



ALL SOULS
FELLOWSHIP

5TH SUNDAY IN EASTERTIDE ~ APRIL 28, 2024

CURRENT SERIES: *Justice, Mercy & Humility* thru May 19

Welcome—we're glad you're here!

Opening Praise (ref. Revelation 1:3-8)

Leader. Blessed is the one who reads aloud this prophecy, and those who hear and take it to heart.

All: "Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see Him, even those that pierced Him."

Leader. To Him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by His blood, and has made us a kingdom of priests for God, His Father ~ to Him be glory and dominion for ever and ever.

All: All glory and honor and praise to Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

Leader. All the nations of the earth, "will mourn because of Him." So shall it be!

All: "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the LORD, "who is, and who was, who is to come."

Be Thou My Vision

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art
Thou my best thought by day or by night
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word
I ever with thee, and thou with me, Lord
Thou my great Father, I thy true son
Thou in me dwelling and I with thee one

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise
Thou mine inheritance, now and always—
Thou and Thou only first in my heart
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art

High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all

Returning to God

(ref. Deuteronomy 4:15-20,24, 1 John 4:16)

Leader. We are instructed, "watch yourselves very carefully, so that you do not become corrupt and make for yourselves idols – images in the shape of any living or earthly thing. And when you look up to the sky, and see the sun, the moon and the stars – the heavens arrayed – do not be enticed into bowing down to any of it, worshiping created things the Lord your God has made. For the Lord brought you out of the smelting furnace, out of slavery, to be the people of His inheritance."

All: We recall the covenant of the Lord, our God. We renounce our idols and return our trust to the Lord. We repent, remembering the Lord is a jealous God. God is love. God is a consuming fire.

Confession of Sin

Leader. Righteous God, if we dare to look upon The Cross, we may know the true weight of our sin.

All: And there, we may also discover the depth of Your mercy.

[silent reflection]

Leader. Patient Father, we count on our fingers the pardons we will extend to our neighbors, our friends, and even our children, imagining ourselves very fair.

All: And yet, You never run out of grace for us.

[silent reflection]

Leader. Loving Savior, You long to celebrate each one of us with a feast unending; to invite each one of us into Your eternal kingdom.

Continued: And yet, we trade the riches of Your Grace and the Communion of Your family for all flavors of pig-slop, false crowns, and the bitter loneliness of pride. Lord, have mercy we plead.

All: Lord, have mercy.

[silent confession]

Leader: We confess the ways we have turned from You, and now return to You, eager to be restored.

All: Holy Spirit, so that we would not be agents of pain or injustice, in our lives or in the world, uproot and displace sin in our hearts. Plant in its place Your grace and righteousness, that we would be Christ's hands and feet; comfort to the weary, and lights in the darkness. Amen.

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty
God in three persons, blessed Trinity

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,
Only Thou art holy, there is none beside Thee
Perfect in pow'r, in love and purity

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee
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Receiving New Members

Greetings & Announcements

Offering Prayer (ref. Luke 6:38)

Leader: "Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. The measure you use, will be measured to you." Just and loving Father, grant us generosity of heart and spirit. May we receive even in our giving, and become gifts to our neighbors and world, by the gift of Your grace.

All: Bless our tithes and offerings. Let them be relief to those in need, tangible expressions of love for our brothers and sisters, and a sign for ourselves of the abundance we enjoy, in You.

Passing of the Peace (ref. Psalm 29: 8-11)

*Leader: The voice of the Lord shakes the desert;
The voice of the Lord twists the oaks,
and strips the forests bare.
And in His temple all cry,*

All: "Glory!"

*Leader: The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;
The Lord is enthroned as King forever.
The Lord gives strength to His people;
The Lord blesses His people with peace.*

May the Lord's peace be with you, His people.

All: And also with you.

Leader: By the power of the Holy Spirit, extend the bond of Christ's peace to one another.

Break

Lord Have Mercy (Anchor Hymns)

Jesus, I've forgotten, the words that you have spoken
Promises that burned within my heart, have now grown dim
With a doubting heart I follow, the paths of earthly wisdom
Forgive me for my unbelief, renew the fire again...

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy

Lord have mercy, on me

I have built an altar, where I worship things of man
And I have taken journeys, that have drawn me far from You
Now I am returning, to Your mercies ever flowing
Pardon my transgressions, help me love You again...

