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# Welcome.

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

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

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

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*

If you were a hundred times worse than you are, your sins would be no match for his mercy.

Tim Keller

# Order of Worship

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST / 1 SEPTEMBER 2019



*Please silence all devices for  
the duration of worship*

**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.

## welcome

*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 scripture, celebrate Communion, and to simply be together. We're glad you're here, and as you're getting settled we invite you to sit toward the aisle, allowing access for others along the edges. Thank you.*

## standing

### call to worship

*from Psalm 134*

Come and bless the Lord (3x)  
All you servants of God

Lift up your hands  
to the holy place

Lift up your hands  
and bless his name

Psalm 71:1-3

In you, O Lord, do I take refuge;  
let me never be put to shame!  
In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me;

**incline your ear to me, and save me!**

**Be to me a rock of refuge,  
to which I may continually come;**

you have given the command to save me,  
for you are my rock and my fortress.

### invocation

Psalm 9:1-2

*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.*

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart;  
I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.  
I will be glad and exult in you;  
I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

words: Henry Van Dyke  
music: Ludwig van Beethoven;  
arr. Evan Wilson

## hymns

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee  
God of glory, Lord of love  
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee  
Opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness  
Drive the dark of doubt away  
Giver of immortal gladness  
Fill us with the light of day

All Thy works with joy surround Thee  
Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays  
Stars and angels sing around Thee  
Center of unbroken praise  
Field and forest, vale and mountain  
Flowery meadow, flashing sea  
Chanting bird and flowing fountain  
Call us to rejoice in Thee

## Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Mortals, join the mighty chorus  
Which the morning stars began  
Father love is reigning o'er us  
Brother love binds man to man  
Ever singing, march we onward  
Victors in the midst of strife  
Joyful music leads us sunward  
In the triumph song of life

Thou art giving and forgiving  
Ever blessing, ever blest  
Wellspring of the joy of living  
Ocean depth of happy rest  
Thou our father, Christ our brother  
All who live in love are Thine  
Teach us how to love each other  
Lift us to the joy divine

words: Folliot S. Pierpoint  
music: Conrad Kocher, adapt.  
William Henry Monk

*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.*

For the beauty of the earth,  
For the glory of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth  
Over and around us lies

*chorus:*

Lord of all to Thee we raise  
This our hymn of grateful praise

For the wonder of each hour,  
Of the day and of the night,  
Hill and vale, and tree and flower,  
Sun and moon, and stars of light

*chorus*

## For the Beauty of the Earth

For the joy of human love,  
Brother, sister, parent, child,  
Friends on earth and friends above,  
For all gentle thoughts and mild

*chorus*

For the church, that evermore  
Lifteth holy hands above,  
Offering up on every shore  
Her pure sacrifice of love

*chorus*

## reading + interlude

Isaiah 58:9b-12

If you take away the yoke from your midst,  
the pointing of the finger, and speaking wickedness,  
10 if you pour yourself out for the hungry  
and satisfy the desire of the afflicted,  
then shall your light rise in the darkness  
and your gloom be as the noonday.  
11 And the Lord will guide you continually  
and satisfy your desire in scorched places  
and make your bones strong;  
and you shall be like a watered garden,  
like a spring of water,  
whose waters do not fail.  
12 And your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;  
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;  
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,  
the restorer of streets to dwell in.

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

*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.*

## call to confession

*from Psalm 51:1, 3-4, 7-8, 12*

*Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your steadfast love;  
For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is ever before me.  
Against you, you only, have I sinned  
and done what is evil in your sight,  
so that you may be justified in your words  
and blameless in your judgment.*

*Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.  
Let me hear joy and gladness;  
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and uphold me with a willing spirit.*

## seated

*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.*

## prayer of confession

Most merciful God,  
**I confess that I have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,  
by what I have done, and by what I have left undone.  
I have not loved you with my whole self or my neighbors as myself.  
I ask that you would lead me to a place of humble repentance.  
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on me and forgive;  
that I may delight in— and walk in— your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

*You are invited to acknowledge these things silently before God who hears you, and to draw hope from this promise: "Then I acknowledged my sin to you... and you forgave." (Psa 32:5).*

*Sin is a word that basically means to insert oneself into space only God should occupy. Martin Luther famously described sin as "curving in on oneself," which causes a relational breach not only with the people we harm, but also with God by not giving him the place he deserves in our lives, as our loving Creator and Savior.*

