

Welcome

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

It is both heart-breaking and heart-mending.

All Souls is a space to begin, or begin again, from anywhere. **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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you don't think your way into a new kind of living.
you live your way into a new kind of thinking.

Henri Nouwen

Order of Worship

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER / APRIL 28 2024



Our community gathers on Sundays to enter the presence of the Lord and offer him praise, as he graciously invites us to do. We come to sing, pray, encounter God’s Word, celebrate Communion, and simply to be together. This is a space to begin, or begin again, from anywhere.

Call to Worship

based on Romans 8:31

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 and music Paul Zach (2024)

chorus
Nothing can separate us from your love x2
Oh nothing can separate us from your love
Oh nothing can separate us nothing

Neither doubts nor fears
Of the present or past
Nothing nothing / *chorus*

Neither life nor death
Nor the powers that be
Neither height nor depth
Nor the pain within me

Neither guilt nor shame
Nor the rage in our souls
Neither pride nor hate
Nor the lies that we hold
Neither wounds nor scars
Nor the shadow they cast
Nothing nothing / *chorus*

STANDING

Psalm 66:1-8

Shout for joy to God, all the earth!

**Sing the glory of his name;
make his praise glorious.**

Say to God, “How awesome are your
deeds!

So great is your power
that your enemies cringe before you.

**All the earth bows down to you;
they sing praise to you,
they sing the praises of your name.”**

Come and see what God has done,
his awesome deeds for mankind!

He turned the sea into dry land,
they passed through the waters on foot—
come, let us rejoice in him.

He rules forever by his power,
his eyes watch the nations—
let not the rebellious rise up against him.

**Praise our God, all peoples,
let the sound of his praise be heard.**

Bold text is read together by the congregation. Plain text is read by the leader. Responsive readings remind us that during corporate worship God speaks to his people and we respond together as a community.

If you, or someone with you this afternoon, has special needs we do not want to miss an opportunity to serve you.

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

Easter Acclamation

Alleluia! He is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

With Every Power Wide Awake

words and music John Van Deusen (2017)

When I stop and look on you
And meditate upon your ways
Seeing how your blood it covers me
With never ceasing grace

Oh I am filled with peace and hope
Yeah I'm confident in what you've done
Knowing in my heart of hearts
That this victory 'tis won

chorus Oh Jesus is alive
His reign will never end
Oh hallelujah to my God my friend *repeat*

I was but a slave to sin
Shackled to my own desire
Still you showered me
With perfect love
And cleansing holy fire

Still I often turn away
Yeah I sink beneath the tempting tide
But your hand is quick to pull me out
And hold me to your side / *chorus*

No Limit to Your Love

words and music John van Deusen (2019)

I will turn to You when night is falling
When my sin is calling
When I can't see straight
And the smoke's in my eyes
I will wait for You when the future's blurry
Amidst the rush and hurry
When the pain is real
And the questions burn

chorus
'Cause there's no limit to Your love
No bottom to Your ocean
No top to Your mountain
No end to Your sky *repeat*
There's no limit to Your love

I will turn and walk in a new direction
Remove this infection
Yeah this need to own
And get what's mine
I ask for wisdom when I'm lost
Nail my motives to the cross
And find my peace
In the promises You've made
I will call on Your name Jesus
chorus

And I will bend the knee
Before Your throne
Worship You and You alone
I will cast away
These worthless chains
chorus

Confession

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hid:

Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.

BE SEATED

Confession happens within the context of relationship, both with God and each other. We confess together, in community, before a gracious God who has given us himself. Confession both acknowledges our need for mercy and celebrates its abundance in Christ.

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

Let's acknowledge our need for Jesus to do what we cannot: heal, forgive, and restore where we have harmed, hurt, and broken. After a brief silence we will sing our confession.

T.J. Williams / E. Wilson



Fine

Lord, ha - ve mer - cy. Christ, ha - ve mer - cy. Lord, ha - ve mer - cy on _____ me.

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D.C. al Fine

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, Chris - te e - lei - son, Christ, ha - ve mer - cy on _____ me.

Receiving of Grace

1 John 2:1-2

We serve a God of limitless power and might. Yet, in all of his power he looks on us with mercy, and draws us into his family, because of what Jesus Christ has done.

If anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the perfect offering for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world.

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

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

Blessing for Learning

All ASK classes PreK-7th meet today.

Lord, bless these children whom you love, as they discover in their own language who you are.

