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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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## How can I serve?

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*Photo by John Totten*

you, eternal trinity,  
Are table  
And food  
And waiter for us.

Catherine of Sienna  
14th c.

# Order of Worship

TRINITY SUNDAY / MAY 26 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

*from Psalm 95*

*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 adapted music by Evan Wallace Wilson (2019)*

Come let us sing for joy unto the Lord	For the Lord is a great God (x2)
Let us shout to the rock of our salvation	In his hands are the earth the seas (x2)
O let us sing to him with grateful hearts	For the Lord is the great king (x2)
Shout for joy with music and song	The seas are his, he has made them (x2)
(O Come...)	

STANDING

Psalm 93

The Lord reigns, he is robed in majesty; <b>the Lord is robed in majesty and armed with strength;</b> indeed, the world is established, firm and secure. Your throne was established long ago; you are from all eternity.	Mightier than the thunder of the great waters, <b>mightier than the breakers of the sea— the Lord on high is mighty.</b> Your statutes, Lord, stand firm; <b>holiness adorns your house for endless days.</b>
<b>The seas have lifted up, Lord, the seas have lifted up their voice; the seas have lifted up their pounding waves.</b>	

***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.*

## Acclamation

Blessed be God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.  
**And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

## Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

words Joachim Neander (1680) tune "LOBE DEN HERREN" (1665)

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty	Praise to the Lord
The King of creation	Who, when tempests
O my soul praise Him	Their warfare are waging
For He is thy health and salvation	Who, when the elements
All ye who hear	Madly around thee are raging
Now to His temple draw near	Biddeth them cease
Praise Him in glad adoration	Turneth their fury to peace
	Whirlwinds and waters assuaging
Praise to the Lord, Who hath fearfully	Praise to the Lord,
Wondrously made thee	O let all that is in me adore Him
Granted thee health and	All that hath life and breath
When heedlessly falling hath stayed thee	Come now with praises before Him
What need or grief ever hath failed of relief?	Let the Amen
Wings of His mercy did shade thee	Sound from His people again
	Gladly forever adore Him

## Solid Rock

words Edward Mote music William Batchelder Bradbury

My hope is built on nothing less	His oath, His covenant, His blood
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness	Support me in the whelming flood
I dare not trust the sweetest frame	When every earthly prop gives way
But wholly lean on Jesus' name	He then is all my hope and stay
<i>chorus</i> On Christ the solid Rock I stand	<i>chorus</i>
All other ground is sinking sand	When He shall come
All other ground is sinking sand	With trumpet sound
When darkness veils His lovely face	Oh may I then in Him be found
I rest on His unchanging grace	Dressed in His righteousness alone
In every high and stormy gale	Faultless to stand before the throne
My anchor holds within the veil / <i>chorus</i>	

## 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



Lord, ha - ve mer - cy. Christ, ha - ve mer - cy. Lord, ha - ve mer - cy on \_\_\_ me.



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

*No ASK classes today. Lion class is invited to join the giraffe class for play and kids activities during the sermon today.*

*Please stand and sing as the lion class heads 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.*

### Exodus 3:1-6

Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. 2 There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. 3 So Moses thought, "I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up."

4 When the Lord saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, "Moses! Moses!" And Moses said, "Here I am."

5 "Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground."

6 Then he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob." At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.

### Romans 8:12-17

12 Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation—but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. 13 For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

14 For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. 15 The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." 16 The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. 17 Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

### Hebrews 13:1-8

Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. 2 Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it. 3 Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering.

4 Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral. 5 Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said,

"Never will I leave you;  
never will I forsake you."

6 So we say with confidence,  
"The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid.  
What can mere mortals do to me?"

7 Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. 8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

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 3:1-16

Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. 2 He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him."

3 Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again."

4 "How can someone be born when they are old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother's womb to be born!"

5 Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. 6 Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. 7 You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.' 8 The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit."

9 "How can this be?" Nicodemus asked.

10 "You are Israel's teacher," said Jesus, "and do you not understand these things? 11 Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. 12 I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things?"

13 No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. 14 Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, 15 that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him."

16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

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

## Homily

## Heaven's Hospitality Here and Now

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



## Bountiful Messiah

*written by Jeff Heck*

Has ever one loved like thee?  
That boundless mercy  
Wed thy sorrow grieving  
What king would surely die  
For servant just deserving  
Or run to me a wretch entrenched  
In darkness, death and thieving?

