



# All Souls NYC

A Unitarian Universalist Congregation

*Sunday, May 10, 2026*

*All Souls is an open and welcoming religious community that nurtures possibilities and builds connections to forge redemptive change in ourselves, our city, and our world.*

# Welcome to All Souls NYC!

*...a community for spiritual growth, justice and service*

Please reach out to Spiritual Care and Membership Manager, Gretchen at [gretchen@allsoulsnyc.org](mailto:gretchen@allsoulsnyc.org), to learn more about the values of All Souls, volunteering opportunities, or our thriving groups. All are welcome here!

*For more information: **allsoulsnyc.org***

After every service, join us for *All Souls in 20 Minutes*, a brief introduction to congregational life, groups, and events at All Souls NYC. We want to know who you are and what brings you to All Souls!

You are welcome to introduce yourself to the Sunday Worship leaders and/or head down to Reidy Friendship Hall where we gather in community for coffee hour every Sunday afternoon. Need a nametag? Email Gretchen at [gretchen@allsoulsnyc.org](mailto:gretchen@allsoulsnyc.org)!

Children are a cherished part of our congregation, and their presence brings joy to our worship. We understand that they may sometimes make noise, and that's absolutely okay. There is seating and a live feed of the service in the Vestibule if you need to step out for any reason. There are also Chalice Bags available for sign-out in the Vestibule with quiet, mess-free activities. Nursery Care for children aged 6-months to 5-years-old is available most Sundays during the service in the Forrest Church Gallery.

The music offered in our services draws from a wide range of eras, cultures, and spiritual traditions. Music texts not under copyright are presented in their original form to honor their historical and artistic integrity. We receive them not as statements of shared belief, but as expressions of humanity's enduring search for connection, meaning, and the divine.

## **Accessibility and Privacy Information**

For those who need hearing assistance, we offer Bluetooth connectivity for hearing aids and headphones that connect to smartphones (detailed instructions available in the vestibule - just ask an usher or staff member!). The first row of pews has dedicated speakers that provide clearer sound with minimal echo. Our services are filmed and livestreamed online and you may appear briefly on camera. If you would not like to be on camera, please sit in the back three rows.

## **Spiritual Care**

When you or someone you love is in need of a helping hand or a listening ear, the All Souls Spiritual Care ministry team provides emotional and spiritual care. To request support, please email [gretchen@allsoulsnyc.org](mailto:gretchen@allsoulsnyc.org)



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contribution to the  
offering!*

# Order of Service

May 10, 2026

11:15 a.m.

“I am a living member of the great family of all souls.”

William Ellery Channing

*Rev. Dr. Elaine Beth Peresluha, Interim Senior Minister*

*Gretchen Joy Gabrielson, Spiritual Care and Membership Manager*

*Rev. Jessica Hess, Director of Lifespan Faith Formation*

*Alejandro Hernandez-Valdez, Director of Music*

*Trent Johnson, Assistant Director of Music*

*All Souls Choir*

\*Please rise as you are willing and able

## SOUNDING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

Nocturne in g minor, Op. 37, No. 1

Frederic Chopin (1810-1849)

WELCOME

Gretchen Joy Gabrielson

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Seal Lullaby

Eric Whitacre (1970-)

*Oh! Hush thee, my baby, the night is behind us,  
And black are the waters that sparkled so green.  
The moon, o'er the combers, looks downward to find us,  
At rest in the hollows that rustle between.*

*Where billow meets billow, then soft be thy pillow,  
Oh weary wee flipperling, curl at thy ease!  
The storm shall not wake thee, nor shark overtake thee,  
Asleep in the arms of the slow swinging seas!*

Rudyard Kipling, 1865-1936

## CHALICE LIGHTING

## OPENING WORDS

Eva Scobie  
*Coming of Age Youth*

## BOND OF UNION\*

In the freedom of the truth  
And in the spirit of love,  
We unite for the worship of God  
And the service of all.

## DOXOLOGY\*

*From all that dwell below the skies,  
Let faith and hope with love arise;  
Let beauty, truth and good be sung,  
Through every land, by every tongue.  
Amen.*

## HYMN #360\*

Here We Have Gathered

## TIME FOR ALL AGES

Rev. Jessica Hess and  
Gretchen Joy Gabrielson

## SINGING OUT THE CHILDREN

Go now in peace, go now in peace  
May the spirit of love surround you  
Everywhere, everywhere, you may go.

READING

This is For Mothers

ANTHEM

The Mother  
Brandy Carlyle

Shawn Bartels  
Katie McCreary

MEDITATION

HYMN #1069\*

Ancient Mother

OFFERTORY

Even When She Is Silent  
Kim André Arnesen (1980-)

*I believe in the sun even when it's not shining.  
I believe in love when I feel it not  
I believe in God even when she is silent.*

Adapted from text scrawled on cellar wall by Jewish fugitives hiding in  
underground refuge in Cologne, Germany during WWII

Today is Share the Plate Sunday. A portion of our collection will  
go to to **Queens Community House**. Learn more on Page 7.