I have longed to know You, and all Your tender mercies
Like a river, of forgiveness, ever flowing without end
So I bow my heart before You, in the goodness of Your presence
Your grace forever shining, like a beacon in the night

Sermon

“Just Worship”

Steven Good, Lead Pastor

Amos 5:18–27

The Day of the Lord

¹⁸ Woe to you who long
for the day of the LORD!
Why do you long for the day of the LORD?
That day will be darkness, not light.
¹⁹ It will be as though a man fled from a lion
only to meet a bear,
as though he entered his house
and rested his hand on the wall
only to have a snake bite him.
²⁰ Will not the day of the LORD be darkness, not light—
pitch-dark, without a ray of brightness?
²¹ “I hate, I despise your religious festivals;
your assemblies are a stench to me.
²² Even though you bring me burnt offerings and grain
offerings,
I will not accept them.
Though you bring choice fellowship offerings,
I will have no regard for them.
²³ Away with the noise of your songs!
I will not listen to the music of your harps.
²⁴ But let justice roll on like a river,
righteousness like a never-failing stream!
²⁵ “Did you bring me sacrifices and offerings
forty years in the wilderness, people of Israel?
²⁶ You have lifted up the shrine of your king,
the pedestal of your idols,
the star of your god –
which you made for yourselves.
²⁷ Therefore I will send you into exile beyond Damascus,”
says the LORD, whose name is God Almighty.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Celebration of Communion

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Now 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 our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

Together we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come
again.**

Breaking Bread Together

Lord Have Mercy (Reprise)

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy

Lord have mercy, on me

Holy, Holy, Holy (Sufjan Stevens)

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man, Thy glory may not see,
Only Thou art holy, there is none beside Thee
Perfect in pow'r, in love and purity

Holy, holy, holy, all the saints adore Thee
All Thy works shall praise Thy name,
in earth, and sky and sea
There is a sign at the sight of Thee,
There is a fear at Thy majesty,
There is a peace beside Thee, and evermore shall be

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty
Worthy of all praises, our songs shall rise to Thee
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty
God in three persons,
God in three persons,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father
And to the Son
And to the Holy Ghost
As it was in the beginning
Is now and ever shall be
World without end
Amen

The Benediction

Opportunities at All Souls

Please take a look at the opportunities coming up in the next few weeks! You can scan the QR code to learn more, and to access sign up links. Or, visit: allsoulsfellowship.org/announcements.



Register Your Kids for VBS!

June 3 – 7, 9:00am – 12:00pm

Children (2 years old through 5th grade) are invited to join us this summer for our 2024 VBS program – Scuba: diving into friendship with God. Each day, campers will be taught a Bible story, enjoy worship, play games, create crafts, and more! You can learn more and register at allsoulsfellowship.org/vbs.

>>> Also, we need 6 more adult volunteers. Please consider signing up!

Creative Connections: Pottery Painting

Saturday, May 11, 2024, 3:45 – 5:30pm.

All ages of women and girls are invited to come out to paint pottery at All Fired Up Pottery Studio in Emory Village. This is a great opportunity to invite your neighbor, friend, mom, or child—or come solo and make some new friends! Cost is \$25/person and includes snacks, drinks, and pottery pieces of your choosing up to \$25.

>>> Register at allsoulsfellowship.org/announcements or on your Realm app.

Join the Men's Softball Team

Games beginning May 14

Interested in playing Men's Softball this summer? The ASF Good News Bears team is recruiting players and they need more men to sign up to be able to play. All games will take place at McKoy Park in Decatur on Tuesday or Thursday evenings beginning May 14. The season runs for 10 games with a single-elimination tournament at the end. Registration is available in Realm!

>>> Everyone is invited to attend games and cheer them on! The schedule is coming soon.

Introducing ASF's New Assistant Pastor!

Visiting NEXT Sunday, May 5

We are excited to introduce the Rev. Lance Lewis as our Assistant Pastor for Mission and Formation. He will be visiting to preach next Sunday, May 5th and will be joining our staff team this summer. Please join us in welcoming him to All Souls!

ASFY Cinco Goodbye-O

NEXT Sunday, May 5, 6:30 – 8:15pm

All Souls Youth is going to wrap up and celebrate the end of the school year the best way they know how – tacos! Middle and High School will enjoy some crazy group games and prizes and spend time in small groups reflecting on the ways we've grown and the ways we've seen God work over the last year.

All Ages Men's Breakfast

Saturday, May 11, 8:30 – 10:00am

Enjoy breakfast and discussion with other men of All Souls on Saturday, May 11, from 8:30 AM to 10:00 AM. This will be a special all-ages breakfast with more of the thought-provoking content and rich discussion you have come to enjoy, so please bring your sons! Also, please note this will be on the second Saturday in May only.

