

Call to Worship

One: Love, be with you!

All: And also with you.

All Souls Almanac

Invitation to a worship with CONTEMPLATION...

Today our time together will be a liturgical gathering engaging in ancient and traditional practices to experience the presence of God within and all around. We will practice our value of contemplation to be present to the Divine, ourselves, our place, our time, and our people, welcoming all into the transformative way of life in Christ.

Prayer of Belonging

Loving God, Christ is inviting all people to the table and to this life in you and this cultivation of sacred community. All people, young and old, rich and poor, black and brown and white, gay and straight, cisgender and transgender, single and married and divorced, those with disabilities seen and unseen, conservative and liberal, and all of those in between. Those with faith and doubt—in joy and tears. All are invited into life in you, with one another, and for the hope of our world. Amen.

Worship in Song

Poem and Prayer

An excerpt from Madeleine L'Engle's 1969 poem, "Lines Scribbled on an Envelope while Riding the 104 Broadway Bus":

There is too much pain
I cannot understand
I cannot pray...
Here I am
and the ugly man with beery breath beside me reminds
 me that it is not my prayers that waken your
 concern, my Lord;
my prayers, my intercessions are not to ask for your love
for all your lost and lonely ones,
your sick and sinning souls,
but mine, my love,
my acceptance of Your Love.
Your Love for the woman sticking her umbrella and her
 expensive
parcels into my ribs and snarling, "Why don't you watch
 where you're going?"
Your Love for the long-haired, gum-chewing boy who
 shoves the old lady aside to grab a seat,
Your Love for me, too, too tired to look with love,
too tired to look at Love, at you, in every person on the
 bus.
Expand my love, Lord, so I can help to bear the pain,
help your love move my love into the tired prostitute with
 false eyelashes and bunioned feet,
the corrupt policeman with his hand open for graft,
the addict, the derelict, the woman in the mink coat and

discontented mouth,
the high school girl with heavy books and frightened eyes.
Help me through these scandalous particulars
to understand
your love.
Help me to pray.

Worship in Song

Blessing of the Children *(Introduce yourself, invite kids preschool-5th grade to come up to the front. This is a time we bless the children to go to their circle time. Ages preschool-2nd grade will meet upstairs and ages 3rd-5th grade will meet in the basement. If this is your first time, you are welcome to join your child. Parents and caregivers will be dismissed to pick up their children at the time of communion. Please join me in blessing the children...)*

May the Lord bless you and keep you

As you go together in belonging.

May the Lord shine on you and be gracious to you

As you wonder and play.

May the Lord turn toward you and give you peace.

Go in peace.

Prayer of the People

Celebrant: Lord in your mercy

All: Hear our prayer

Let us join together in the prayer He taught us:

All: Our Loving God in heaven,

Hallowed be your name.

Your Kingdom come,

Your Will be done,

on Earth as it is in Heaven.

***Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts
as we forgive our debtors.
Lead us not into temptation
but Deliver us from evil.
For Yours is the Kingdom,
the Power and the Glory Forever.
Amen***

Passing the Peace (embodied)

-Please Stand-

(place palms over your heart)

Leader: God makes peace within us.

All: Let us claim it.

(bind opposite hands together)

God makes peace between us.

All: Let us share it.

The peace of God is here to stay.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And also with you.

(extend palms out as a blessing to all)

Community Announcements

Sacred Readings

Let us open our hearts, souls, bodies, and minds to receive what the Spirit is inviting us into from the Gospel of Luke Chapter 18:

9 He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: 10 "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. 11 The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. 12 I fast twice a week; I give a

tenth of all my income.' 13 But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' 14 I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other, for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

For the Word of God in Scripture

For the Word of God among us

For the Word of God within us

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Homily

Offering

All Souls is sustained financially by recurring giving. We are so grateful for the ways this community supports the ongoing work of belonging and healing. We are asking you to consider joining us in becoming a recurring giver to support the work that happens each week. This is not just about Sundays, this is also about Circles of engagement, showing up to joy and grief, and supporting our ministry partners.

Communion

Worship in Song

Doxology

Please make a circle around the sanctuary

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise God all creatures here below

Praise God above you heavenly hosts

Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost

Blessing and Sending