*chorus* Hallelujah!  
Let me not forget the  
Wonder of Thy buying blood  
Oh bountiful Messiah

Has ever one died like Thee?  
Crying out, with longing for the Father  
Who turned His face away  
And left there none beside Thee

Save murderers that by Thy blood  
Became new sons and daughters / *chorus*

Has ever one conquered so  
That death itself is humbled by Thy glory?  
Can sin then speak for me  
Or guilt assert its shadow?  
Thy pardon is Thy timeless love  
And mercy given for me / *chorus*

Has ever one loved like Thee?  
Has ever one loved like Thee?  
As endless ebb and flow  
Eternal sky and river  
Ever does Thy love my God  
Oh great high priest and giver / *chorus*

## 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!"*

# Trinity Song

words and music by Sandra McCracken (2016)

Holy Father, Son, and Spirit  
Holy Communion, Three in One (repeat)

Come with your peace, with your invitation  
Bind us together in holy love (repeat)

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.**

# Break Forth

words by Fanny Crosby (1881) and music by Nathan Partain (2009)

'Twas Jesus sought my wandering soul	He is my Advocate with God
And with a shepherd's care	My Savior and my Friend
He brought me kindly to his fold	His mercies new with every morn
And still protects me there	Like healing showers descend / <i>chorus</i>

<i>chorus:</i>	My soul shall magnify the Lord
Break forth (Break forth)	My voice his love proclaim
O joyful heart (O joyful heart)	And every power within me join
Break forth and no more silent be!	To bless and praise his name / <i>chorus</i>
Break forth (Break forth)	
In grateful praise (in grateful praise)	
To him who came to ransom thee	

# 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

**Looking Back:** ‘Organizational Health, Wisdom, and Listening’ describe what we have been hoping to see this year (Sep 2023-Aug 2024) and we are grateful for the ways you have participated in that vision becoming a reality by God’s grace.

**Looking Forward:** ‘A counter-cultural community of the well-rested’ is what we as Vestry, Clergy, and Staff are hoping to see All Souls grow more into next year (Sep 2024-Aug 2025), during an election year no less! The Fall Souls Retreat from September 13-15 next year will help to unpack the Bible’s vision of rest, provide some time to reflect on our restlessness, and also offer new ways to engage our restlessness with the resources in Christ Jesus.

**R.J.’s Sabbatical:** Following worship today, R.J. will be on an extended time of rest known as “sabbatical” and will return August 25th for the annual picnic. R.J. will be away from phone and email for much of sabbatical, so please know it’s not personal to you if he doesn’t reply during this unique season. Contact Suzanne Case (suzanne@allsoulsseattle.org) for care and church-related matters as we seek to honor this 7 year rhythm of work and rest.

## Serve Together

Sign up for our Weekly Friday email:



**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.

*Spring Season ends June 2nd*

Groups can continue to meet socially but typically break for the summer.

*Fall Season begins October 6th*

Groups will re-gather for the Fall Season with a seasonal focus on Sabbath, with resources from Practicing the Way, to support next year’s emphasis on ‘The Rest of God’ beginning with a preaching series on Sabbath rest.

### Grace Groups

Grace Groups @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).

### Youth Group

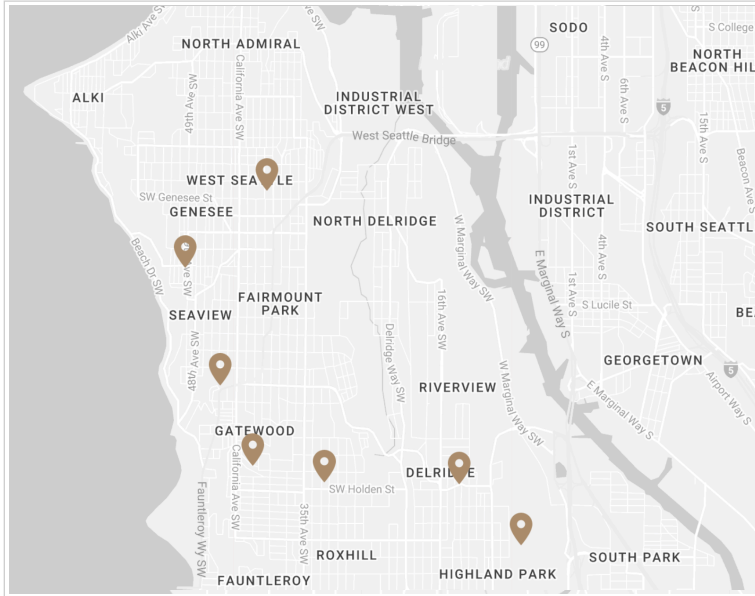
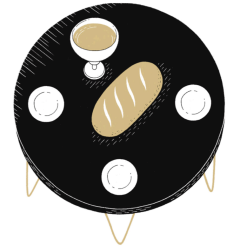
8th-12th grade- Youth group is on **Wednesdays from 6:30-8p at Trinity**. Dinner provided!

