Anyone is welcome in worship, and we encourage you to come as you are. We understand that visiting a church for the first time can be intimidating. So it's our commitment to walk you through each component of the worship service so no one feels like an outsider. There will be no obscure, tribal language. No 'in-house' moments.

Our worship is structured, with liturgy and rich music that connects us to the church of old and those who've gone before us— we are deeply rooted in something much larger than ourselves or our own cultural moment. But worship should be accessible and enjoyable if it's to be meaningful.

We haven't heard the gospel for what it really is if we don't find it at once horribly offensive and staggeringly beautiful.

It is both heart-breaking and heart-mending.

So let us explore. *Let us worship!*

Exploring?

Do you have questions about the Christian faith?

Do you wrestle with intellectual barriers that make belief seem implausible, even irresponsible?

Do you struggle to reconcile a good God with a hurting world?

We recognize that belief is hard. That's why:

- We value questions, and the people who ask them
- We prize being a community where you can belong before you believe
- We assume, each Sunday, that there are people present who are not convinced
- We desire to talk to skeptics not about them
- You are welcome here...

So, be curious. Doubt. Ask. Explore.

How do I get connected?

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Everybody can be great because everybody can serve.

Martin Luther King, Jr.

Order of Worship

NINTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



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 or email info@allsoulsseattle.org.

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.

STANDING

Call to Worship

Psalm 134

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 (adapted) and music by Robbie Seay

Come and bless the Lord
Come and bless the Lord
Come and bless the Lord
All you servants of God

Lift up your hands
To the holy place
Lift up your hands
And bless his name

Psalm 33:1-6

All you who are righteous,
shout joyfully to the Lord!
It's right for those who do right to praise God.
Give thanks to the Lord with the lyre!
Sing praises to him with the ten-stringed harp!

Sing to him a new song!

Play your best with joyful shouts!

**Because the Lord's word is right,
his every act is done in good faith.**

He loves righteousness and justice;

the Lord's faithful love fills the whole earth.
The skies were made by the Lord's word,
all their starry multitude by the breath of his mouth.

Acclamation

Alleluia. The Spirit of the Lord renews the face of the earth:

O come, let us adore him. Alleluia.

Music at All Souls is comprised of "psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs" (Eph. 5:19).

These are often works that date back as far as Jewish antiquity, anchoring us in the ancient roots of Christian faith. Sometimes these are newer works that reflect prayerfully and prophetically on our current moment.

They contain theological richness and focus on God's character and redemptive work. They also lend poetic voice to our deepest emotional expressions: praise and thanksgiving, anger and sorrow, hope and joy.

We sing because we believe God is with us— present in our worship; inhabiting the praises of his people.

Confession happens within the context of relationship, both with God and each other.

We confess together, in community, before a gracious God who has given us himself.

Confession both acknowledges our need for mercy and celebrates its abundance in Christ.

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

Come Thou Fount

*words: Robert Robinson (1758)
music: NETTLETON (anonymous)*

Come, thou Fount of every blessing
tune my heart to sing thy grace
streams of mercy, never ceasing
call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet
sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it
mount of God's redeeming love

Here I raise my Ebenezer
hither by thy help I come
and I hope, by thy good pleasure
safely to arrive at home
Jesus sought me when a stranger
wandering from the fold of God
he, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed his precious blood

Oh, to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee
prone to wander, Lord, I feel it
prone to leave the God I love
here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it
seal it for thy courts above

BE SEATED

Confession

Holy and merciful God,
In your presence we confess our sinfulness and offenses against you.

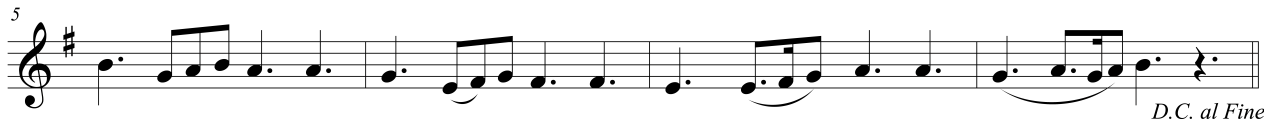
**You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways,
in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love.**

**Forgive our sins, help us to live in your light and walk in your ways,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior.**

Let's acknowledge this silently before the Lord, knowing forgiveness and rest are freely available in Jesus. After a brief silence we will sing our confession together:



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.

