

OPENING WORDS  
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Good Morning and welcome to All Souls. My name is Rae Ramsey. My husband, John Conti and I have been members since 2001.

We visited this church about 20 years before that momentous time and loved the sermon, the ritual, and the music. We decided that we would join “some day.” That day came, shortly after the events of 9/11. We went to a Sunday service and then another. By the third visit, we signed the book! We knew we were “home.”

Since that time, All Souls has offered so many opportunities for me to contribute: I have been involved in our Blessing of the Animals services, have participated in the Community Choir as a member and soloist, and have on occasion led summer “Sings.” John and I especially enjoy serving as ushers and welcomers at Coffee Hour. I have also facilitated Small Groups and continue my work as a Lay Pastoral Associate. My work as an LPA has enriched my life beyond measure and I’m so thankful that I’ve been able to be there for those going through a crisis or just a rough patch, as we all do.

All Souls is a joy for me. I always seem to meet someone new at church who has a special warmth, and who seeks to uplift others on their own journeys. I’m grateful for this church and I continue to love seeing it blossom!

And now, please rise as you are able and join me in repeating the 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*