

All Souls Church. Unitarian

You've been looking for a church like this.

September 25, 2022

Order of Service

Rev. Louise Green:
Chosen Family



The dominant culture holds that we belong to families of origin, part of a blood ancestor lineage. Yet many have created a chosen family instead. This might be through LGBTQ+ identity, via adoption relationships, due to estrangement, or for those of us who can't trace lineage at all. Our service celebrates connections in creative relationship-building and chosen bonds.

Enjoy this ASL-interpreted service that will feature music from Lenard Starks and the Jubilee Singers! After service, join us in Pierce Hall for socially distanced fellowship or online via the same link as worship. Then, in the evening, 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.

Processional

Let Us Get Together
by Rev. Gary Davis

All Souls Jubilee Singers
Akbar Sharrieff - guitar,
Corey Null - bass, Lenard Starks - piano

Leader: Let us get together right down here.
All: Let us get together right down here.
All: Let us get together right down here.
All: Let us get together right down here.

2. Let us welcome others right down here . . .
3. Let us work for justice right down here . . .
4. Let us have our heaven right down here . . .
5. Let us sing together right down here . . .

Call To Worship & Chalice Lighting

Rev. Louise Green
Minister of Congregational Care

Hymn 360

Here We Have Gathered

Welcome & Beholding

Luther Hoy
Youth Worship Associate

Anthem

I Believe
by Eric Levi

Jubilee Singers
Robert Jayes - Tenor,
Nicole Rumeau - Soprano

One day I'll hear the laugh of children
in a world where war has been banned.
One day I'll see men of all colors
sharing words of love and devotion.
Stand up and feel the Holy Spirit.
Find the power of your faith.
Open your heart to those who need you
in the name of love and devotion.
Yes, I believe!

I believe in the people of all nations
to join and to care for love.
I believe in a world where light will guide us.
And giving our love, we'll make heaven on earth.

Oo__, oo,__ oo.___

I believe in the people of all nations
to join and to care for love.
I believe in a world where light will guide us.
And giving our love, we'll make heaven on earth.
Yes, I believe

I believe in the people of all nations
to join and to care for love.
I believe in a world and giving our love,
we'll make heaven on earth!
We'll make heaven on earth, I believe.

Teacher Dedication

Dolores Miller, Iris Dodson Green
and Nettie Parker Thomas

Assisted Listening Devices are available at the front desk. This service will be streamed on Zoom, recorded, and posted on our website. Views of the seated congregation may be visible.

Announcements, Congregational Care & Prayer

Rev. Rob Keithan
Minister of Social Justice

Hymn 123

Fuente de amor, ven hacia mi
Y al corazón cántale tu compasión
Sopla al volar, sube en la mar
Hasta moldear la justicia de la vida
Arrágame, libérame
Fuente de amor, ven a mi, ven a mi

Spirit of Life

Spirit of life, come unto me.
Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion
Blow in the wind, rise in the sea
Move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice
Roots hold me close, wings set me free
Spirit of life, come to me, come to me.

Moment of Silence

Sermon

Chosen Family

Rev. Louise Green

Offering

Luther Hoy

Offertory

The Human Heart
by Lynn Ahrens and Steve Flaherty

All Souls Jubilee Singers
Eliza Carney - Alto
Ann Watters - Soprano

Oo__ dah-o, dah-o, dah-o, dah (x2)
The courage of a dreamer, the innocence of youth,
The failures and the foolishness that lead us to the truth;
The hopes that make us happy, the hopes that don't come true
And all the love that ever was I see this all in you.
You are part, part of the human heart (you are part).

You are part of all who took the journey and managed to endure,
The ones who knew such tenderness, the ones who felt so sure;
The ones who came before you, the others yet to come
And those who you will teach it to and those you learned it from.
You are part, part of the human heart (you are part).

This is the gift I give: through your love you'll live forever.

You are part, part of the human heart forever.
You are part (you are part, you are part)
Tonight!
Tonight!
Part of the human heart.



