



Jesus didn't come
to tell us the
answers to the
questions of life,
He came to be
the answer.

—

Timothy Keller

Welcome

Welcome to Cross Sound Church. Whether you are a follower of Jesus, someone interested in Christianity, or a skeptic about faith—God is calling you to worship. Wherever you are in life, we hope you feel welcome and at home. If you have never been to church (or not in a long time) and fear that you will not know what to do, how to act, or what to say, know this: God's grace is here and is for people like you.

We are a church that loves our cities: Bainbridge Island, Poulsbo, Silverdale, Kingston, and Seattle. And while we actively love and serve our communities, we don't pretend to have it all together. Instead, we are a church where there is freedom to struggle with our questions, doubts, and fears; and a place where real healing, joy, and power can be found.

We are a church rooted in the belief that the historic Christian gospel is true, compelling, and promises to change our lives powerfully, in the direction of freedom, hope, and generosity.

The gospel, which means 'Good News', tells us that God's Kingdom has entered history in order to renew us and the world. The gospel is more than entering God's Kingdom, it is also the way we face every struggle in life and make any progress in personal growth.

The good news is that Jesus lived the life we should have lived and died the death we deserved to die in order to put us in a place where only He deserves to be—in a right, safe, thrilling relationship with God the Father.

Cross Sound Church desires to be filled with both believers and non-believers, who together explore the claims of the gospel and its effects on our lives and on the world.

Our aim in worship is both ancient, with liturgy that connects us to the Church of old and those who have gone before us, as well as modern, accessible, and meaningful. Underneath it all is our desire to be God-honoring, God-exalting, God-glorifying! Let's worship God together.

Say hello

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Gathering

CALL TO WORSHIP — Psalm 100

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness;
come before him with joyful songs.

Know that the Lord is God.

It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise;

give thanks to him and praise his name.

For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;
his faithfulness continues through all generations.

Renewing

CONFESSION OF SIN

"It is fitting that by the confession of our own wretchedness, we show forth the goodness and mercy of our God, among ourselves and before the whole world." —John Calvin, 1536

Heavenly Father,

**We acknowledge and confess before You our sinful nature,
our shortcomings, and offenses. You alone know
how often we have sinned — in wandering from Your way,
in wasting Your gifts, and in forgetting Your love.**

**Forgive us, we pray. And in your love, continue to
make us new in the grace of Jesus Christ our Savior.**

**Enable us by the power of the Spirit to increasingly love,
reflect, and follow Him.**

We pray these things together, in His name, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND RECEIVING OF GRACE

Hear the good news!

Christ died for us, Christ rose for us,

Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

— Romans 8:34 & 2nd Corinthians 5:17

Believe the good news of the gospel:

In Jesus Christ you are forgiven!

Shout to the Lord — Darlene Zschech

My Jesus my Savior, Lord there is none like You
All of my days, I want to praise, The wonders of Your mighty love
My comfort my shelter, Tower of refuge and strength
Let every breath all that I am, Never cease to worship You

*Shout to the Lord all the earth let us sing, Power and majesty praise to the King
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of Your Name.
I sing for joy at the work of Your hands, Forever I'll love You forever I'll stand
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You*

My Jesus my Savior, Lord there is none like You
All of my days, I want to praise, The wonders of Your mighty love
My comfort my shelter, Tower of refuge and strength
Let every breath all that I am, Never cease to worship You

Chorus x2

I Need You — Jars of Clay

Strangely out of place, There is a light filling this room where,
None would follow before
I can't deny it burns me up inside, I fan the flames to melt away my pride,
Do I want shelter from the rain, Or the rain to wash me away?

*I need You, I need You, I need You,
I need You, I need You, I need You,
You're all I'm living for*

I might sound like a fool, But I think that I felt
You moving closer to me
Face to the ground to hide the fatal cut, I fight the weight, I feel You lift me up
You are the shelter from the rain, And the rain to wash me away

Chorus

I can't deny it burns me up inside, I fan the flames to melt away my pride,
Only have a second to spare,
All the time in the world, to know You're there
You are the shelter from the rain, And the rain to wash me away

Chorus

The largest book in the Bible is primarily a book of poems set to music to sing God praises. This is all part of God's design to surround His presence with singing. Gratitude to God expresses dependence upon God and is an antidote for cynicism, criticism, and bitterness.

