



# 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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Jesus invites us to abide in his love. That means to dwell with all that I am in him. It is an invitation to a total belonging, to full intimacy, to an unlimited being-with.

- Henri Nouwen



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

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 Robert Grant (1833) and music Joseph Martin Kraus (c. 1785)

O worship the King all-glorious above	We children of dust
O gratefully sing His power and His love	Are feeble and frail
Our shield and defender	In you do we trust for you never fail
The Ancient of Days	Your mercies how tender
Pavilioned in splendor	How firm to the end
And girded with praise	Our maker defender
5 1	Redeemer and friend
O tell of His might and sing of His grace	
Whose robe is the light	O measureless Might
Whose canopy space	Unchangeable Love
His chariots of wrath	Whom angels delight
The deep thunderclouds form	To worship above
And dark is His path	Your ransomed creation
On the wings of the storm	With glory ablaze
	In true adoration
Your bountiful care what tongue can recite	Shall sing to your praise
It breathes in the air it shines in the light	
It streams from the hills	

STANDING

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. Psalm 100

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain

It descends to the plain

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise;

give thanks to him and praise his name. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;

his faithfulness continues through all generations.

## Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

words by Henry Van Dyke (1907) e. R.J. March (2024) music by Ludwig van Beethoven (1824)

Joyful joyful we adore Thee God of glory Lord of love Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee Opening to the sun above Melt the clouds of sin and sadness Drive the dark of doubt away Giver of immortal gladness Fill us with the light of day

Thou art giving and forgiving Ever blessing ever blessed Wellspring of the joy of living Ocean depth of happy rest Thou our Father Christ our Brother All who live in love are Thine Teach us how to love each other Lift us to the joy divine

Mortals join the happy chorus Which the morning stars began Father love is reigning over us Brother love binds all to Him Ever singing march we onward Victors in the midst of strife Joyful music leads us Sunward In the triumph song of life

### The Lord is King

words Josiah Conder (1824) music Nathan Partain (2003)

The Lord is King Lift up your voice O earth and all ye heavens rejoice From world to world the joy shall ring "The Lord omnipotent is King"

#### chorus

Sing his praise sing his praise Lord of lords Ancient of Days Sing his praise sing his praise All your days all your days The Lord is King Who then shall dare Resist his will distrust his care Or murmur at his wise decrees Or doubt his royal promises / chorus

The Lord is King bow down you must The Judge of all the earth is just Holy and true are all his ways Let every creature sing his praise / chorus

### Confession

Let us confess our sins to Almighty God.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbors in thought and word and deed, in the evil we have done and in the good we have not done, through ignorance, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. 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. We are truly sorry, and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.

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.



## 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.

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and keep us in life eternal. **Amen.** 

### Blessing for Learning

During the summer months, lion class (PreK-1st) will meet during the sermon. All other classes are on pause and will resume in the fall.

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 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.

Isaiah 57:14-21

- 14 And it will be said:
- "Build up, build up, prepare the road!
  - Remove the obstacles out of the way of my people."

15 For this is what the high and exalted One says—

he who lives forever, whose name is holy:

- "I live in a high and holy place,
  - but also with the one who is contrite and lowly in spirit,
- to revive the spirit of the lowly

and to revive the heart of the contrite.

- 16 I will not accuse them forever, nor will I always be angry,
- for then they would faint away because of me the very people I have created.
- 17 I was enraged by their sinful greed; I punished them, and hid my face in anger, yet they kept on in their willful ways.
- 18 I have seen their ways, but I will heal them;
- I will guide them and restore comfort to Israel's mourners,
- 19 creating praise on their lips.
- Peace, peace, to those far and near,"
  - says the Lord. "And I will heal them."
- 20 But the wicked are like the tossing sea, which cannot rest,
- whose waves cast up mire and mud.
- 21 "There is no peace," says my God, "for the wicked."

