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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.

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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## How do I get connected?

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## All Souls Kids + Youth

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Christ is now, as the Bearer of humanity, as our Representative, in the place where God is and in the way in which God is. Our flesh, our human nature, is exalted in Him to God. The end of His work is that we are with Him above. We with Him beside God.

Karl Barth

# Order of Worship

THANK YOU, MOMS / ASCENSION DAY / MAY 12 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

Rejoice, The Lord Is King

*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 Charles Wesley (1744) music John Darwall (1770)*

Rejoice the Lord is King

Your Lord and King adore

Rejoice give thanks and sing

And triumph evermore

*chorus* Lift up your heart

Lift up your voice

Rejoice again I say rejoice

Jesus the Savior reigns

The God of truth and love

When He had purged our stains

He took His seat above / *chorus*

His kingdom cannot fail

He rules o'er earth and heav'n

The keys of death and hell

Are to our Jesus giv'n / *chorus*

Rejoice in glorious hope

Our Lord and judge shall come

And take His servants up

To their eternal home / *chorus*

Psalm 47:1-8

Clap your hands, all you nations;

**shout to God with cries of joy.**

For the Lord Most High is awesome,

**the great King over all the earth.**

He subdued nations under us,

**peoples under our feet.**

He chose our inheritance for us,

**the pride of Jacob, whom he loved.**

God has ascended amid shouts of joy,

**the Lord**

**amid the sounding of trumpets.**

Sing praises to God, sing praises;

**sing praises to our King, sing praises.**

For God is the King of all the earth;

**sing to him a psalm of praise.**

God reigns over the nations;

**God is seated on his holy throne.**

***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!**

# Nothing

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

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

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

# Come Ye Sinners

words by Joseph Hart (1759) tune "BEACH SPRING" (1844) - arr. Hymns of the People

Come ye thirsty, come and welcome  
God's free bounty glorify  
True belief and true repentance  
Ev'ry grace that brings you nigh

I will rise and go to Jesus  
He will save me from my sin  
By the riches of His merit  
There is joy and life in Him

Come ye sinners poor and needy  
Bruised and broken by the fall  
Jesus ready stands to save you  
Full of pardoning love for all

He is able, He is able  
He is willing doubt no more  
He is able, He is able  
He is willing doubt no more

Let not conscience make you linger  
Nor of fitness fondly dream  
All that He requires of sinners  
Is to turn and trust in Him

He will save you, He will save you  
'Tis the gospel's constant theme  
He will save you, He will save you  
'Tis the gospel's constant theme

# 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 1:1-11

In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach 2 until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. 3 After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. 4 On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. 5 For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." 6 Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" 7 He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." 9 After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight. 10 They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. 11 "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."

Ephesians 1:15-23

15 For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, 16 I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. 17 I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. 18 I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, 19 and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength 20 he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, 21 far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. 22 And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, 23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

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

*Please remain standing. 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.*

44 He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms."  
45 Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. 46 He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, 47 and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. 48 You are witnesses of these things. 49 I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."  
50 When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. 51 While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. 52 Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. 53 And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.

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

## Homily

## A Human in Heaven

Rev. R.J. March

## Musical Interlude



## Prayers of the People

*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.*

*music by The Porter's Gate (2017); adapted to include grandmothers*

*sing:* **Every mother and grandmother  
called to raise up sons or daughters  
May your heart be patient,  
May your mind be clear,  
May our God be with you,  
And calm your fears.**

As a mother comforts a child so will I comfort you, says the Lord. (Isaiah 66:13)

God of all comfort,  
Be with those of us who miss our mothers today,  
Be with those who long to be mothers today,  
Be with those of us who long for a different relationship with our mothers,  
Be with those who are struggling right now with the burden of motherhood,  
Be with those who are serving as mothers in the place of biological mothers,  
Be with children in foster care today and in orphanages around the world,  
Be with grandmothers today in the loss and the joy of generational motherhood.

*sing:* **Every mother, every father  
called to raise up sons or daughters  
May your heart be patient,  
May your mind be clear,  
May our God be with you,  
And calm your fears.**

Father God,  
Equip those of us who are fathers to be better partners by the powerful work of your Spirit,  
Be with single mothers today as a trustworthy partner.