Who You Say I Am—Hillsong

Who am I that the highest King , Would welcome me
I was lost but He brought me in, Oh His love for me, Oh His love for me

*Who the Son sets free, Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God, Yes I am*

Free at last He has ransomed me, His grace runs deep
While I was a slave to sin, Jesus died for me, Yes He died for me

*Who the Son sets free, Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God, yes I am
In my Father's house, There's a place for me
I'm a child of God, yes I am*

I am chosen / Not forsaken - I am who You say I am
You are for me / Not against me - I am who You say I am

*Who the Son sets free, Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God, yes I am
In my Father's house, There's a place for me
I'm a child of God, yes I am*

MISSIONS STORY — Megan Gleason: The Paris Paralympics

ANNOUNCEMENTS, STUDENT DISMISSAL & GREETING

Please stand and introduce yourself to one another.

Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you.

— Romans 15:7

love one another deeply, from the heart.[

— 1Peter 1:22b

SERIES: GENESIS

Text: Genesis 15:1-21

Title: Do Not Be Afraid

Speaker: Dave O'Connell

After this, the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision:

“Do not be afraid, Abram.
I am your shield,
your very great reward.”

² But Abram said, “Sovereign Lord, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?” ³ And Abram said, “You have given me no children; so, a servant in my household will be my heir.”

⁴ Then the word of the Lord came to him: “This man will not be your heir, but a son who is your own flesh and blood will be your heir.” ⁵ He took him outside and said, “Look up at the sky and count the stars — if indeed you can count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.”

⁶ Abram believed the Lord, and he credited it to him as righteousness.⁷ He also said to him, “I am the Lord, who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to take possession of it.”

⁸ But Abram said, “Sovereign Lord, how can I know that I will gain possession of it?”

⁹ So the Lord said to him, “Bring me a heifer, a goat and a ram, each three years old, along with a dove and a young pigeon.”

¹⁰ Abram brought all these to him, cut them in two and arranged the halves opposite each other; the birds, however, he did not cut in half. ¹¹ Then birds of prey came down on the carcasses, but Abram drove them away.

¹² As the sun was setting, Abram fell into a deep sleep, and a thick and dreadful darkness came over him...

¹⁷ When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, a smoking firepot with a blazing torch appeared and passed between the pieces. ¹⁸ On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram and said, “To your descendants I give this land, from the Wadi of Egypt to the great river, the Euphrates.

QUOTES:

“God invites his people to unburden our hearts to him. Like Abram, when our hearts are downcast or when we doubt God’s promises, instead of trying to hide from him, we should talk about it in prayer.”—Richard Phillips

“Even when life is dark, you can still see the stars.”—William Wiersbe

“The man who has God for his treasure has all things in One.... Whatever he may lose he has actually lost nothing, for he now has it all in One, and he has it purely, legitimately and forever.”—A.W. Tozer

“The Christian Gospel is that I am so flawed that Jesus had to die for me; yet I am so loved and valued that Jesus was glad to die for me.”—Timothy Keller

“Do you sometimes feel adrift in this life, wondering who and what you can trust, what is true, what is real, what is reliable? God walked this bloody path to say to you: You can trust me. You can rely on me.”—Nancy Guthrie

NOTES:

COMMUNION — *Communion, also called the Lord's Supper, is the family meal of Christians. We invite all baptized followers of Jesus Christ to participate. If you are not baptized or not prepared to share in the meal, we encourage you instead to spend this time in prayer (see back cover for "Prayers of Reflection").*

Because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy,
made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions —
it is by grace you have been saved.

— Ephesians 2:4-5

For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that
you were redeemed..., but with the precious blood of Christ.

— 1Peter 1:17-18

Christ Jesus has become for us... our righteousness, holiness, and
redemption. Therefore, as it is written: "Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord."

— 1 Corinthians 1:30

OFFERING — *Offering is a way for members and friends to support the worship
and work of the church, it's mission and ministry. There are different ways to give:*

- Offering basket: place Check or Cash in a Giving Envelope on Sunday mornings
- Cross Sound app: look up "Church Center" on the App Store and follow prompts
- Online: www.crosssound.org/give • Stock: contact bookkeeper@crosssound.org
- Mail: Cross Sound Church PO Box 11748 or 600 Ericksen Ave NE #210, Bainbridge Is., WA 98110



As you excel in everything — in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness,
and in our love for you — see that you excel in this act of grace also. For you
know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your
sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

— 2 Corinthians 8:7&9

How Deep the Father's Love for Us — Stuart Townend

How deep the Father's love for us, How vast beyond all measure
That He would give His only Son, To make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss, The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the chosen One, Bring many sons to glory

