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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*

In the garden of our Savior,  
no flower grows unseen;  
His kindness rains like water  
on every humble seed.

No simple act of mercy escapes His watchful eye—  
for there is One who loves me:  
His hand is over mine.

"Little Things with Great Love"  
Work Songs: The Porter's Gate Worship Project Vol 1

# Order of Worship

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST / 8 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 100*

Shout for joy to the Lord  
All the earth, all the earth  
Come before him with your songs  
Songs of joy, songs of joy

For the Lord is good  
And his love endures forevermore  
the Lord is good  
And his love endures

Psalm 139:13-18

You formed my inward parts;  
you knitted me together in my mother's womb.

**I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.**

Wonderful are your works;  
my soul knows it very well.

My frame was not hidden from you,  
when I was being made in secret,  
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

**Your eyes saw my unformed substance;  
in your book were written, every one of them,  
the days that were formed for me,**  
when as yet there was none of them.

## invocation

Psalm 73:26

*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.*

My flesh and my heart may fail,  
but God is the strength of my heart  
and my portion forever.

words: Stuart K. Hine  
music: trad. Swedish melody

## hymns

## How Great Thou Art

Then sings my soul to my Savior God  
To thee we sing, "how great thou art" (2x)

O Lord my God,  
when I in awesome wonder,  
Consider all the works thy hands have made;  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

*chorus:*

Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, How great Thou art.  
Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!

And when I think, that God,  
His Son not sparing;  
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;  
That on the Cross, my burden  
gladly bearing,  
He bled and died to take away my sin.

*chorus*

When Christ shall come,  
with shout of acclamation,  
And heal the world,  
what joy shall fill my heart.  
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration,  
And there proclaim:  
"My God, how great Thou art!"

*chorus*

## Fairest Lord Jesus

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature,  
O Thou of God and man the Son,  
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,  
Thou, my soul's glory, joy and crown.

Fair are the meadows,  
fairer still the woodlands,  
Robed in the blooming garb of spring;  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,  
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine,  
Fairer still the moonlight,  
And all the twinkling starry host;  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer  
Than all the angels heaven can boast.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations!  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,  
Now and forever more be Thine.

words: anonymous  
music: Silesian folk song,  
Leipzig 1842

*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.*

## reading + interlude

Luke 14:25-33

25 Now great crowds accompanied him, and he turned and said to them, 26 “If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. 27 Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. 28 For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? 29 Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, 30 saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish.’ 31 Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? 32 And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. 33 So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.

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

Jeremiah 18:1-6

*The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: “Arise, and go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words.” So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. And the vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as it seemed good to the potter to do.*

*Then the word of the Lord came to me: “O house of Israel, can I not do with you as this potter has done? declares the Lord. Behold, like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand.*

*seated*

## prayer of confession

Lord, you come to us, but we do not recognize you; you call, but we do not follow; you command, but we do not obey, you bless us, but we do not thank you.

**Please forgive and help us.**

Lord, you accept us, but we do not accept others; you forgive us, but we do not forgive; you love us even as we estrange ourselves from you, but we do not love our neighbors.

**Please forgive and help us.**

Lord, you showed us how to carry out your mission, but we still insist on our own; you identified yourself with outcasts, the needy, and the poor, but we do not bother to find out what is happening to people hurting in our midst; you suffered and died for the sake of all, but we do not give up our comfort.

**Please forgive and help us.**

*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).*

*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.*

*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.*

words: Henry Lyte,  
Justin Smith

music: Justin Smith

## 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.

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 1 Timothy 1:15; 1 Peter 2:24*

Hear the good news:  
This saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance,  
    that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.  
He himself bore our sins  
    in his body on the cross,  
    that we might be dead to sin,  
    and alive to all that is good.  
I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**Lord, we thank you for your mercy. Amen.**

## 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.**

# the Lord's prayer

from Matthew 6:5-14

## standing

Let us pray as the Lord Jesus taught us:

### **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name.**

*Prayers of praise may now be offered— the God of all time and all things, the one true and living God loves you. Communion with Him, as with the perfect Father, is possible in Christ.*