Give them a sense of being known and loved by you, and the freedom to come fully as themselves.

Bless our teachers, and be present in their every word and interaction.

Help us all to become learners. Beloved children, go in peace. Amen.

Please stand and sing as kids go out and we prepare to hear from God's Word.

Music: Psalm 1 by Poor Bishop Hooper (2020)

Oh the joy, the joy, the joy of those who delight in the law of the Lord.

Oh the joy, the joy, the joy of those who meditate day and night in the law of the Lord.

Let all my delight be only in your sweet and right instruction. (X2)

the Reading

It has been the practice of the church for thousands of years to have portions of the Bible read during worship. We do this because we are people who need to be shaped by all of God's Word.

Acts 8:26-40

26 Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Go south to the road—the desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." 27 So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of the Kandake (which means "queen of the Ethiopians"). This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, 28 and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the Book of Isaiah the prophet. 29 The Spirit told Philip, "Go to that chariot and stay near it."

30 Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. "Do you understand what you are reading?" Philip asked.

31 "How can I," he said, "unless someone explains it to me?" So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.

32 This is the passage of Scripture the eunuch was reading:

"He was led like a sheep to the slaughter,
and as a lamb before its shearer is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.

33 In his humiliation he was deprived of justice.

Who can speak of his descendants?

For his life was taken from the earth."

34 The eunuch asked Philip, "Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?" 35 Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus.

36 As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water. What can stand in the way of my being baptized?" 38 And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him. 39 When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing. 40 Philip, however, appeared at Azotus and traveled about, preaching the gospel in all the towns until he reached Caesarea.

1 John 3:18-24

18 Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

19 This is how we know that we belong to the truth and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence: 20 If our hearts condemn us, we know that God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. 21 Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God 22 and receive from him anything we ask, because we keep his commands and do what pleases him. 23 And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us. 24 The one who keeps God's commands lives in him, and he in them. And this is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us.

Revelation 7:9

9 After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Just before the gospel reading, the church has traditionally sung a refrain of praise to celebrate God's desire to draw near to us, even becoming one of us taking on our humanity in Jesus Christ. The gospel book is carried as a symbol of Christ into the aisle and read in the midst of the people as a reminder that God draws near to us.

Music: "Celtic Alleluia" by Fintan O'Carroll and Christopher Walker.

John 14:15-21

15 "If you love me, keep my commands. 16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— 17 the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. 18 I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. 19 Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. 20 On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. 21 Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you Lord Christ.**

Homily

The Power of Familiarity

Rev. R.J. March

Musical Interlude

Musical interludes are included to provide space for reflection and worship.

Prayers of the People

from The Anglican Church of Kenya

We regularly pray for needs in our community, our city, and the world as an act of obedience and love, and to align our concerns with the Lord's. If you have children with you, please feel free to use this time to teach them to pray with us, as we ask God to honor our hope that we are becoming a vibrant expression of who God is— gracious, present, hospitable.

God the Father, creator of the universe and all that is there.

Have mercy on us.

God the Son, the Savior of the world.

Have mercy on us.

God the Holy Spirit the comforter of humanity.

Have mercy on us.

From all evil plotting against your Church.

O Lord deliver us.

From malice and hatred, from all forms of corruption and wordiness.

O Lord deliver us.

From disordered and sinful affections and from the deceits of the world.

O Lord deliver us.

Guide our President and other leaders of this country into ways of justice, peace and unity.

Hear us O Lord.

For political tolerance among people of different political persuasions, for greater respect for one another's opinions and convictions, for greater thirst after truth and justice for all.

Hear us O Lord.

Heal the sick and provide for those experiencing homelessness and hunger.

Hear us O Lord.

Help and comfort the lonely, the bereaved, the oppressed and the voiceless.

Help and comfort them.

Preserve and guard your creation against exploitation, misuse, or abuse.

Hear us O Lord.

Take a moment now to pray to God— silently or aloud.

The Lord's Prayer

from Matthew 6:9-13

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

Grateful Giving

Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.

Galatians 6:2



Let Us Be Known

words and music Matt Armstrong, Micah Massey, Nate Moore, Ryan Flanigan and Porter's Gate (2015)

Que la alegría sea nuestro motor
En cada lugar y corazón canta a el Señor
Que de nuestras vidas abundar en esperanza
Que la alegría sea nuestro motor

Por la gloria del Padre
Por la gloria de Jesus
Por la gloria del Espíritu
Qua la alegría ser a nuestro motor

Let us be known by our love
Let every word and every deed honor the son
Let our light shine in every eye
Let us be known by our love

For the glory of the Father
For the glory of the Son
For the glory of the Spirit
Let us be known by our love

Communion

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

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.

THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

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

INVITATION + THANKSGIVING

Lift up your hearts! **We lift them up to the Lord!**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, O Lord, Holy Father, almighty and everlasting God. We give thanks to you with those who have gone before us, and with brothers and sisters around the world, and along with the angels and all the company of heaven, we praise you with one voice:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lo - rd, God of pow
5 hea - ven and ear - th are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in
9 Bless - èd is he who comes in the name of
12 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in

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.

** Hosanna means "save me!" but with Jesus came to mean "salvation is here!"*

You Belong

words adapted from Psalm 87 and music Wendell Kimbrough (2023)

To the ones who were once
God's sworn enemies
From the West and the East
And the land beyond the seas
Oh come to the table
Where God spreads a feast
You belong you belong you belong with me

Even those who once
Sold my children as slaves
Who have done deeds so dark
They've been hardened by shame
Oh turn and believe
And receive your new name
You belong you belong You belong with me

chorus
So all you outcasts come
The City of God is your home
And the Lord will greet you rejoicing to sing
You belong you belong you belong with me

So turn to the ones
You have reason to hate
And lay down your weapons
Oh learn to be brave
Let's start with the words
Our Lord taught us to say
You belong you belong you belong with me

chorus
When the Lord comes shouting
I make all things new
Then the ones who were strangers
Will know what to do
We'll cry tears of joy
As we sing out the truth
We belong we belong we belong with you

chorus

God Most High, **We thank you for welcoming us, teaching us and feeding us. We deserve nothing from you but in your great mercy, you have given us everything in your Son Jesus Christ. We love you and give ourselves to you to be sent out for your work. Grant us your blessing, now and for ever. Amen.**

Eternal Light

words and music Paul Zach, Joshua Jay Miller and Kate Bluett (2021)

Eternal light shine in my heart
Shine in my heart and drive the dark away
Eternal hope lift up my eyes
Lift up my eyes to see your dawning day
Eternal light shine in my heart
Eternal hope lift up my eyes x2

Eternal peace quiet my soul
Quiet my soul like the waters flow
Eternal love stand by my side
Stand by my side and never let me go

Eternal peace quiet my soul
Eternal love never let go x2
You are the same
Yesterday today forever x3
You never change
You have no beginning
And you have no end

Eternal light shine in my heart
Shine in my heart
And drive the dark away

Benediction

from Matthew 28:20

Behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age. **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 and non-alcoholic grape juice for Communion. For those with wheat allergies, a gluten-free cracker is available in place of the bread (ingredients: cauliflower, brown rice flour, tapioca starch, coconut milk powder, pumpkin seeds, sunflower seeds, sesame seeds, mustard powder, sea salt, garlic powder, onion powder).

A word to parents:

Children are welcome at the communion table. To receive the Lord's Supper, a child must have been baptized and received as a communing member by the leadership of this church or the governing body of the church to which you belong. If you have any questions about how this process works, please speak with one of our pastors.

Scripture appears in the New Revised Standard Version (NRSV) or the New International Version (NIV) unless otherwise noted.

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

Announcements

Sign up for our Weekly Friday email:



Co-Work Friday: Last day of Co-Work is May 3rd. We will resume in the Fall. Share morning coffee and the day's work in community at the All Souls offices. Colleagues, friends, neighbors welcome. Drop by or stay starting from 8:15a. Please BYOLunch.

Pentecost Sunday Stories May 19: This year, we'll celebrate the Spirit's presence among us through stories and a reflection on the past year as a community. In a new annual tradition, we'll get to hear from one another in what God has been doing among us. If you have something you would like to share please reach out to R.J. (rj@allsoulsseattle.org).

Baptism Q&A Dinner: Join us **today** following worship for dinner and a time of questions and discussion about baptism to learn more about the sacrament of baptism at All Souls. All ages welcome.

Serve Together

Help feed unhoused neighbors. The shelter is closed for overnight stays for the season. Keith Hughes, the shelter's manager, would like to keep the shelter open as a warming station six days a week (Monday-Saturday) where folks can receive a warm breakfast and take a hot shower. To remain open, though, Keith needs the community's support.