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 22:23-31

- 23 You who fear the Lord, praise him!
  All you descendants of Jacob, honor him! Revere him, all you descendants of Israel!
  24 For he has not despised or scorned the suffering of the afflicted one;
  he has not hidden his face from him but has listened to his cry for help.
  25 From you comes the theme of my praise in the great assembly;
  before those who fear you I will fulfill my vows.
  26 The poor will eat and be satisfied; those who seek the Lord will praise him
  - may your hearts live forever!

27 All the ends of the earth

will remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations

will bow down before him,

### 28 for dominion belongs to the Lord and he rules over the nations.

29 All the rich of the earth will feast and worship;

all who go down to the dust will kneel before him— those who cannot keep themselves alive. 30 Posterity will serve him;

future generations will be told about the Lord.

31 They will proclaim his righteousness, declaring to a people yet unborn: He has done it! 11 Therefore, remember that formerly you who are Gentiles by birth and called "uncircumcised" by those who call themselves "the circumcision" (which is done in the body by human hands)— 12 remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world. 13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

14 For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, 15 by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, 16 and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. 17 He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. 18 For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

19 Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, 20 built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. 21 In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. 22 And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

### Mark 6:30-44

30 The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to him all they had done and taught. 31 Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest."

32 So they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place. 33 But many who saw them leaving recognized them and ran on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. 34 When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things.

35 By this time it was late in the day, so his disciples came to him. "This is a remote place," they said, "and it's already very late. 36 Send the people away so that they can go to the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat."

37 But he answered, "You give them something to eat."

They said to him, "That would take more than half a year's wages! Are we to go and spend that much on bread and give it to them to eat?"

38 "How many loaves do you have?" he asked. "Go and see."

When they found out, they said, "Five—and two fish."

39 Then Jesus directed them to have all the people sit down in groups on the green grass. 40 So they sat down in groups of hundreds and fifties. 41 Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to his disciples to distribute to the people. He also divided the two fish among them all. 42 They all ate and were satisfied, 43 and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces of bread and fish. 44 The number of the men who had eaten was five thousand.

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

### Homily

### Musical Interlude

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

## Prayers of the People

### The Anglican Church of New Zealand

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.

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Make your ways known upon the earth, O God,

your saving power among all peoples.

Renew your Church with holiness,

and help us to serve you with joy.

Guide the leaders of this and every nation,

that justice may prevail throughout the world.

Let not the needy, O God, be forgotten,

nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

Make us instruments of your peace,

and let your glory be over all the earth.

Praise to you, abundant God,

For when we ask, you give; When we seek, you show the way. When we knock, you answer. Praise to you for your unfailing grace. Make us now your faithful people. Amen.

### Grateful Giving

Acts 20:35

Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."



# 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

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.

\* Hosanna means "save me!" but with Jesus came to mean "salvation is here!" Communion, also called the Lord's Supper or the Eucharist, is the family meal of Christians.

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.

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 forever. Amen.

### DRAW NEAR

Father,

we come to your table as your children, not presuming but assured, not trusting ourselves but your Word; we hunger and thirst for righteousness, and ask for our hearts to be satisfied with the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ the righteous. Amen.

The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

# No Limit to Your Love

### words and music by 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 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

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.

## Nothing

words and music Paul Zach (2024)

### chorus

Nothing can separate us from your love  $x^2$ 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

2 Corinthians 13:14

## Benediction

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all. **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

**Save the Date:** '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 2024** 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.

**Golf Souls Summer Gathering:** Join Golf Souls Friday, July 26, at Foster Golf Links in Tukwila. Golfers will begin a 9hole Scramble event at 4:00 and most will stay on for supper on the patio at the course restaurant, Billy Baroo's. Contact Steve Simmons (<u>steve@allsoulsseattle.org</u>) or Merrilee Thompson (<u>merrilee.thompson@gmail.com</u>) for more info or to RSVP.

Baptism in the Sound and Annual Picnic: In anticipation of baptisms conducted at Lowman Beach on August 25th, interested adults and children can reach out to suzanne@allsoulsseattle.org Stay tuned for a sign up genius for the picnic!

