

A Petition for Persistence

Worship with Rev. Bill Sinkford

May 15, 2022 | 10:30 AM



“The prayer of our hearts is a petition for persistence.” W.E.B. DuBois understood the role of endurance. He called for “deed on deed, and thought on thought,” for staying the course. Does liberation call us simply to be long suffering or could change “go viral” in our lives?

Join us for this ASL interpreted service that will feature some amazing music from Jen Hayman and the All Souls Choir! After service, join us in Pierce Hall for socially distanced fellowship, or online via the same Zoom link as worship. Then, in the afternoon, check Facebook for the day’s **#ASCProvocativeQuestion** and post your thoughts to start a discussion related to the sermon.

All are invited forward to light candles of joys and concerns before the service. If you are joining us virtually, please light a candle in your home or share in the Zoom chat.

Prelude

Lord, Give Us Power

All Souls Choir

South African folk song Dante Pope - percussion

Tenors and Basses: Power, oh Lord, you give us power (repeats)

Full choir: Lord, give us power, oh Lord, oh Lord, oh Lord (repeats)

All: Lord, give us power, oh Lord, oh Lord, oh Lord (repeats)

Lord, give us courage, oh Lord, oh Lord, oh Lord

Lord, give us singing, oh Lord, oh Lord, oh Lord

Lord, give us power, oh Lord, oh Lord, oh Lord!

Call to Worship

Rev. Bill Sinkford

Minister-In-Residence

Chalice Lighting

Hymn

I'm Gonna Lift

Faya Rose Touré

I'm gonna lift my brother up, he is not heavy (3x)

If I don't lift him up, if I don't lift him up,

If I don't lift him up, I will fall down

I'm gonna lift my sister up, she is not heavy...

I'm gonna lift my family up, they are not heavy...

I'm gonna lift my people up, they are not heavy...

Welcome & Beholding

Justis Tuia

Worship Associate

This service will be ASL Interpreted for our Deaf and Hard of Hearing visitors.

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Listening devices to assist the Hard of Hearing are also available, please ask the front desk.

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Remote hearing devices are available in the Nursery to allow parents to listen to the service.

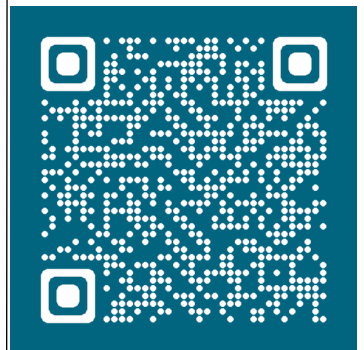
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Televisions throughout the building will soon be able to stream the service as well!

In case of evacuation of the church, proceed to Rabaut Park (across 16th St) to meet up with friends and family members.

Children in RE will be brought to you there.

Scan the QR Code to go directly to our donation page to make a gift!



Or text "ascu" to 73256 to make a digital donation today!

Anthem

Don't Be Discouraged/Hold On
by Carnie Wilson,
Chynna Phillips,
Glen Ballard,
arranged by Trey McLaughlin

Sung by members of the
All Souls Women's Ensemble:
Julie James, Melinda St. Louis,
Amelia Peele, Jen Hayman
Dante Pope - percussion

Don't be discouraged, don't give up now
Don't be discouraged, don't give up now

Someday, somebody's gonna make you wanna turn around and say 'goodbye'
Till then, baby, are you gonna let 'em hold you down and make you cry
Don't you know, things will change, things will go your way
If you hold on for one more day, hold on for one more day

Don't be discouraged, don't give up now

Announcements & Congregational Concerns

Rev. Louise Green
Minister of Congregational Care

Hymn 123

Spirit of Life

Reading

What Need Be
by Ross Gay

Sermon

A Petition for Persistence

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Offering

Justis Tuia

Offertory

Even When He Is Silent
by Kim Andre Arnesen

All Souls Choir

Text found on a wall of a prisoner of war camp in Cologne, Germany, at the conclusion of WWII:

I believe in the sun even when it's not shining
I believe in love even when I feel it not
I believe in god even when he is silent

Hymn 1015

I Know I Can

Though days be dark with storms, and burdens weigh by heart
Though troubles wait at ev'ry turn, I know I can go on.