Receiving of Grace

Psalm 103:8-12

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 Lord is compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger, abounding in love.

He will not always accuse,
nor will he harbor his anger forever;

**he does not treat us as our sins deserve
or repay us according to our iniquities.**

For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his love for those who fear him;

**as far as the east is from the west,
so far has he removed our transgressions from us. Amen.**

STANDING

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.

Genesis 15:1-6

1 After this, the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision:

“Do not be afraid, Abram.
I am your shield,
your very great reward.”

2 But Abram said, “Sovereign Lord, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?” 3 And Abram said, “You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir.”

4 Then the word of the Lord came to him: “This man will not be your heir, but a son who is your own flesh and blood will be your heir.” 5 He took him outside and said, “Look up at the sky and count the stars—if indeed you can count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.”

6 Abram believed the Lord, and he credited it to him as righteousness.

32 They were on their way up to Jerusalem, with Jesus leading the way, and the disciples were astonished, while those who followed were afraid. Again he took the Twelve aside and told them what was going to happen to him. 33 “We are going up to Jerusalem,” he said, “and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the teachers of the law. They will condemn him to death and will hand him over to the Gentiles, 34 who will mock him and spit on him, flog him and kill him. Three days later he will rise.”

35 Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him. “Teacher,” they said, “we want you to do for us whatever we ask.”

36 “What do you want me to do for you?” he asked.

37 They replied, “Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory.”

38 “You don’t know what you are asking,” Jesus said. “Can you drink the cup I drink or be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with?”

39 “We can,” they answered.

Jesus said to them, “You will drink the cup I drink and be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with, 40 but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared.”

41 When the ten heard about this, they became indignant with James and John. 42 Jesus called them together and said, “You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. 43 Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, 44 and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. 45 For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Homily

the Server

Rev. R.J. March

Interlude

Prayers of the People

words: adapted from Psalm 90 music: *The Porter's Gate* (2019)

Teach us to number our days

That we may apply our hearts to Your ways

Teach us to number our days with wisdom and grace.

You've been our home and our dwelling our place in all generations.

Before the earth or the mountains were formed, Lord, You were God.

Jesus, help us to find our home in you.

The place we return to.

The place we long to be.

The place we find comfort.

The place we hide.

The place we call “shelter”— in your love and in the church whom you have made to bear your love into the world.

Help us to extend the hospitality you show us: make us a shelter for one another.

Teach us to number our days

That we may apply our hearts to Your ways

Teach us to number our days with wisdom and grace.

O establish the work of our hands, set Your favor upon us.

O establish the word of our hands, May Your kingdom come!

Lord, be with each of us in our work: show us how to serve as we have been served by you.

We pray for educators: O Lord, be their gracious rabbi.

We pray for medical workers: O Lord, be their great physician.

We pray for designers: O Lord, apprentice them as their masterful creative director.

We pray for architects, engineers, and builders:

O Lord, teach them how you build your Kingdom with beauty and justice.

We pray for all ministers: O Lord, be their ever-present High Priest.

We pray for all social workers and government employees:

O Lord, be their advocate.

And may all of us in all our work serve you and our neighbors

for your glory and the world's good,

with wisdom and grace.

Teach us to number our days

That we may apply our hearts to Your ways

Teach us to number our days with wisdom and grace.

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.

Grateful Giving

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



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
excelsis, Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of
the Lord, Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in
excelsis.

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.

The Lamb has Overcome

words and music by Luke Morton (2011)

The Lamb has overcome
The Lamb has overcome
The battle's done
And the victory is won
For the Lamb has overcome

No grave could hold him down
No grave could hold him down
Up from the ground,
"He is risen!" was the sound
No grave could hold him down

*Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Glory be unto his name*

The table now is spread
The table now is spread
This wine and bread
Broken body and blood shed
The table now is spread

The day is drawing near
The day is drawing near
He shall appear
And will wipe away each tear
The day is drawing near

*Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Glory be unto his name*

STANDING

We Abide in You

words and music by The Porter's Gate (2017)

We are the vineyard you have planted
Tend our leaves and wild branches
We abide, we abide in You (x2)

Fruit growing from our strength and labor
Rain on us with grace and favor
We abide, we abide in You (x2)

chorus:
Where can my soul find living water?
Apart from you we bear no fruit
Oh, plant my feet down by the river
We abide, we abide in you

Announcements + Benediction

2 Corinthians 13:14

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with you all. **Amen.**

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

Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

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 on-alcoholic grape juice for Communion (labeled on tables). For those with wheat allergies, a gluten-free cracker is available in place of the bread (ingredients: brown rice flour, sesame seeds, potato starch, safflower oil, flax seeds, quinoa seeds, amaranth seeds, chia seeds, millet, tamari soy sauce powder, sea salt).