SERMON

Mother's Love Mothers All  
Rev. Elaine Peresluha

HYMN #128\*

For All That Is Our Life

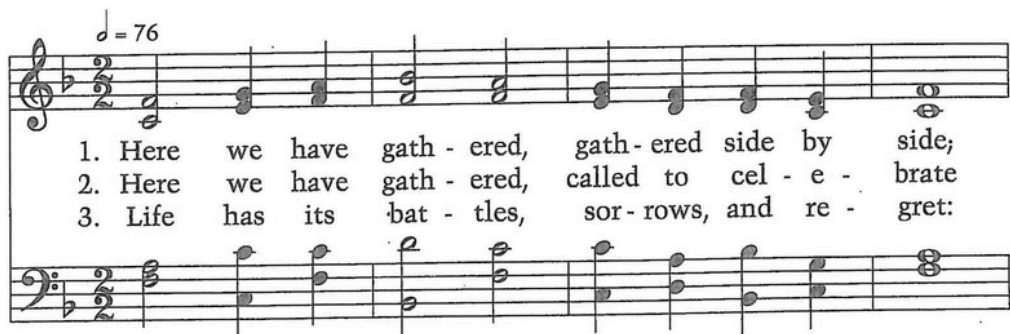
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POSTLUDE

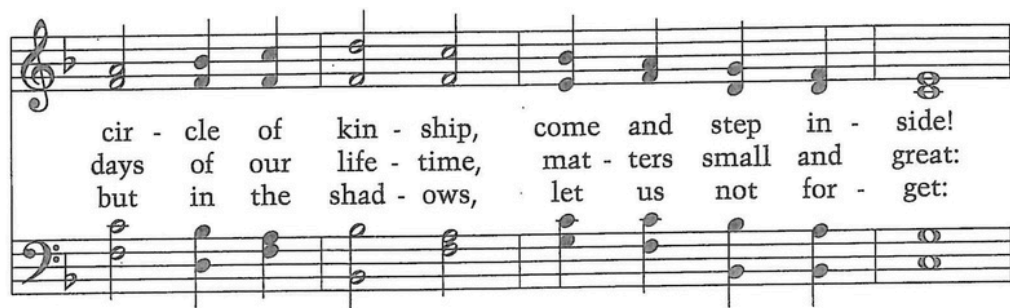
Rigaudon  
Andre Campra (1669-1744)

## Here We Have Gathered

$\text{♩} = 76$



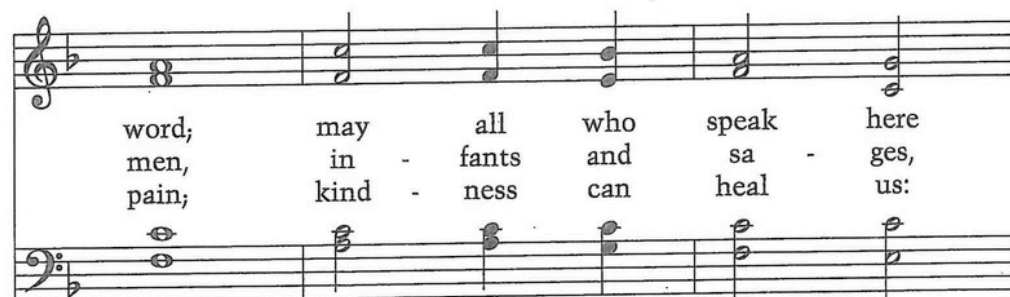
1. Here we have gath - ered, gath - ered side by side;  
 2. Here we have gath - ered, called to cel - e - brate  
 3. Life has its bat - tles, sor - rows, and re - gret:



cir - cle of kin - ship, come and step in - side!  
 days of our life - time, mat - ters small and great:  
 but in the shad - ows, let us not for - get:



May all who seek here find a kind - ly  
 we of all a - ges, wom - en, chil - dren,  
 we who now gath - er know each oth - er's



word; may all who speak here  
 men, in - fants and sa - ges,  
 pain; kind - ness can heal us:

feel they have been heard. Sing now to -  
 shar - ing what we can. Sing now to -  
 as we give, we gain. Sing now in

geth - er this, our hearts' own song.  
 geth - er this, our hearts' own song.  
 friend - ship this, our hearts' own song.

♩ = 72 (D Dorian)



An-cient Moth - er, I hear you call - ing. — An-cient



Moth - er, I — hear your song. — An-cient Moth-er, I feel your



laugh - ter. — An-cient Moth - er, I — taste your tears. —

$\text{♩} = 76$

1. For  
2. For  
3. For  
4. For

all that is our life we sing our thanks and praise; for  
needs which oth - ers serve, for ser - vic - es we give, for  
sor - row we must bear, for fail - ures, pain, and loss, for  
all that is our life we sing our thanks and praise, for

all life is a gift which we are called to use to  
work and its re - wards, for hours of rest and love; we  
each new thing we learn, for fear - ful hours that pass: we  
all life is a gift which we are called to use to

build the com - mon good and  
 come with praise and thanks for  
 come with praise and thanks for  
 build the com - mon good and

1.-3.  
 make our own days glad.  
 all that is our life.  
 all that is our life.  
 make our own days

4.  
 glad.