Lord, we thank you for never leaving and never forsaking and never giving up on us. Neither death, nor life, nor things present, nor things to come can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord (Rom 8:38-39). Thank you, Lord, for the women and men in our lives who give us glimpses and tastes of your steadfast mothering love.

# 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

Galatians 6:2

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



# Take My Life and Let it Be

*words by Frances R. Havergal (1873) music César Malan (1827) arr. Lowell Mason (1841)*

Take my life and let it be  
Consecrated Lord to thee  
Take my moments and my days  
Let them flow in endless praise  
Let them flow in endless praise

Take my will and make it thine  
It shall be no longer mine  
Take my heart it is thine own  
It shall be thy royal throne  
It shall be thy royal throne

Take my voice and let me sing  
Always only for my King  
Take my lips and let them be  
Filled with messages from thee  
Filled with messages from thee

Take my love; my Lord I pour  
At thy feet its treasure store  
Take myself and I will be  
Ever only all for thee  
Ever only all for thee

## 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!"*

# We Abide, We Abide in You

*words and music the Porter's Gate (2017)*

We are the vineyard You have planted  
Tend our leaves and wild branches

We abide, we abide in You  
We abide, we abide in You

Fruit growing from our strength and labor  
Rain on us with grace and favor

We abide, we abide in You  
We abide, we abide in You

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

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.**

# The Lamb Has Overcome

*words and music Luke Morton (2011)*

The Lamb has overcome x2  
The battle's done and the victory is won  
For the Lamb has overcome

No grave could hold Him down x2  
Up from the ground  
"He is risen!" was the sound  
No grave could hold Him down

*chorus* Worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
Glory be unto His name x2

At God's right hand is He x2  
Our perfect plea how He lives to intercede  
At God's right hand is He / *chorus*

The day is drawing near x2  
He shall appear  
And will wipe away each tear  
The day is drawing near / *chorus*

# Benediction

*from Romans 8:38-39*

Nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. 39 No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord. **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

**Co-Work Friday:** Closed for the season, returning in the Fall.

**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).

**Second Sunday Supper TODAY:** Join us immediately after the service for our monthly community dinner. All are welcome!

**Fall Souls - Save the Date:** September 13-15 @ Camp Long here in West Seattle

## 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 on **Wednesdays from 6:30-8p at Trinity**. Dinner provided!

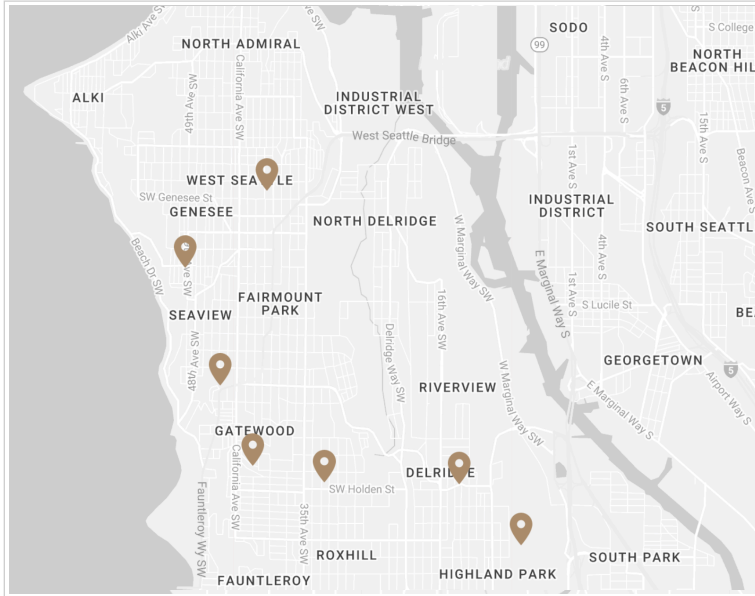
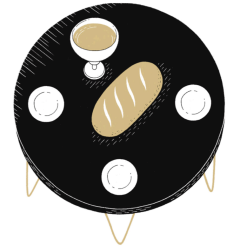
**Upcoming:** Middle school Bingo Night **May 21st 6:30p** at Village Green.