\*\*\* Last youth group of the year is **May 29th**. Stay tuned for summer gathering information.

**Upcoming:** HS students serve dinner at New Horizons Shelter **June 3**.

# 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!

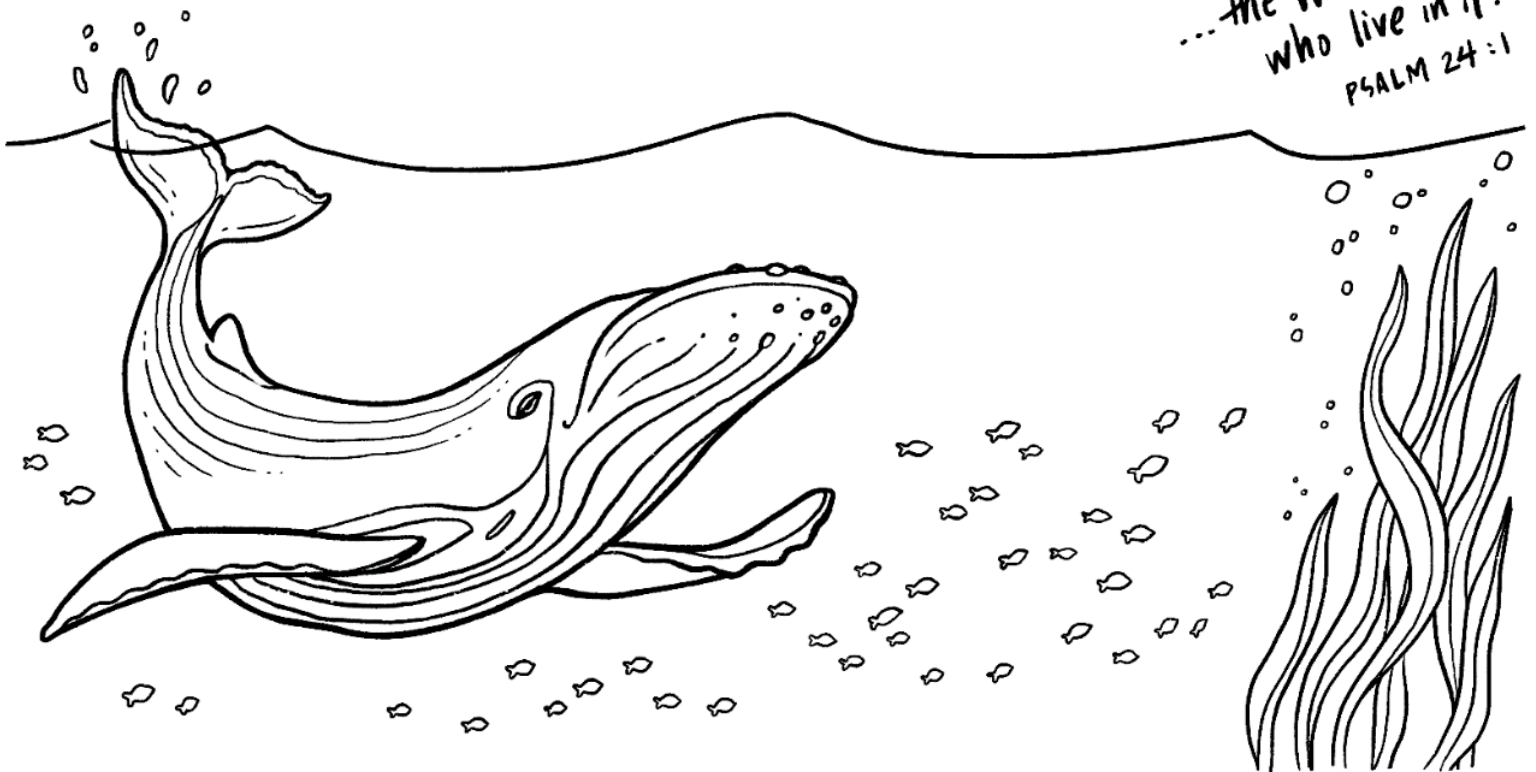
# All Souls KIDS doodle page

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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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