"Psalm 62"  
words + music:  
Evan Wilson, 2019

"My Soul is At Rest"  
words: Taize Community  
music: Jacques Berthier, 1991

## hymn

Psalm 62 (My Soul is at Rest)

*chorus:*

My soul is at rest in God alone  
My salvation comes from God

God, my rock and my salvation,  
My strong fortress standing sure  
Truly my soul finds rest in you  
My salvation comes from God

*chorus*

How long will your death and violence  
rise against the weak and poor?  
Their mouths bless, but in their hearts they  
curse and take delight in lies

Yes, my soul find rest in God for  
my hope comes from him alone  
God most high is my salvation  
he alone is my refuge

*chorus*

All the lowborn are a whisper  
and the highborn but a lie  
Weighed upon a balance, they are  
nothing, lighter than a breath

Do not trust oppression or place  
your vain hope in stolen goods  
Set not your heart upon riches  
God will be your great reward

*chorus*

One thing God has spoken, and two  
things have I heard from the Lord:  
Pow'r belongs to you, God, and with  
you, Lord, is unfailing love

Trust in him at all times, people  
pour out your hearts unto him  
God is our rock and salvation  
Truly God is our refuge

*chorus*

## receiving of grace

Mark 1:15; Colossians 1:13-14

Jesus began his ministry saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

God's grace abounds for us even in our weakness.

Let us remember the promise of the gospel: **In Christ, we are forgiven.**

## responding to grace

*from the General Thanksgiving*

Let us pray in response to what God has done for us.

Lord, **we thank you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.**

**Give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts, we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving ourselves to your service,  
and by walking before you in your ways, all our days. Amen.**

## prayers of the people

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

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

We pray to you, Lord, for you hear our voices 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, (2x) Abba Father**

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, (2x) Abba Father**

God our Rescuer, look upon your church in its struggle across the globe.  
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, (2x) Abba Father**

O Eternal God, bless this new school year.  
May the schools, colleges, and universities in Seattle be lively centers for sound learning,  
new discovery, and the pursuit of truth, beauty, and goodness.  
Give wisdom, endurance, and compassion to our school administrators and educators.  
Awaken wonder and curiosity in our students; may they delight and marvel at the world  
you have created. Grant that those who teach and those who learn may discover you  
to be the source of all truth.  
Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer  
**You hear us calling, (2x) Abba Father**

Loving God, we offer these prayers, joining the great chorus of those who 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. Amen.

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

## common rhythms + practices

*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*

*music:*

*Ben Kilgore, David Gungor,  
Evan Wickham, Ian Cron,  
John Arndt*

*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.*



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.

Ho-sa-nna is a word that means "save me!" but came to mean "salvation is here!"

word

grateful giving

James 1:17

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

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 gifts go toward ministry initiatives of All Souls and the relief of those in need.

If you are our guest today, please feel no obligation to give. Let us know you're here, as well as any questions, comments or prayer requests you may have, by placing your comment card in one of the offering bowls as they are passed. Read more about giving in worship on p.12.

table

The Lord's Supper, also called Communion or the Eucharist, is the family meal of Christians. As we celebrate together, prayer stations are set up on the window-side of the room, where community leaders are available to pray with or for you.

EXTEND PEACE

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

The peace of Christ be with you always! **And also with you.**

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 by singing:

Musical score for 'Ho-san-na in the high-est!' in G major, 4/4 time. The score consists of three staves of music with lyrics: Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord God of pow'r and might. Hea- of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est! Ble-s in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the hig

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.**

standing

hymn

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"

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:*  
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 (2x)

*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 (2x)  
*chorus (2x)*

benediction + sending

Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace. **Amen.**

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

**Thanks be to God!**

All Souls welcomes all who are trusting in Jesus Christ for salvation, understand the meaning of the Lord's Supper, and are in good standing with congregations that proclaim the gospel to receive Holy Communion with us.

Please note that we use wine for Communion; non-alcoholic grape juice is in the smaller of the two goblets. For those with wheat allergies, a gluten-free cracker is available in place of the bread (ingredients: water, organic brown and white rice flour).