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

*Prayers for justice, mercy, and love in our community and world may now be offered to God.*

### **Give us this day our daily bread.**

*Prayers of our personal provision and contentment may now be offered.*

### **Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.**

*Prayers for grace to forgive and love those that have harmed us may now be offered.*

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

*Prayers to be steadfast in our hope in God in the midst of evil may now be offered.*

### **For thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory, now and forever. Amen.**

*The Lord's Prayer, sometimes called "The Our Father," comes from an interaction Jesus had with his disciples. They asked Jesus, "Teach us to pray" and Jesus answers them with this prayer. When we pray like this, we learn how to talk to God from Jesus Himself, who is God and is in intimate communion with the Father and the Spirit.*

*If you are wondering how to pray, the Lord's prayer offers a great pattern for your prayers.*

words: Henry Tweeny

music: Audrey Assad

# hymn

## O Spirit of the Living God

O Spirit of the living God, thou light and fire divine  
Descend upon thy church once more and make it truly thine  
Fill it with love and joy and power, with righteousness and peace  
Till Christ shall dwell in human hearts, and sin and sorrow cease

Blow, wind of God, with wisdom blow, until our minds are free  
From mists of error, clouds of doubt, which blind our eyes to thee  
Burn, winged fire, inspire our lips with flaming love and zeal  
To preach to all Thy great good news, God's glorious commonweal

So shall we know the power of Christ, who came this world to save  
So shall we rise with him to life which soars beyond the grave  
And earth shall win true holiness which makes thy children whole  
Till, perfected by thee, we reach creation's glorious goal

*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.*

## common rhythms + practices



*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:

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

We Will Feast in the House of Zion

We will not be burned by the fire  
He is the LORD our God  
We are not consumed, by the flood  
Upheld, protected, gathered up

In the dark of night, before the dawn  
My soul, be not afraid  
For the promised morning, oh how long?  
O God of Jacob, be my strength

*chorus:*

*chorus*

We will feast in the house of Zion  
We will sing with our hearts restored  
He has done great things, we will say together  
We will feast and weep no more

Every vow we've broken and betrayed  
You are the Faithful one  
And from the garden to the grave  
Bind us together, bring shalom.

*chorus*

benediction + sending

Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. **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 and music:*  
*Sandra McCracken*  
*Joshua Moore*

*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.

### **NEWCOMERS' LUNCH ON THE PATIO**

Sunday, Sept 22, 11:45-1p / Madison Middle School / [rsvp@allsoulsseattle.org](mailto:rsvp@allsoulsseattle.org)

New around here? Want to connect with others who are also getting to know the All Souls community this fall? Join us for an informal gathering and lunch following worship; kids welcome.

### **FALL MEN'S WEEKEND**

Fri-Sun, Sept 27-29 / Monroe, WA

Fellas, join us for a couple nights away on a large mountain property to connect, pray, listen, play, and rest. See Joseph Buckley or Peter Barrett for details ([joseph@bkly.org](mailto:joseph@bkly.org), [pbarrett@gmail.com](mailto:pbarrett@gmail.com)).

## Growing

### **CURIOS 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.

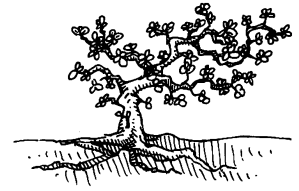
## Parents:

*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).

- 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.

neighborhood	host(s)	day/time	notes
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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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1 Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus,  
To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are at Philippi,  
with the overseers and deacons:

2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ.

3 I thank my God in all my remembrance of you,  
4 always in every prayer of mine for you all making my  
prayer with joy, 5 because of your partnership in the  
gospel from the first day until now. 6 And I am sure of  
this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it  
to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. 7 It is right for  
me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in  
my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace,  
both in my imprisonment and in the defense and  
confirmation of the gospel. 8 For God is my witness,  
how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ  
Jesus. 9 And it is my prayer that your love may abound  
more and more, with knowledge and all discernment,  
10 so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be  
pure and blameless for the day of Christ, 11 filled with  
the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus  
Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

Philippians 1:1-11