Join ASF Hospitality Team

Do you have a heart for serving others and a gift for making them feel valued and welcomed? Join our vibrant, welcoming, and dedicated hospitality team as we extend the warmth of our church family to all. Whether it's greeting with a smile, prepping coffee or communion with love, or ensuring every guest feels seen and heard, your presence on the ASF hospitality team will make a meaningful difference in the lives of those we serve. If you are interested in joining, or you want to know more about the different roles, contact Noura Eid at intern@allsoulsfellowship.org.

EvenPsalm

2nd Thursday of the month, 7:00 – 8:30pm

(Upcoming Date: May 9)

Women are invited to our May EvenPsalm, a time of Scripture, prayer, and small group sharing. If you are interested in spending quiet time before the Lord reading the Psalms and The Book of Common Prayer, journaling, praying, and sharing in small groups, join us from 7:00–8:30 PM downstairs in the Prayer Room.

One Service Summer

Sundays at 10:00am, May 26 – July 28

Beginning Sunday, May 26, we will return to our summer rhythm of one service at 10:00am. Children and Youth ministries will meet during that service. We look forward to spending the summer season worshipping together and allowing our volunteers and staff to rest.

Weekly Schedule

***Until One Service Summer rhythm begins May 26**

Sundays at All Souls

- Worship Services at 9:00am and 10:45am (nursery available for both).
- Children's Sunday School is during both services (after the break); Youth Sunday School is at 10:45am (after the break).

Women's Thursday Morning Fellowship

- Thursday mornings, 10:00am to 11:30am at church (childcare provided by request).
- Community and conversation following seasonal studies. All are welcome to join any Thursday, regardless of study preparation.

Midday Prayer [at asf.online.church]

Join in prayer, every Tuesday & Thursday at 12pm

Scan code or go to asf.online.church, then the "worship and prayer" link.



Local and Global Partners

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Beacon of Hope, **BeLoved Atlanta**, Decatur Cooperative Ministry, **Ethne Health Clarkston**, Focused Community Strategies, **Friends of Refugees**, Intervarsity (India Anderson), **Peace Preparatory School**, Volunteer! Decatur, **Young Life**

Europe: Josh and Taylor Irby

France: Suzy Grumelot

Italy: Tommy & Sara Annest

Southeast Asia: Brian and Mandy

Thailand: Tim & Rhianna Mills
International Justice Mission (IJM)

Mission & Service Highlight

Every week, we'll highlight an actionable way you can participate in the ministries of All Souls, here.

Prayer Walk in Clarkston

Join the missions team on Monday, April 29 at 7 PM for some prayer walking in Clarkston. If you aim for Ethne (980 Rowland St.), there is a parking lot between Rowland St. and Rogers St. We'll gather there and have prayer points for Embrace, Parwana, Ethne, and more as we walk around their locations at that block.

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Jennifer Miller, Rusty Pritchard, George Thomas

The session meets on the 4th Tuesday of the month.

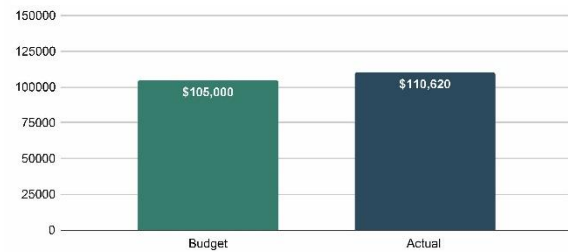
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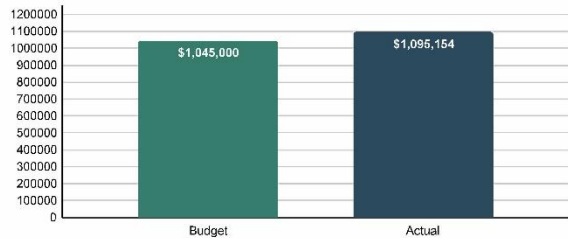
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Generosity Update

Tithes and Offerings, Previous Month (March)



Tithes and Offerings, Year-to-Date (since July 2023)



Staying Connected

To stay current with the life of All Souls, follow our social media, or use the QR Code to subscribe to our weekly Thursday newsletter for news, events, stories and more.



Connect Cards

The Connect Cards in the Sanctuary are a great way to request more information if you are new or visiting, want get more involved in our ministries, share prayer requests, or ask questions. Staff, elders, and deacons pray over your prayer requests every week. Cards can be placed in the boxes in the back of the sanctuary.

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