Behold the Man upon a cross, My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice, Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held Him there, Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life, I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything, No gifts, no powers, no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart, His wounds have paid my ransom

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done,
On earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
As we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
The power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Sending

Everlasting God

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord

*Our God, You reign forever
Our hope, our strong deliverer*

You are the Everlasting God, the Everlasting God
You do not faint, you won't grow weary
You're the defender of the weak
You comfort those in need
You lift us up on wings like eagles

BENEDICTION — 2 Corinthians 13:14

As you go from here, may you go in
The Love of the Father,
The Grace of the Lord Jesus,
and
The Fellowship of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Announcements

Sunday Mornings at 8:15: "The After Party: Toward Better Christian Politics"

Join us Sunday mornings at 8:15am, beginning Oct 6 in the BHS Library for this 6 week video series and discussion group for people who know there's a better way to "do politics." This material is designed through "Christianity Today" to equip, encourage and engage across differences in light of the gospel promises. This course is an invitation, during these unique times, to radically recenter on Jesus, as the Presidential Election approaches. Sign up on the clipboard this Sunday.

Women's Ministry info: Ashley@CrossSound.org or visit bit.ly/crosssoundwomen
BIBLE STUDY is studying "God of Covenant: Genesis 12-50" by Jen Wilkin.

- Monday Evening 6:30 - 8:30 - Soup and Salad Dinner provided
- Wednesday Morning 9:30 - 11:30 - Breakfast Potluck

WOMEN'S HIKE - Saturday, October 19th. Hike the Fort Flagler Trail and enjoy lunch at FinnRiver Farm & Cidery afterwards.

Oct 19: "Learning how to Talk Out Loud—the Discipline of Querying the Soul" with Dan Allender (PhD)

This Men's Event is hosted by the Bainbridge Island Museum of Art from 8am-Noon on Oct 19. Dan the author of the Wounded Heart, Bold Love, Intimate Allies, the Healing Path, To be Told, How Children Raise Their Parents, God Loves Sex, Leading With A Limp, The Cry of the Soul, Sabbath, as well as co-authoring several books with Tremper Longman. He works as a private practice therapist and teaches at the Allender Center, and is a founder of the Seattle School of Theology and Psychology where he served as president from 2002-09.

Oct 27: PBJ Parade to benefit Helpline House Now collecting donations of peanut butter and jelly, with a special need for jelly. This is an annual tradition that is much appreciated by Helpline House; let's try to give them a mountain of PBJ! Donations can be dropped off at the church office or here on Sundays. Then we'd love you to join us after church on Oct 27 as we walk (or drive) to deliver it.

Nov 2: Ensenada Annual "Fun" Fundraiser Auction Dinner: Sign Up Now!

Get your paddles ready - the annual auction is back - and you are invited! This event raises funds for the Ensenada Homebuilding trip. It's a lot of FUN, includes live and silent auction items, trivia, and dessert dash. Mexican-themed meal is provided (and it's gonna be delicious). Interested in volunteering? email dede.knapp@hotmail.com



Nov 16: FIRST AID ARTS Annual Benefit Dinner! Join us at 415 Westlake in Seattle to support CSC's partner ministry, bringing "beautiful healing" to survivors of trauma locally and in 70+ countries. We will enjoy Syrian cuisine, live music by Steve Hall, and celebrate 15 years together! Tickets/Info: www.firstaidarts.org

If you have any announcements that you would like included in the bulletin, please email Kristin@crosssound.org by Wednesday afternoons. Include basic info: Who, What, When and how to sign up!

Connect With Us

If you are new to Cross Sound Church, please tear this portion off and put it in the offering to let us know you were here. You may also use this to inform us of any changes in your contact information, or to submit prayer requests for the staff to pray over.

First time visitor () Interested in more info for: Please add me to:
Second time visitor () _____ Ministry () Email list ()
Regular attendee () Mailing list ()

Name(s): _____

Children & their ages: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number(s): _____

Email(s): _____

Prayer Requests/Comments: _____

We hope these are helpful to you as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ and His people, the church.

Prayer for the Skeptic

Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

Prayer of Belief

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sin and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen.

Prayer for those Struggling with Sin

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my needs, and my turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking to you, the pioneer and perfecter of my faith. Amen.

Prayer of Commitment

Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people, and live in the fullness of your spirit. Amen.