**A word to parents:** Children are welcome at the communion table. To receive the Lord's Supper, a child must have been baptized and received as a communing member by the Session 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.

words: Louisa M. R. Stead  
music: William J. Kirkpatrick, arr. Page CXVI and David Wilton

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](mailto:info@allsoulsseattle.org) for details or directions to any of these gatherings, or visit [allsoulsseattle.org/events](http://allsoulsseattle.org/events).

## Gathering

### PINT NIGHT (FAMILY EDITION)

Monday, Sept 16, 5:30-8p / Beer Star in White Center

Join us for a pint and some friend-making. Anyone is welcome— especially those new to the All Souls community— so inviting friends and neighbors is easy. Bring your own food!

### HOME GROUP OPEN-HOUSE WEEK

Week of Sept 22; see p.11 for details

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 gather twice monthly throughout the week and neighborhood to share meals and spiritual conversation.

## Growing

### CARING FOR THE LAND WE LIVE ON

Discover new pockets of West Seattle's parks and riverfront, partnering with EarthCorps to beautify grounds and plant trees. EarthCorps, a local organization working on habitat restoration, provides gloves, tools, and instructions; no prior experience necessary. Events run from 10a-2pm; ages 6+ welcome to participate. Contact Kara Barrett to learn more and RSVP ([kara@allsoulsseattle.org](mailto:kara@allsoulsseattle.org))

dates:

Sept 7: Terminal 105, Duwamish River | Oct 19: Camp Long | Nov 9: Solstice Park

### CURIOUS ABOUT CHRISTIAN FAITH?

Do you wonder if God is real, or what his posture toward you might be? Do you wrestle with intellectual barriers to belief, or wonder how God could be good or loving amid so much pain in the world? Are you curious about how to connect with God— how to talk to him or listen to him? If yes, you're not alone— and a community leader would happily talk with you and/or hear your story. Contact Charlotte Aljets to get connected with a conversation partner ([charlotte@allsoulsseattle.org](mailto:charlotte@allsoulsseattle.org)).

### LEARN + SERVE

One of the marks of Christian maturity and growth is moving from being self-centered to others-centered. More curious about someone else's questions, experiences, hopes. Toward that end, we are trying something new as a community— this year, All Souls staff will curate events and experiences that help us to learn from and serve among our **Native American** and **First Nations neighbors**. How might we, together, discover who God is in fresh ways this year as we engage with the Native American experience in our city? Visit [allsoulsseattle.org/native](http://allsoulsseattle.org/native) for 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. To meet with a pastor or other leader confidentially, or for a counseling referral: [pastor@allsoulsseattle.org](mailto:pastor@allsoulsseattle.org)

## Bulletin Board

### BABYSITTING CO-OP

New members welcome! Join our community of All Souls families who help each other with childcare and gather monthly for playdates. Contact: Kat Libolt ([katlibolt@gmail.com](mailto:katlibolt@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.*

# 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 presence and role of kids and students 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 with childcare providers 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 with classroom teachers when you drop-off and pick-up.
- ▶ **1st, 2nd/3rd Grades, and 4th/5th Grades:** 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. 1st grade students are dismissed by their teachers to rejoin their families after worship. 2nd-5th grade students are brought up by teachers to rejoin 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!

We are excited about the opportunity for youth to be together consistently, and grow spiritually through a gospel-focused, relational, service-oriented ministry. Our hope is that students will feel welcomed and enjoyed by each other and leaders, and ultimately by our Savior, Jesus.

- ▶ **Youth Group:** Starting Sept 29, students meet weekly on **Sundays, 5-7p** to share a meal, play, and enjoy small group discussion on spiritually formative topics. Hosted at the home of Suzanne and Jeff Case in Arbor Heights; contact [suzanne@allsoulsseattle.org](mailto:suzanne@allsoulsseattle.org) for directions.
- ▶ **Sunday mornings:** Students are invited to gather weekly to connect and to meet leaders before worship. They are invited also to serve in various capacities during worship, or to remain with family, friends, or youth leaders during the service.

## UPCOMING:

**Youth and families potluck** | Sunday, Sept. 22 | Lincoln Park Waterfront, shelter 4 | 4:30pm  
Bring a dish to share as we gather to connect and to hear vision and ministry plans from youth staff and leaders. Contact Suzanne for directions or more info.