When sorrow heals my soul, and burdens make me strong
Though troubles wait at ev'ry turn, I know I can go on.

And though the journey is long, the destination is near
Though troubles wait at ev'ry turn, I know I can go on.

Benediction

Rev. Bill Sinkford

Benediction in Music

Hold On!
Jester Hairston

All Souls Choir

Keep your hand on the plow,
Hold on! Hold on!

Norah, Norah, let me come in, the doors all fastened
and the windows pinn'd!

Keep your hand on the plow, Hold on! Hold on!
Norah said, 'You done lost your track,
you can't plow straight and keep a'lookin' back.'
Keep your hand on the plow, Hold on! Hold on!
Hold on! Hold on!

Keep your hand on the plow,
Hold on! Hold on!

If you wanna get to heaven, let me tell you how:
just keep your hand on the gospel plow
Keep your hand on the plow, Hold on! Hold on!
Keep on climbin' and don't you tire,
every rung goes higher and higher

Keep your hand on the plow, Hold on! Hold on!
Hold on! Hold on!

Keep your hand on the plow,
Hold on! Hold on!

Mary had a golden chain,
every link spelled my Jesus' name
Keep your hand on the plow, Hold on! Hold on!
If that plow stays in your hand, I
and you straight in the promised land
Keep your hand on the plow, Hold on! Hold on!

Hold on! Hold on!

Keep your hand on the plow,
Hold on! Hold on!

Keep your hand on the gospel plow!
Keep your hand on the gospel plow!
Keep your hand on the gospel plow and hold on!

Happy
Bicentennial

All Souls
Church!

Spirit of Lives - Generations Together

#ASC200

#SpiritOfLives

Welcome to All Souls Church!

Welcome, one and all, to our Unitarian Universalist religious community. We welcome you, whatever your tradition, gender, race, class, sexual orientation, ability, or age. Here, may you move in the ways of truthfulness, service, and peace.

First time? Fill out a guest card (in each pew) and drop it in the collection plate or at the front desk. Then join us in Pierce Hall for a fellowship hour or on the same Zoom link after service to meet and greet with others of the congregation for a social hour.

Attending with children? We have an amazing Religious Education Program for Children and Youth, from nursery care all the way through High School, with in-person and virtual options. Interested in All Souls, its history, and Unitarian Universalism? Attend an **About All Souls** session (every first Sunday, after the service, currently only on Zoom). For more info, contact Membership Manager Gary Penn (gpenn@allsouls.ws; 202.517.1465).

Today & This Week

Mindful Souls: Sundays | 11:45 am - 12:30 pm. Join Mindful Souls in classroom 3 after service for our weekly in-person mindful meditation. All are welcome!

Kindred Men's Spirit Group | May 17, 2022 | 7:00-8:30 pm. Interested men are invited to a virtual salon where we discuss topics from a men's perspective, letting dialogue flow and deepening our connections as All Souls Unitarian Men. Contact Philip Smith (philips442@gmail.com) for login information.

Support for Cleveland Park/Van Ness Neighbors | May 17, 2022 | 7:00 - 8:30 pm. Those living in the Cleveland Park/Van Ness neighborhood were directly impacted by the shooting at Edmund Burke School last month. Join Rev. Kathleen Rolenz for this opportunity to debrief that awful day with fellow members who were impacted by the event as we create a space to reflect, to support one another, and to heal. See the church calendar website for Zoom login information.

Silver Souls Meeting | May 18, 2022 | 3:00-4:00 pm. The Silver Souls promote the needs of our senior souls, and of the entire All Souls congregation. See the church website calendar for Zoom information.

Board of Trustees Meeting | May 18, 2022 | 7:00 - 9:00 pm. The Board of Trustees will meet on Zoom. All members are welcome to observe. See the church calendar website for Zoom login information.

Coming of Age Sunday | May 22, 2022 | 10:30 am. Come to service this Sunday to hear from our Youth who are graduating from the CYRE program. They have spent this spring developing the credos by which they view the world.



Ready to Commit to All Souls? Attend the Next Joining Class!

At this joining class, you'll learn more about the church and how it functions, explore the expectations and benefits come with membership, and start making community with other congregants. At the end, you'll get to sign the membership book, making it official.