# Serve Together

**Support unhoused neighbors in West Seattle.** For the last two years, the All Souls community has served at Westside Neighbors Shelter preparing breakfasts and dinners. This summer, we're taking time to pray over and plan for our fall and winter engagement with Westside Neighbors Shelter.

Does planning, strategizing, and organizing bring you joy? Consider joining the Westside Neighbors Shelter Planning Team. Activities will include: assessing All Souls' current engagement with Westside Neighbors shelter, identifying service opportunities for All Souls throughout the 2024-2025 cold weather season (e.g. preparing meals offsite and onsite and organizing work parties to clean the shelter), and recruiting volunteers.

Interested in using your planning gifts to serve unhoused neighbors? Contact kara@allsoulsseattle.org.

A brief interest meeting will be held following the service on Sunday, August 4th.

# 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 ended 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

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)

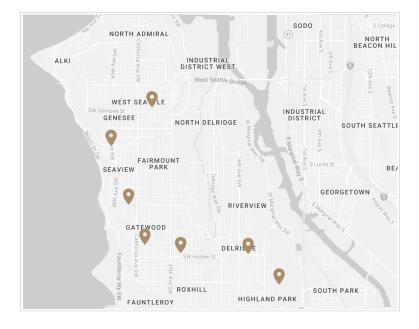
### Youth Group

Youth group is paused for the summer and will resume in the fall.

# 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"

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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:

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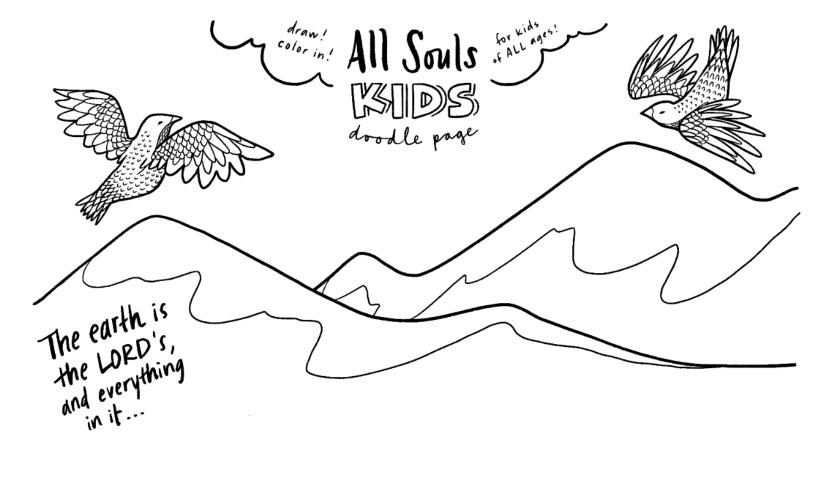
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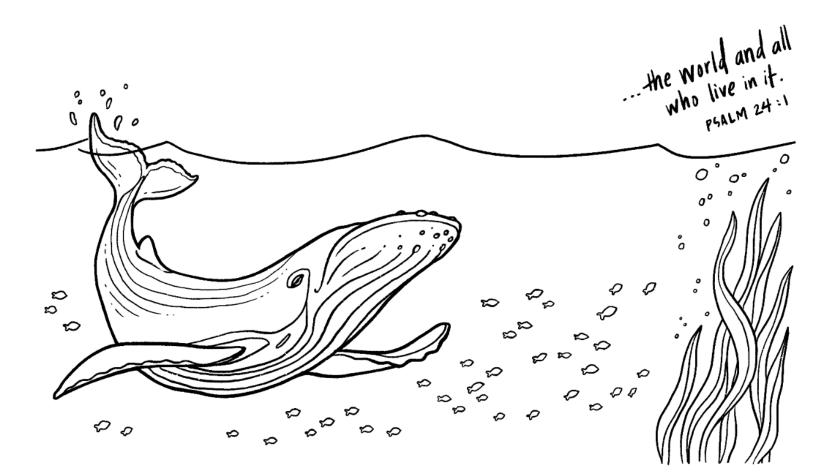
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We thank God for your partnership in this work, and invite you to ask him how you might best reflect his radical, sacrificial generosity with your own.

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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