



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.*



All Souls

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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Everything we do is a mess
but oh, honey, may this mess be blessed

Kevin Morby
Nothing Sacred / All Things Wild

Order of Worship

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST / 13 OCTOBER 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

based on Psalm 27

The Lord is my light and my salvation—
Whom shall I fear? (2x)

The Lord is the stronghold of my life—
of whom shall I be afraid?

one thing I ask
one thing I seek
to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord
wait for the Lord (2x)
Oh, be strong and take heart

from Psalm 66:1-3, 5

Shout for joy to God, all the earth;
sing the glory of his name;
give to him glorious praise!
Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!"

Come and see what God has done

invocation

from Psalm 103:8

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

*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: Joachim Neander
music: traditional melody

hymns

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,
the King of creation!
O, my soul, praise Him,
For He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear,
Now to His temple draw near;
Praise Him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord! Who hath fearfully,
wondrously, made thee.
Granted thee health and, when heedlessly
falling, hath stayed thee;
What need or grief,
ever hath failed of relief?
Wings of His mercy did shade thee.

chorus:

Praise Him, Praise Him
Praise Him (2x)

Praise to the Lord, Who, when tempests
their warfare are waging.
Who, when the elements madly around
thee are raging.
Biddeth them cease,
Turneth their fury to peace,
Whirlwinds and waters assuaging.

chorus

Praise to the Lord!
O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath,
Come now with praises before Him.
Let the Amen sound from his people again;
Gladly forever adore him.

Praise him, praise him

words and music by
Charles Wesley

How Firm a Foundation

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

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

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

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

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

*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.*

1 After this, Jesus traveled about from one town and village to another, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom of God. The Twelve were with him, 2 and also some women who had been cured of evil spirits and diseases: Mary (called Magdalene) from whom seven demons had come out; 3 Joanna the wife of Chuza, the manager of Herod's household; Susanna; and many others. These women were helping to support them out of their own means.

4 While a large crowd was gathering and people were coming to Jesus from town after town, he told this parable: 5 "A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path; it was trampled on, and the birds ate it up. 6 Some fell on rocky ground, and when it came up, the plants withered because they had no moisture. 7 Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up with it and choked the plants. 8 Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up and yielded a crop, a hundred times more than was sown." When he said this, he called out, "Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear."

9 His disciples asked him what this parable meant. 10 He said, "The knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of God has been given to you, but to others I speak in parables, so that, "though seeing, they may not see;

though hearing, they may not understand.'

11 "This is the meaning of the parable: The seed is the word of God. 12 Those along the path are the ones who hear, and then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. 13 Those on the rocky ground are the ones who receive the word with joy when they hear it, but they have no root. They believe for a while, but in the time of testing they fall away. 14 The seed that fell among thorns stands for those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by life's worries, riches and pleasures, and they do not mature. 15 But the seed on good soil stands for those with a noble and good heart, who hear the word, retain it, and by persevering produce a crop.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

prayer of confession

For the times we have lied to one another, and the times we have been lied to,
heal us, Jesus, Savior of the world.

For the times we have laughed at another's pain and the times we have been laughed at,
heal us, Jesus, Savior of the world.

For the times we have spoken when we should have remained silent,
and the times we have remained silent when we should have spoken,
heal us, Jesus, Savior of the world.

For the times we have not respected another's freedom to be different from us,
heal us, Jesus, Savior of the world.

For the times we have betrayed a friend, and the times we have been betrayed,
heal us, Jesus, Savior of the world.

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).

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.

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.

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: early Eastern liturgy,
arr. Evan Wilson

music: EBENEZER,
Thomas John Williams (1890)

*"Kyrie eleison" is a
Greek phrase meaning
"Lord, have mercy."
It is one of the Church's
oldest prayers.*

hymn

Kyrie Eleison

Lord, have mercy
Christ have mercy
Lord, have mercy on me (2x)
Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison
Christ have mercy on me

Lord, have mercy
Christ, have mercy
Christ, have mercy on me

receiving of grace

Hebrews 10:10

We have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

*This is God's gospel promise: to forgive our sins and give us eternal life by grace alone,
because of Christ's one sacrifice, finished on the cross.*

May the peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you!

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.**

community storytelling

Today we celebrate nine years of weekly public worship!

Each year, this gives us— as a whole community— a moment to remember, give thanks, and smile at the Lord's kindness and provision. Together, in this place, we have continually and graciously been invited to be more deeply anchored in His promises.

What began as a handful of us in a living room, praying about what a church with a strong sense of 'place' could look like, God has fanned into a thriving, growing family where his grace is encountered. He's building a church among us that is gracious, hospitable, and present in our neighborhood.

Since the fall of 2010, Jesus has done remarkable things among us, transforming hearts with his love, and changing lives through the relationships he's cultivated here. Conversations are happening in our neighborhood that might not have otherwise, marginalized communities are being served, and a hunger for holiness and the things of the Lord is being stirred.

This morning, we're telling a few stories of change, new-found hope, and faith both new and reignited. We hope you'll be encouraged as you listen.

hymn

Trinity Song

standing

Holy Father, Son, and Spirit

Holy Communion, Three in One

Come with your peace, with your invitation

Bind us together in holy love

words and music:

Sandra McCracken

common rhythms + practices

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.

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.

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

word

Rev. Andy Pelander

grateful giving

Matthew 10:8

Freely you have received; freely give.

