



Sunday, January 4, 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

Are you new to All Souls and interested in learning more?

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

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.

For more information: 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 during the service in the Chapel.

Accessibility and Privacy Information

We want our services to be inclusive and welcoming. 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. We will alert you if unusual sounds or lights will be a part of the service. 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 provides emotional and spiritual care from our ministers, our Manager of Spiritual Care, and our Caring Connections Team. To request support, please email Gretchen@AllSoulsNYC.org.



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contribution to the
offering!*

Order of Service

January 4, 2026

11:15 a.m.

“I am a living member of the great family of all souls.”
~ William Ellery Channing

Rev. Elaine Peresluha, Interim Senior Minister
Rev. Pamela Patton, Assistant Minister
Trent Johnson, Assistant Director of Music
Nick Hay, bass

*Please rise as you are willing and able

SOUNDING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

Prière à Notre Dame
Léon Boëllmann (1862-1897)

WELCOME

Rev. Pamela Patton

CHALICE LIGHTING

OPENING WORDS

David Moynihan

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 #350*

The Ceaseless Flow of Endless Time

READING

ANTHEM

On a Clear Day
from *On a Clear Day You Can See Forever*
Burton Lane and Alan Jay Lerner

PRAYER

HYMN #86

Blessed Spirit of My Life

OFFERTORY

I Love Life
Mana-Zucca (1885-1981)

SERMON

Dead Reckoning
Rev. Elaine Peresluha

HYMN #136*

Where Gentle Tides Go Rolling By

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Toccata in 7
John Rutter (b.1945)

The Ceaseless Flow of Endless Time

$\text{♩} = 96$

1. The cease - less flow of end - less time no
 2. The pres - ent slips in - to the past, and
 3. The past and fu - ture ev - er meet in

one can check or stay; we'll view the past with
 dream-like melts a - way; the break - ing of to -
 the e - ter - nal now: to make each day a

no re - gret, nor fu - ture with dis - may.
 mor - row's dawn be - gins a new to - day.
 thing com - plete shall be our New Year vow.

Blessed Spirit of My Life

♩ = 96

1. Bless - ed Spir - it of my life, give me strength through
2. Spir - it of great mys - ter - y, hear the still, small

stress and strife, help me live with dig - ni - ty,
voice in me. Help me live my word - less creed

let me know se - ren - i - ty. Fill me with a vis - ion,
as I com - fort those in need. Fill me with com - pas - sion,

clear my mind of fear and con - fu - sion. When my thoughts flow
be the source of my in - tu - i - tion. Then, when life is

rest - less - ly, let peace find a home in me.
done for me, let love be my leg - a - cy.

Where Gentle Tides Go Rolling By

$\text{♩} = 56$ *Unison*

1. Where gen - tle tides go roll - ing by a -
 2. Where road and wheat to - geth - er rise a -
 3. But we have come to plow the tides, the

long the salt sea strand, the col - ors blend and
 mong the com - mon ground, the mare and stal - lion,
 oat lies on the ground. I hear their fi - res

roll as one to - geth - er in the sand. And
 light and dark, have thun - der in their sound. The
 in the field, they drive the stal - lion down. The

of - ten do the winds en - twine to
 rain - bow sign, the blend - ed flood still
 ros - es bloom, both light and dark, the

send their dis - tant call. The qui - et joys of
 have my heart en - thrall'd, the qui - et joys of
 winds do sel - dom call. The run - ning sands re -

hu - man - kind, when love em - brac - es all.
 what we share where love em - brac - es all.
 call the time when love em - brac - es all.

Today at All Souls

Adult Religious Education: Word of the Year

10 AM | Forrest Church Gallery

Choose a word to guide your spiritual journey in 2026! This practice helps you reflect on where you are and envision where you're heading. Many find this more meaningful than traditional New Year's resolutions. Join Rev. Jessica for guided exercises to discover your word for 2026.

Morning Meditation

10:30 AM | Minot Simons Room

Nursery & Preschool Care (Ages 6-months to 5 years)

11:00 AM | The Chapel

Religious Education for Children & Youth 11:15 AM

Pathfinders (Grades K-6) | Mary-Ella Holst Room

Youth Group (Grades 7-12) | 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

Coffee Hour | 12:15 PM | Reidy Friendship Hall

What's On Your Mind Listening Session

1 PM | The Ware Room

Childcare provided

Rev. Elaine and the Transition Team want to hear what's on your mind! Share your thoughts and help shape our interim planning. Each session includes open sharing time and a paired conversation - all using the Appreciative Inquiry model.

We especially extend the invitation to families to join this important session - childcare is provided! Children ages 10 and up are encouraged to attend with their adults to have their voices heard.

Next Sunday at All Souls

Sunday, January 11

Adult Religious Education Town Hall

10 AM | Forrest Church Gallery

Come chat with the Adult Religious Education Committee about what we are offering and what you hope to see this Spring in the program!

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Friendship Circle for People Who Have Lost a Partner or Spouse

12:30 PM | The Ware Room

Young Adult Small Group Ministry

12:45 PM | Minot Simons Room

Board Candidate Forum

1 PM | Reidy Friendship Hall & Zoom

What's On Your Mind Listening Session

2 PM | Room TBD

Rev. Elaine and the Transition Team want to hear what's on your mind! Share your thoughts and help shape our interim planning. Each session includes open sharing time and a paired conversation - all using the Appreciative Inquiry model. Learn more & sign-up at Coffee Hour.

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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.

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.