One evening on Zoom (Monday, May 16, 7:00-8:30pm) and an in-person gathering after church the following Sunday (May 22, 12:00-2:00 pm). We'll provide lunch and childcare for the Sunday session. For those joining from afar, we'll make alternative arrangements for the second session.

Visit the church website calendar for registration information.

Beckner
Advancement
Fund

Be the Change You Want to Be in the World:

How All Souls uses the Beckner Fund to
deepen our hearts and transform DC

May 23, 2022 from 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Join the current Beckner Advancement Fund Committee for an event
in celebration of All Souls' Bicentennial!

It will be an opportunity to learn more about the Fund's place in
church history and its support of some of the District's most creative
social innovators, and to imagine the possibilities for your engagement
with the Beckner Fund in the future.

Visit the church website calendar for registration information.

Bicentennial Birthday Bash! It's a Party!

June 4, 2022 | 6:00 - 10:00 pm

Don't miss a party that only happens every
200 years! **Get your tickets today** for the All
Souls Church Bicentennial Birthday Bash!

No birthday is complete without a party – Come make ASC history as
we commentate our past and celebrate our future! Come for the spirit,
the spirits, the music, the food, and most of all, to be together again
with what keeps this church alive and lively: your fellow members!

THE DETAILS: The party will be on the Terrace and in Pierce Hall at
All Souls Church from 6:00-10:00PM on June 4, 2022.



Have you pledged to the church
for the coming fiscal year? Please
consider how All Souls has made
an impact on you and our
beloved community.
Scan the code to give today.

RSVP: Church Picnic June 12, 2022 | 12:00 pm

Join All Souls members and friends
for the all-church picnic at Rock
Creek Park Picnic Grove #6 after the
worship service that day!

We will celebrate the end of the
Bicentennial church year, say
farewell to Interim Senior Minister
Rev. Kathleen Rolenz and A. Powell
Davies Intern Ebony Peace, and
enjoy the company of one another in
person and outside!

There will be food, friendship, music,
fun and intergenerational / all-ability
friendly activities!

In order to accurately purchase food
for the picnic, we are asking families
to RSVP. **You do not need to RSVP
to attend, but it is VERY helpful!**

Picnic RSVP



Questions?
Want to help?

Email Rose:
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allsouls.ws**

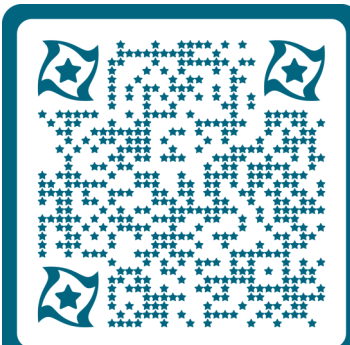
THE PLAN: Good food, good fellowship,
and good vibes! Enjoy drinks and live jazz
from our own ASC musicians on the
Terrace before sitting down to a delicious
dinner (including Vegan choices!) and
convivial conversation in Pierce Hall,
before the DJ takes it up a notch for a
night spinning on the dancefloor. Please
bring ID to purchase alcohol and a mask
for indoor socializing.

THE ATTIRE: Wear that thing! You know,
in the back of your closet, that thing you
love but you rarely get to wear—could be
a hat, could be a sequin, could be from
1970. We're celebrating many decades,
so dust it off, put it on, and feel fancy...
your way!

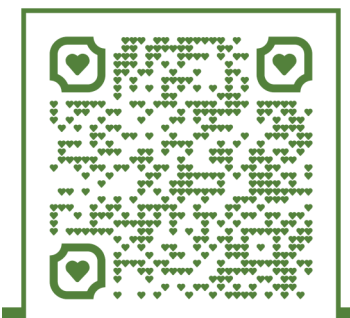
THE CHILDCARE: While this adults-only
celebration happens upstairs, kids 12 and
under can register for a supervised movie
and pizza night in the gym.

THE VOLUNTEERS: We'd love to have
your help — #timecounts! Want to donate
a volunteer hour or two for the party?
Signup here!

THE BOTTOM LINE: Get your ticket today
to be part of ASC history!



Buy Tickets!



Help Out!