***Living our mission to transform the world  
through our generosity***

All Souls Share the Plate recipient for May 10, 2026:  
**Queens Community House**



**Children and Youth  
Services**



**Young Adult Services**



**Adult and Family  
Services**



**Older Adult Services**



**LGBTQ Services**



**Queens Community House (QCH)** is a multi-site, multi-service settlement house founded in 1975 that serves the diverse residents of Queens, New York across 40 sites in 15 neighborhoods. Guided by a holistic philosophy, QCH addresses the interconnected factors that affect individual and community wellbeing, including housing, health, employment, education, and financial security, ensuring that participants across all programs have access to the resources they need to thrive. Each year, their programs help thousands of people to thrive in school, make healthy life choices, succeed in educating themselves, become engaged citizens, stabilize their housing situations, and make the most of their senior years.

For more information: [www.qchnyc.org](http://www.qchnyc.org)

***Whatever the weather, we're in this together***

Please join us in supporting All Souls' future during our **Annual Giving** campaign. We want to make All Souls as strong as possible, to give us the best possible chance to attract our top ministerial candidate. Please make your donation today!



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***Today at All Souls***

**LGBTQ+ Welcoming Congregation Plaque Rededication**

10 AM | Forrest Church Gallery

**Morning Meditation**

10:30 AM | Minot Simons Room

***No Nursery & Preschool Care***

**Religious Education for Children & Youth**

11:15 AM | All ages begin in the Sanctuary  
Pathfinders (Ages 5-12) Mary Ella Holst Room  
Youth Group (Ages 13-18) Forrest Church Gallery

**Sunday Worship** *with Rev. Elaine Peresluha*

11:15 AM | The Sanctuary & Livestream

**All Souls in 20 Minutes**

12:15 PM | The Sanctuary  
Join us for our newcomer welcome!

**Coffee Hour** | 12:15 PM | Reidy Friendship Hall

*Hosted by Monday Night Hospitality*

Featuring a presentation on **Musica Viva NY's** Tour to Spain! Members of the ensemble and our music team will share highlights from their recent travels and the rich history connecting MVNY with All Souls.

Stop by the **Unitarian Universalists for Justice in the Middle East** table to speak with members and learn about the 78th anniversary of Palestinian Nakba Day, with a special emphasis on mothers and children.

Have questions about our Annual Giving campaign? Visit the **Annual Giving Committee** table to meet a member and find out more.

**Young Adults Friendship Circle**

12:45 PM | Minot Simons Room

# **Next Sunday at All Souls**

*Sunday, May 17*

**Adult Religious Education: How Real is Historical Jesus?** *with Frank Ciulla* | 10 AM | Forrest Church Gallery

## **Morning Meditation**

10:30 AM | Minot Simons Room

## **No Nursery & Preschool Care**

**Religious Education for Children & Youth** | 11:15 AM

All ages begin in the Garden

Pathfinders (Ages 5-12) | Mary Ella Holst Room

Youth Group (Ages 13-18) | Forrest Church Gallery

## **Sunday Worship** *with Kaira Jewel Lingo*

11:15 AM | The Sanctuary & Livestream

There will be a Charge to the Ministerial Search Committee during this service.

## **Sanctuary Tour** *with Laura Pedersen*

Following the Service | The Sanctuary

**Coffee Hour** | 12:15 PM | Reidy Friendship Hall

*Hosted by the Garden Committee*

## **Newcomer Bagel Brunch**

12:30 PM | Reidy Friendship Hall

## **Friendship Circle for Widowed People**

12:45 PM | The Ware Room

**All Queer Souls Sunday Brunch** | 1 PM | Offsite

**All Souls Board Meeting** | 1 PM | Forrest Church Gallery

**Mindfulness | Meditation | Buddhism Guest Teacher: Kaira Jewel Lingo** | 1:30 PM | The Sanctuary

## **Sanctuary Sounds** *with Janet Weir*

5 PM | The Sanctuary

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Monday – Thursday:  
11 am – 5 pm

Sunday:  
9 am – 3 pm

*If you'd like to set up an appointment  
with a staff member, please contact  
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## ***Shared Values (2024)***

*We draw from many sources and traditions. We acknowledge that spiritual beliefs are ever-changing, and it is an ongoing experience of Unitarian Universalism to attempt to define these beliefs. This is the “Love at the Center” model, summarized below.*

Love is the power that holds us together and is at the center of our shared values. We covenant to practice:

- **Justice**, we work to be diverse multicultural Beloved Communities where all thrive;
- **Equity**, we declare that every person is inherently worthy and has the right to flourish with dignity, love, and compassion;
- **Transformation**, we adapt to the changing world;
- **Pluralism**, we celebrate that we are all sacred beings, diverse in culture, experience, and theology;
- **Interdependence**, we honor the interdependent web of all existence;
- **Generosity**, we cultivate a spirit of gratitude and hope.

We are accountable to one another for doing the work of living our shared values through the spiritual discipline of Love.

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## ***The 7 Principles (1985)***

- The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
- Justice, equity, and compassion in human relations;
- Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
- A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
- The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
- The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;
- Respect for the interdependent web of all existence, of which we are a part.