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

The Solid Rock

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

chorus:

On Christ, the solid Rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand, (2x)

When Darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil.

chorus

His oath, His covenant, His blood
Support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay.

chorus

When He shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in Him be found,
Dressed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne.

chorus

benediction + sending

2 Corinthians 13:13

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with all of you.

And also with you.

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: Edward Mote

music: William Bradbury

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).

Connect with us via email!

The primary channel for church-wide communication at All Souls is email— periodic notes (2-4 monthly) with event and opportunity reminders and important updates, plus letters from our staff and leadership.

Send an email (right now!) to info@allsoulsseattle.org to be added, or to update your address on file, thank you.

Also, to see the full community calendar, visit allsoulsseattle.org/events.

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.

Gathering

ALL CHURCH MEETING - TODAY

Sunday, Oct 13, following worship

All are encouraged (members expected) to stick around following the service for an all-church meeting. We will receive a budget overview for fiscal 2019-20, discuss community-wide plans for the fall, and hear about neighborhood service opportunities. Childcare (including a snack) for 6 & under.

JOIN A HOME GROUP THIS FALL

Now meeting every other week; 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.

YOUTH GROUP - NOW WEEKLY!

Middle and high school 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 for directions. Pick up a fall calendar on the book table to read about all of the planned youth events.

LIFE TOGETHER: EXPLORING MEMBERSHIP

Sunday, Oct 20, 12:30-4p / All Souls Loft / rsvp@allsoulsseattle.org

How do we as a faith community understand our shared life with God in our neighborhood? Join us for a directed conversation about our essential theology and spiritual hopes. Those curious about membership are especially encouraged to participate. Lunch provided; childcare available.

save the date

LIVING HERE: A CHURCH FAMILY DINNER TABLE CONVERSATION

Sunday, Nov 17, 5-8p / Youngstown Cultural Arts Center

Gather around the table with your All Souls family for a conversation about **enjoying and extending God's presence in the neighborhoods we call home**. Sixth grade and up welcome to participate; limited childcare available. For more information or to RSVP: rsvp@allsoulsseattle.org

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).

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 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

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:** 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@allsoulssseattle.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. *October 27th Pray and Play in the Madison Gym 10:00am*

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.

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 field behind the building. Parents should exit onto the terrace through the doors on the right side of the stage and meet children on the field to sign out their kids with teachers.

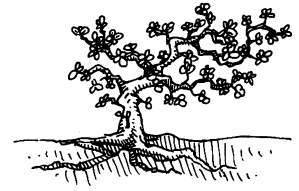
Parents:

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:
allsoulssseattle.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:

▶ Caring For the Land We Live On

Next: Oct 19 at Camp Long | Nov 9 at Solstice Park

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 RSVP (kara@allsoulsseattle.org).

▶ 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 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! To learn more, contact Alyssa Reeve (alyssa@allsoulsseattle.org).

- Provide dinners for the YL Monday night gatherings for moms, little ones, and mentors (HG or GG service opportunity!)
- Financial partnership to support this new and growing ministry in our neighborhood
- Donations needed: NEW convertible carseats, Ikea stackable high chairs, diapers (sizes 4-6), and wipes

Smaller Groups in Community

GROWTH GROUPS

To grow spiritually, each of us needs consistent time praying and listening with God and others. Growth Groups gather weekly for gender-specific deeper spiritual exploration and prayer, and are a more intentional and intimate place to focus on life with God. Also, as those who've participated will attest, these groups foster a unique depth of relationship with others. There are groups that are ongoing and some that are still forming, with a variety of meeting times and locations. To learn more and connect, contact Shannon Smith (shannon@allsoulsseattle.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.

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.

Generally, groups meet to discuss scripture, share stories, pray, plan service projects/relationships, and share meals.

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 | Contact | Time |
|---------------|---|---|
| ADMIRAL | Andy Lewis + Ruth Rogers Lewis ruthrogerslewis@comcast.net | Wed / 7 - 8:30p |
| ALASKA | Peter + Kara Barrett kara@allsoulsseattle.org | Sun / 5 - 6:30p <i>includes a meal and childcare</i> |
| ARBOR HEIGHTS | Jeff + Suzanne Case suzannecase3@gmail.com | Tues / 6 - 7:30p <i>includes a meal</i> |
| | Matt + Nancy Spiro Nicholas + Alyssa Incorvaia nancyspiro@gmail.com | Tues / 6 - 7:30p <i>includes a meal</i> |
| COLUMBIA CITY | Daniel + Shiyun Chen danielandshiyun@gmail.com | Sun / 5 - 6:30p <i>includes a meal</i> |
| GENESEE | Joseph + Sydney Buckley joseph@bkly.org | Sat / 10 - 11:30a <i>includes brunch</i> |
| | Matt + Amy Huey amy_c_huey@yahoo.com | Mon / 6:30 - 8p |
| HIGHLAND PARK | Nate + Lori Bailey hi.loribailey@gmail.com | Thurs / 7 - 8:30p <i>includes a meal</i> |
| | R.J. + Carolyn March rj@allsoulsseattle.org | Sun / 5 - 6:30p <i>includes a meal and childcare</i> |

group information can also be found at allsoulsseattle.org/connect

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
- 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.

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3 For we are the circumcision, who worship by the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh— 4 though I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh also. If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: 5 circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; 6 as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. 7 But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. 8 Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ 9 and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith—

Philippians 3:3-9