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Hymn 389

Gathered Here

Benediction

Rev. Louise Green

Benediction in Music

Common Thread
by Pat Humphries

Jubilee Singers
Taryn Wilgus Null, Eliza Carney,
Laura Sailer, Bob Jayes,
Ann Watters & David Wiley

In a many colored garden we are growing side by side
We will rise all together, we will rise
With the sun and rain upon us, not a row shall be denied
We will rise all together, we will rise
We will rise like the ocean
We will rise like the sun
We will rise all together, we will rise
In our many colored fabrics
made from strands of common thread
We will rise all together, we will rise
In the cold of fear and hatred, clothed in dignity we stand
We will rise all together, we will rise
We have pieced this quilt together, linking hearts with
stitching hands

We will rise all together, we will rise
We will rise like the ocean
We will rise like the sun
We will rise all together, we will rise
We are spirits drawn together
tightly by our common threads
We will rise all together, we will rise
From our children to our elders, from all nations we will rise
We will rise all together, we will rise
May respect for all our differences enhance our common
ties
We will rise all together, we will rise
We will rise like the ocean
We will rise like the sun

October's Theme is Complexity

Upcoming Worship

October 2 **Rev. Bill Sinkford: *Do Unto Others***

The Jewish High Holy Days call us to forgiveness each year. We are asked to forgive ourselves and one another and begin again in love. Forgiving others may be the easy part. Forgiving ourselves may be the real test that asks us whether what we are and what we offer can possibly be good enough.

The Church Needs Your Help!

We need to conduct a demographic survey of our congregation as part of our prep work for the Ministerial Search Committee! All information will be kept strictly confidential.

**Please complete the survey online using the link below,
or fill out a hard copy at the front desk.**

<https://all-souls.org/demographic-survey/>

Reproductive Freedom Project Gathering

Today | After Service | Terrace

All are invited to join the All Souls Reproductive Freedom Project for compassionate community after worship. Abortion is no longer protected by the constitution, and the right wing is determined to roll back bodily autonomy and equality in other areas, from the right to access birth control to civil rights for LGBTQ individuals, couples, and families. It is a painful time for many in our community.

Rev. Sinkford recently preached that “what we do in this church is hold people and to hear their stories and companion them so that the spirit of life can move, so that compassion can be stirred.” Bring whatever you’re carrying — your anger, fear, despair, stories, hope — to our circle and we’ll hold it together.



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 on the first Sunday of each month, in person. For more info, contact Membership Manager Gary Penn (gpenn@allsouls.ws; 202.517.1465).

Have other questions? Stop by the front desk in the lobby to talk with our knowledgeable desk staff to learn more about the building and things that are happening today!

Today & Upcoming Events

Mindful Souls | September 25, 2022 | After Service/RE | Classroom 3

Mindful Souls will meet downstairs in classroom 3 after the worship service and the Children's RE class has departed. **Please see the church website calendar for the login.**

Philosophical Souls: Belonging | October 3, 2022 | 6:30 - 8:30pm | Eaton Room

We begin this year by exploring the September theme of belonging. What is it to belong? Do we find belonging or create it? How can our unique individual selves fully belong to a particular identity, relationship, community or place? When is it liberating to declare that we do not belong where we are? What happens in the spaces between belonging? Please join us for these and your questions! We will meet in-person, 6:30-8:30pm Monday, October 3 in the Eaton Room. Per ASC COVID policy, facemasks and physical distancing are optional, and attendees should consider the comfort level of others. Space is limited – please RSVP to john.tambornino@gmail.com and sarafrueh@gmail.com.

Kindred Men's Spirit Group | October 4, 2022 | 7:30 pm | Zoom

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.

Celebration of Life: Adenia Taylor | October 7, 2022 | 1:00 - 3:00pm | All Souls Sanctuary & Zoom

This service will be in the Sanctuary with repast to follow, as well as on Zoom. Memorial leaders are Rev. Bill, Rev. Louise, and Rochelle Rice. **See the church website calendar for the Zoom information and to RSVP for the repast.**

Vespers | October 12, 2022 | 7:30 pm | All Souls Sanctuary & Zoom

Please join us in-person or online for our Vespers service this month! Our Vespers worship service is modeled after the traditional Taizé worship service, which uses silence, scripture, prayer, and repetitive singing of short chants and rounds to quiet the mind and promote deep meditation. **See the church website calendar for the Zoom login information.**

Silver Souls | October 19, 2022 | 3:00 pm | Zoom Only

The Silver Souls promote the needs of our senior souls, and of the entire All Souls congregation. Their lay ministry includes special projects, preserving the history of the church, promoting social justice programs, sponsoring workshops on aging, and offering book clubs and social programs. For more information: Judy Hogan, President (soleilart8@aol.com). See the church website calendar for Zoom login.



Save The Date! Artists of Conscience Panel at All Souls

October 27, 2022 at All Souls Church

Join us for a conversation and musical program exploring the role of art in addressing nuclear weapons abolition. Moderated by Elsa Smithgall, panelists include Leslie King Hammond, Mel Hardy, and Smriti Yeshari.