Serving breakfast. Friday mornings volunteers are needed who can pop breakfast burritos in the oven and make sure breakfast is set out for clients. Breakfast is served from 8:15-9:15am.

Supervising morning operations. Friday mornings a morning supervisor is needed to open the building, make coffee, greet people, hand out towels and generally offer the ministry of presence from 7-10am.

Please contact kara@allsoulsseattle.org for more information or to sign up to participate.

Group Life

Home Groups —

In a world that pushes us toward isolation, we need community—a place where we're known, loved, and belong. Home Groups are one of the main ways we learn to enjoy and extend the hospitality of Christ in our neighborhoods. See page 9 or contact R.J. (rj@) to learn more.

Grace Groups

Grace Groups @Work

Join conversations that explore how to live more by God's grace @work. Make new connections and deepen connection with other All Souls people working in your field: for tech (contact Greg, greg@kroleski.com), for education (contact Tyler, tylerashby@gmail.com), to start a new group (contact R.J., rj@allsoulsseattle.org)

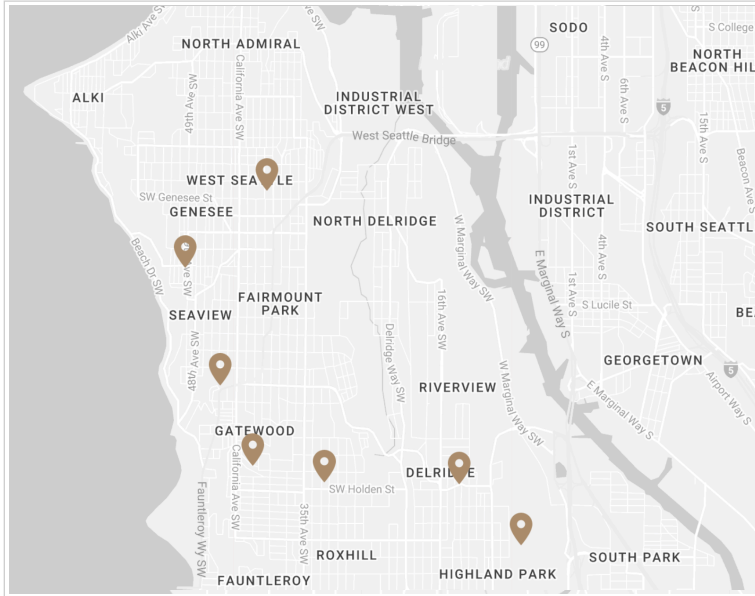
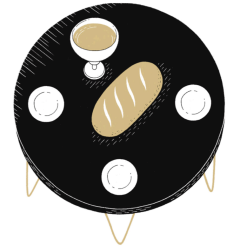
Youth Group

8th-12th grade- Youth group is from **6:30-8p at Trinity**. Dinner provided!

Upcoming: HS students are invited to prepare and serve dinner at New Horizons youth shelter, **May 6 6p**.

Home Group Map + Details

These are open groups anyone can join at any time, built to be a place to share—food, stories, hopes, and life.



ALASKA

Peter + Kara Barrett
Every other Sunday, 6-7:30p
 indoors, mixed group of adults, kids welcome, meal included

GATEWOOD - NORTH

Andrew + Jen Eckert and Steve + MaryAnn Simmons
Every other Thursday, 6-7:30p
 online, mixed group of adults, kids welcome, meal included

GATEWOOD - SOUTH

Luke + Terri Crook
Every other Sunday, 6-7:30p
 mixed group of adults, meal included

HIGHLAND PARK - EAST

Jeff + Suzanne Case
Every other Sunday, 6-7:30p
 indoors, mixed group of adults, kids welcome, meal included

HIGHLAND PARK - SOUTH

R.J. + Carolyn March
Every other Sunday, 10-11:30a
 mixed group of adults, kids welcome, meal included

SEAVIEW

Dustin + Kelley Long
Every other Tuesday, 6-7:30p
 mixed group of adults, kids + teens welcome, meal included

WESTWOOD

Thad + Lauren Williams and Erik + Nicole Bennett
Every other Wednesday, 6-7:30p
 mixed group of adults, kids welcome

To connect with one of these groups,
 visit: allsoulsseattle.org/connect



All Souls Kids + Youth on Sundays

Our ministry exists to help children in partnership with families to know Jesus, and experience his love.