Additionally, **Young Life** has many opportunities for youth to connect, and to explore the gospel. To learn more, ask one of our student ministries staff or visit [westseattle.younglife.org](http://westseattle.younglife.org).

*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.*

## SAFETY NOTE:

In the unlikely event of an emergency or evacuation, all children will be escorted immediately from their classrooms to the south entrance parking lot. Parents can exit onto the terrace through the doors on the right side of the stage and meet their kids in the parking lot.

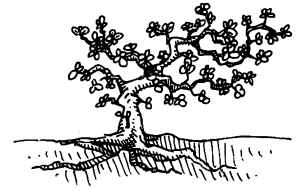
## Parents:

*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)

# 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: Shannon (shannon@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. Thank you!
- ▶ **All Souls Kids** - Modeling and sharing the gospel to/with children is one of the more impactful ways one can serve. There are consistent needs in classrooms serving ages 2 through 5th grade, and your help is needed! The commitment is only one Sunday a month, and training and materials are provided— no experience necessary! Contact: Suzanne Case (suzanne@).

## 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:*

### ▶ **Serve + Partner with our neighborhood Department of Children, Youth, and Families office**

All Souls is actively building a relationship with the Washington State DCYF 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, DCYF staff appreciations, etc). Please opt-in via email for regular updates with needs as they arise (contact: nancyspiro@gmail.com).

### ▶ **YoungLives**

YoungLives, the ministry of Young Life to teenage moms, invests in life-on-life mentoring with teen moms 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. There are a variety of ways to serve and many levels of commitment are welcome! If you have questions about this ministry, or are interested in hearing more about partnering with YoungLives, contact Rachel Pelander ([rachelpelander@gmail.com](mailto:rachelpelander@gmail.com)).

- Help with providing dinners for the YL Monday night gatherings for moms, little ones, and mentors
- Financial partnership to support this new and growing ministry in our neighborhood
- Donations needed: toddler safety equipment (baby gates, outlet plugs, cabinet locks) and diapers

# Home Groups

In a world that pushes us toward isolation, we need community— a place where we're known and loved, and can grow.

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.

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.

Home Groups meet at least twice a month, and vary slightly in structure from group to group, based on group dynamics/ composition. Generally, groups meet to discuss scripture, share stories, pray, plan service projects/relationships, and share meals. All are encouraged to prioritize Home Groups. They can be joined by anyone at anytime, and aim to accommodate a variety of schedules, including those of families and commuters.

Groups meet regularly through the academic year, shifting to a more informal, intermittent schedule during summer months. To learn more about a group and how to jump in year-round please contact R.J. March, or a group host(s) directly.

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

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*Stay tuned as autumn through Advent group details are confirmed, thanks.*

# Giving as part of worship

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'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 a 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
- Visit [allsoulsseattle.org/give](http://allsoulsseattle.org/give)
- For any assistance or questions about:  
Giving on a recurring basis via EFT (electronic fund transfer), stock donation, or non-cash contribution options (e.g. property or vehicle donation) please contact [bookkeeper@allsoulsseattle.org](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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11 Now if perfection had been attainable through the Levitical priesthood (for under it the people received the law), what further need would there have been for another priest to arise after the order of Melchizedek, rather than one named after the order of Aaron? 12 For when there is a change in the priesthood, there is necessarily a change in the law as well. 13 For the one of whom these things are spoken belonged to another tribe, from which no one has ever served at the altar. 14 For it is evident that our Lord was descended from Judah, and in connection with that tribe Moses said nothing about priests.

15 This becomes even more evident when another priest arises in the likeness of Melchizedek, 16 who has become a priest, not on the basis of a legal requirement concerning bodily descent, but by the power of an indestructible life. 17 For it is witnessed of him,

“You are a priest forever,  
after the order of Melchizedek.”

18 For on the one hand, a former commandment is set aside because of its weakness and uselessness 19 (for the law made nothing perfect); but on the other hand, a better hope is introduced, through which we draw near to God.

20 And it was not without an oath. For those who formerly became priests were made such without an oath, 21 but this one was made a priest with an oath by the one who said to him:

“The Lord has sworn  
and will not change his mind,  
‘You are a priest forever.’”

22 This makes Jesus the guarantor of a better covenant.

23 The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office, 24 but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. 25 Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost[a] those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

Hebrews 7:11-25