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

Annual Neighborhood Picnic: Mark your calendar for our annual neighborhood picnic in Lincoln Park on Sunday, August 28, 4-8p. In keeping with tradition, we'll have youth baptisms in the Sound followed smoked pork sandos and hot dogs, and of course another epic kickball tournament! Details to come.

Fall Souls Retreat: Mark your calendar for our first all church retreat **Friday Sep 30-Saturday Oct 1** at Camp Long.

Women of All Souls: All are invited to the home Rachel Pelander, on **August 21 at 6p**. Bring a snack, treat, or drink to share... or simply come empty-handed! For more and to RSVP, contact Rachel Faunce (rachelfaunce@gmail.com).

Back-to-School Shopping The Salvation Army is taking a large group children shopping at the South Center Mall Old Navy on Friday, August 26th. Volunteer to be a personal shopper for one child. Each child will be given \$150 for new school clothing that will be credited at check out. Contact nancyspiro@gmail.com.

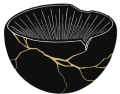
Curious about membership at All Souls? Following an initial info session in April (recording available), we are hosting four 'Welcome' sessions this summer for conversation and food, reviewing the basics of what Christians believe about God's Kingdom, salvation, and the church (**dates: June 3, 24; July 22; Aug 26**). Participation is a required next step toward membership; please RSVP and send any questions to info@.



Calling Volunteers: As we find new, sustainable rhythms of life in this next season, we are seeking to grow our teams of volunteers, each who help to make Sunday gatherings possible. We invite you to join us!
To learn more and serve our community through volunteering, use QR code.

Summer break: Sunday school classes for kids (5th grade and younger) resume in the fall.

Group Life



Grace Groups: Living by God's grace is a paradigm shift for all of us and as a big shift, it involves study, practice, community, and the work of the Holy Spirit within each of us. All Grace Groups will this common thread: learning to live by grace in a wide variety of life. *Coming up:*

- **Summer Bible Study for Women:** Join for a 5-week study of the book of Joshua. Meetings are on Tuesdays at 8p at Charlotte Aljets' house. Contact Katie Brown for more info (katiebrownvo@gmail.com).
- **More than a Mom** has been postponed. Stay tuned for rescheduled dates from Suzanne Case (suzanne@).
- **Racial Justice:** join us in exploring the Center for Formation, Justice, and Peace (centerfjp.org)



Home Groups: In a world that pushes us toward isolation, we need community— a place where we're known, loved, and belong. We need local 'family'— siblings in Jesus we can lean on, learn with and from, care for, and celebrate growth alongside. Home Groups, designed to invite us into this relational space, are a vital part of our shared life and growth in Christ— places of care and community where we discover and live the Christian life together. Home Groups are one of the main ways we learn to receive and extend the hospitality of Christ in our neighborhoods. **We are seeking to add Home Group hosts and leaders this Fall. Contact R.J. (rj@)**

Youth Group

Weekly student gatherings will resume in October. **Upcoming: High School fire pit and s'mores at Carrie's. August 11 8p. Incoming and current high school students welcome. Bring a friend!** Email suzanne@ for address.

Parents: follow us on Instagram @allsoulsyouth_parents

All Souls KIDS!

What's something you
HEARD during worship today?

A GUIDE FOR
EXPLORING
WHO GOD
IS TO US!

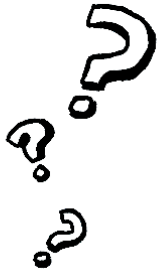
Did you hear any
words that were
NEW to you?



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, 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 (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

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.

June Giving Goal: \$50k **June Giving Actual:** \$53k **YTD Goal:** \$500k **YTD Actual:** \$559k

Online giving:



All Souls

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Rev. R.J. March
Rev. Andy Pelander

VESTRY

Charlotte Aljets
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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