Sign up for our Weekly Friday email:



# 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](https://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](https://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](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. 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?

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

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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!

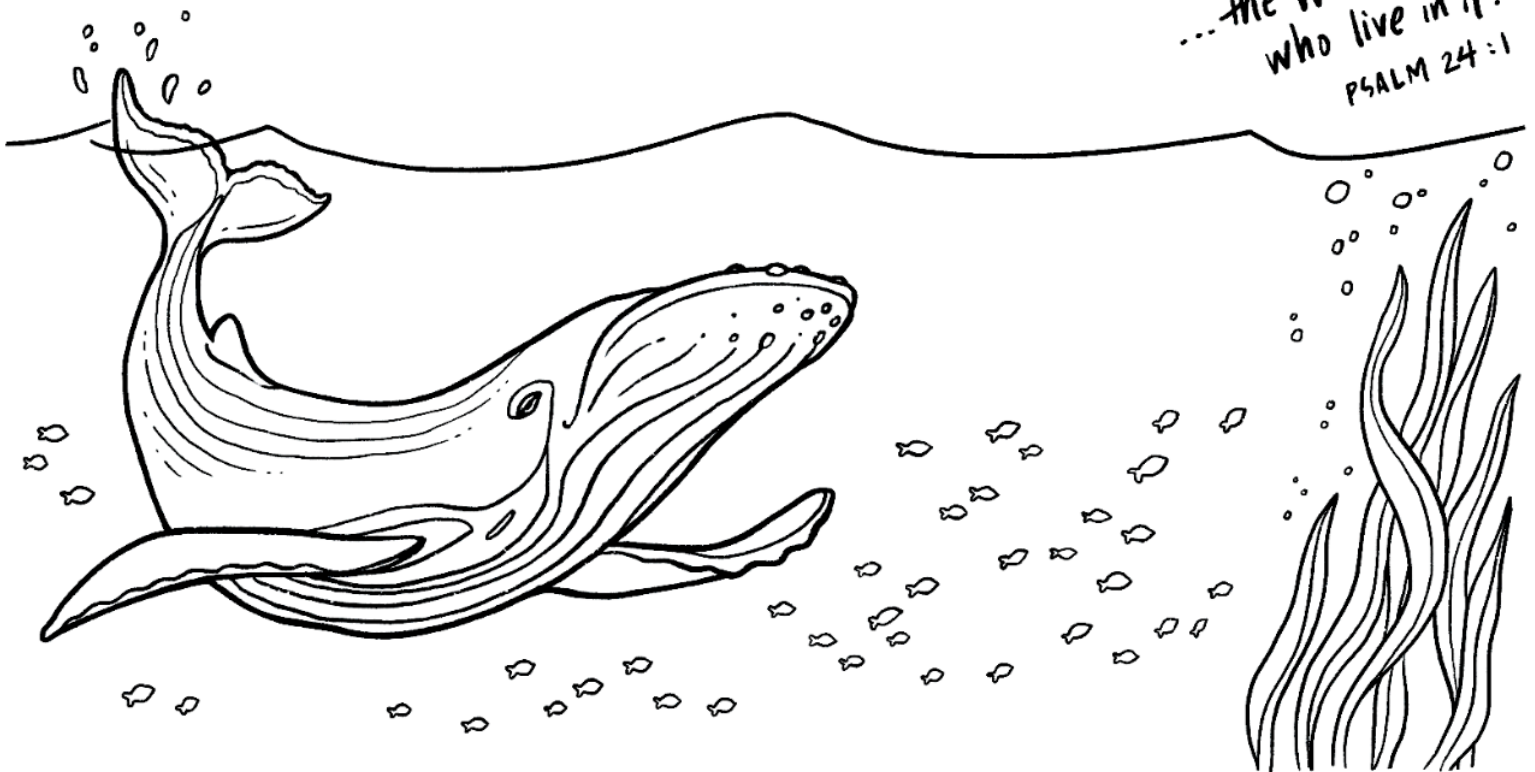
# All Souls KIDS doodle page

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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## PASTORAL

Rev. R.J. March, *rector*  
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Suzanne Case, *pastor of community*  
Steve Simmons, *prayer + listening*

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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