Sunday School

Sunday school classes are offered during worship October through June. We currently have four classes: Lion Class (PreK-K), Deer Class (1st-2nd grade), Bear Class (3rd-5th) and Zebra Class (6th-7th).

Students will be signed in upon class arrival and signed out after dismissal back into worship.

First time here? Welcome! All Souls Kids staff and volunteers are here to greet you and answer any questions.

Kids will be dismissed from the service to their teachers prior to the scripture reading, and escorted to their classrooms. Teachers will bring students back to rejoin families just before the Lord's Supper.

Lion and Deer classes meet teachers at the back of the sanctuary. Bear and Zebra classes meet your teachers at the front of the sanctuary. Look for the clipboard with your class animal!

Nursery is provided for the entire worship service, ages 1-3. Parents: sign your little one in and out in the Giraffe (nursery) classroom. Nursing mothers are welcome to use the nursing mother's room as needed, located next to the sanctuary.

What happens in class

Classes begin with a greeting and lighting of the Christ Candle. Each student is invited to share a response to a question relating to the theme of the lesson.

Next, we dive into the story of the week, followed by discussion. Discussion questions point to God's character, His rescue plan for the world, and the unending hope and love available to us because of Jesus. After the discussion, students participate in a short activity like acting out the story or a simple craft.

We close with a modified version of Prayers of the People, when children are given an opportunity to pray for others and ask for prayer. Classes close the prayer time in the Lord's Prayer, together.

After the worship service, children are offered a lollipop as part of the benediction, or blessing. When we hand them the lollipop we say "Peace be with you". The response is "And also with you"

F.A.Q.

child protection policies >>



Can I join my child in class, if they need me?

Absolutely! Parents may accompany children to class for as long as needed.

Can my child stay in the service with me?

Yes! Children of all ages are welcome in the service at any time. Clipboards with paper and WikiSticks are available for busy hands.

What's the curriculum?

Our lessons follow the big story of the Bible using content from Dwell, the Jesus Storybook Bible, and pastor created content.

Is there an at-home connection?

Yes! Each week's scripture passage will be included in the all church email, the Friday prior to class, to give families a heads up about what your child will be learning. Families are encouraged to talk about the story at home by asking children to retell the story and something new they learned about God.

Giving as Part of Worship

All we have is given to us by God. Our offerings express this joyful dependence and our commitment to join God in his work of renewal. Whether we have much or little, God calls us to treasure and trust Him above all. So we are to give as generously as we are able, knowing that He who met our most dire need through Christ will continue to provide for every need we have. All giving goes toward ministry initiatives of All Souls and the relief of those in need.

While there are many ways to contribute financially to God's Kingdom, scripture says the Church is the primary means by which that kingdom is established on earth. So, God calls us first and foremost to be faithful in the regular, ongoing support of one's local church body through tithes and offerings. If you haven't made tithing a practice, please consider adopting this as a spiritual practice—that you might grow in faith.

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

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

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

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

There are a few ways, in addition to during worship, that you can contribute financially to All Souls:

- ▶ Mail a check, or set up automatic bill pay through your bank, payable to:

All Souls
PO Box 16613
Seattle, WA 98116

- ▶ Visit allsoulsseattle.org/give (ACH now available)



- ▶ For any assistance or questions about:

Giving on a recurring basis via EFT (electronic fund transfer), stock donation, or non-cash contribution options (e.g. property or vehicle donation) please contact bookkeeper@allsoulsseattle.org

The intentional financial participation of those who consider All Souls their church home is vital. If you are not already tithing regularly, please prayerfully consider doing so. If you have questions about tithing or biblical guidelines for giving, please ask. If you are our guest today, please feel no obligation to give.

We thank God for your partnership in this work, and invite you to ask him how you might best reflect his radical, sacrificial generosity with your own.

Fiscal Year 2023/24 began this October as we hope to see All Souls this year grow in organizational health, wisdom, and listening to God. Our new budgeted average expense is \$44,300/month. February giving was \$34,032.88.

All Souls KIDS!

What's something you HEARD during worship today?

A GUIDE FOR
EXPLORING
WHO GOD
IS TO US!

Did you hear any words that were NEW to you?



AS YOU LISTEN...



Draw something that inspired your IMAGINATION:



What's ONE question you'd want to ask your parents or pastors?

What's ONE question you'd want to ask GOD?

Who do you want, or need, GOD to be to you today?

PRAY:
Ask GOD to take care of everything you need. He always hears you, because He loves you!

draw!
color in!

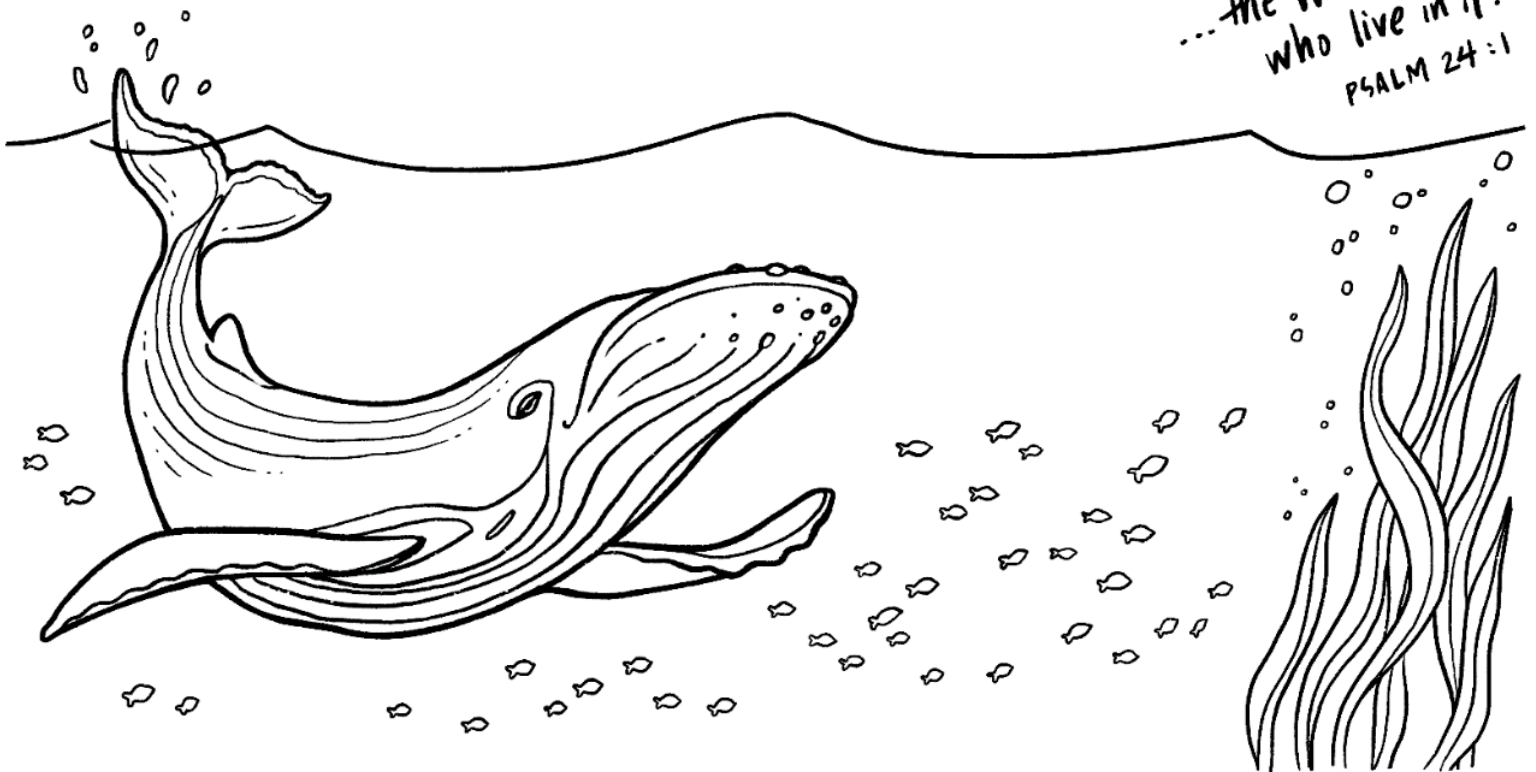
All Souls KIDS doodle page

for kids
of ALL ages!



The earth is
the LORD's,
and everything
in it...

...the world and all
who live in it.
PSALM 24:1



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It is the smallest of all seeds,
but when it has *grown* it is
larger than all the other garden
plants and becomes a tree, so
that birds of the air come and
make nests in its branches.

Matthew 13:32