

# 'I have given God countless reasons not to love me. None of them has been strong enough to change Him.' Paul Washer

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## 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 33:1-5

Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous ones; praise from the upright is beautiful. Praise the Lord with the lyre; make music to him with a ten-stringed harp. Sing a new song to him; play skillfully on the strings, with a joyful shout. For the word of the Lord is right, and all his work is trustworthy. He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the Lord's unfailing love.

### 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 confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND RECEIVING OF GRACE

How joyful is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered!

I acknowledged my sin to you and did not conceal my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

> Be glad in the Lord and rejoice! —Psalm 32:1,5,11

**Rest On Us** — UpperRoom, Elyssa Smith As the Spirit was moving over the waters, Spirit come move over us, Come rest on us, come rest on us As the Spirit was moving over the waters, Spirit come move over us, Come rest on us, come rest on us

So Come down Spirit when you move, You make my heart pound, When you fill the room You're here and I know you are moving, I'm here and I know you will fill me (repeat)

Fire and wind would you do it again, Open up the gates let Heaven come in, Come rest on us, come rest on us (repeat)

#### Chorus

Holy spirit come rest on us, you're all we want, you're all we want Holy spirit come rest on us, you're all we want, you're all we want Holy spirit come rest on us, you're all we want, you're all we want Holy spirit come rest on us, you're all we want, you're all we want

#### Chorus

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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. **He Will Hold Me Fast** — Ada Habershon, Matt Merker When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast; When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast. I could never keep my hold, Through life's fearful path, For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.

He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast; For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast!

Those He saves are His delight; Christ will hold me fast. Precious in His holy sight, He will hold me fast. He'll not let my soul be lost; His promises shall last. Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.

#### Chorus

For my life He bled and died; Christ will hold me fast. Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast. Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast 'Til our faith is turned to sight When He comes at last!

Chorus

#### Psalm 5

Give ear to my words, oh Lord, consider my meditation Hearken unto the voice of my cry, my King and my God For unto Thee will I pray, my voice shalt thou hear in the morning Oh, Lord, in the morning will I direct my prayer unto Thee and will look up.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS, STUDENT DISMISSAL & GREETING Please stand and introduce yourself to one another.

> Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you. — Romans 15:7

Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart... — 1Peter 1:22

QUOTES:

"He cannot bless us unless he has us. When we try to keep within us an area that is our own, we try to keep an area of death." — C.S. Lewis

The grace of God is love freely shown toward guilty sinners, contrary to their merit and indeed in defiance of their demerit. — J. I. Packer

"We do not have to make ourselves suffer in order to merit forgiveness. We simply receive the forgiveness earned by Christ." — Timothy Keller

"This vulgar grace is indiscriminate compassion. It works without asking anything of us. It's not cheap. It's free, and as such will always be a banana peel for the Orthodox foot and a fairy tale for the grown-up sensibility. Grace is sufficient even though we huff and puff with all our might to try to find something or someone it cannot cover. Grace is enough. He is enough. Jesus is enough."— Brennan Manning

SERMON OUTLINE:

I. REJOICING (VV. 1-2)

- II. HIDING (VV. 3-4)
- III. CONFESSING (VS. 5)

IV. ENCOURAGING (VV. 6-11)

#### SERMON SERIES: SUMMER IN THE PSALMS

#### Title: Forgiven! Text: Psalm 32 Speaker: Dave O'Connell

<sup>1</sup> How joyful is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered!
<sup>2</sup> How joyful is a person whom the Lord does not charge with iniquity and in whose spirit is no deceit!

<sup>3</sup> When I kept silent, my bones became brittle from my groaning all day long.
<sup>4</sup> For day and night your hand was heavy on me; my strength was drained as in the summer's heat. Selah

<sup>5</sup> Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not conceal my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the guilt of my sin. Selah

<sup>6</sup> Therefore let everyone who is faithful pray to you immediately....

<sup>8</sup> I will instruct you and show you the way to go; with my eye on you, I will give counsel.
<sup>9</sup> Do not be like a horse or mule, without understanding, that must be controlled with bit and bridle or else it will not come near you.

<sup>10</sup> Many pains come to the wicked, but the one who trusts in the Lord will have faithful love surrounding him.
<sup>11</sup> Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, you righteous ones; shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

It has been the practice of the church for thousands of years to have portions of the Bible read during worship services. We do this because we are people who need to be shaped by all of God's word.

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").

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

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."

-Matthew 11:28-29

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

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#### Good, Good Father — Pat Barrett, Tony Brown

Oh, I've heard a thousand stories, of what they think you're like But I've heard the tender whisper, of love in the dead of night And you tell me that you're pleased and that I'm never alone

You're a good, good Father, It's who You are, It's who You are, It's who You are, And I'm loved by You, It's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am

Oh, and I've seen many searching for answers far and wide But I know we're all searching for answers only you provide 'Cause You know just what we need before we say a word

#### Chorus

You are perfect in all of Your ways. You are perfect in all of Your ways You are perfect in all of Your ways to us

Oh, it's love so undeniable, I, I can hardly speak Peace so unexplainable, I, I can hardly think As You call me deeper still, As You call me deeper still, As You call me deeper still, Into love, love, love

Chorus (repeat)

You are perfect in all of Your ways. You are perfect in all of Your ways You are perfect in all of Your ways to us

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

#### **Glorious Day**

I was buried beneath my shame, Who could carry that kind of weight? It was my tomb 'Till I met You I was breathing but not alive, All my failures I tried to hide, It was my tomb 'Till I met You You called my name and I ran out of that grave

Out of the darkness into Your glorious day, You called my name and I ran out of that grave Out of the darkness into Your glorious day

Now Your mercy has saved my soul, Now Your freedom is all that I know, The old made new, Jesus, when I met You, Y ou called my name and I ran out of that grave

Out of the darkness into Your glorious day, You called my name and I ran out of that grave Out of the darkness into Your glorious day

I needed rescue, my sin was heavy, But chains break at the weight of Your glory I needed shelter, I was an orphan, Now You call me a citizen of Heaven When I was broken, You were my healing, Now Your love is the air that I'm breathing I have a future, my eyes are open, 'Cause when You called my name, I ran out of that grave

Out of the darkness into Your glorious day, You called my name and I ran out of that grave Out of the darkness into Your glorious day

BENEDICTION

May the blessing of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Be with you all. And may our lives together, Sing His praise! Amen.

The benediction, different from good wishes or even a prayer, is a pronouncement of God's blessing. God sends us out in peace, giving us his presence as we go to be blessing-bearers to the world.

### Announcements

**TODAY! Women's Ministry: Picnic with a Purpose:** Join us after church as we gather at the home of Barb Ames for our annual Women's Ministry Summer Picnic. Don't miss this beloved tradition! (lunch provided)

August 25: Sign up for our Annual Golf Fundraiser is live! Join us at Meadowmeer

for our Annual fundraiser benefitting the Ensenada Homebuilding trip! This event is a fun, 9-hole scramble format tournament with teams of 4 people. Includes lunch. Registration website, hole sponsorships and donations is now live! Sign up at <u>https://cross-</u> <u>sound-church-golf-tournament.perfectgolfevent.com</u> or follow QR>



**September 1 - CS Kids Fall Kickoff -** Students, please join us in Sunday School as we kick off the new school year! Fun, games, prizes, giant bounce slide. We'll also pass out our traditional Backpack Blessings.

#### ONGOING EVENTS -

**School of Discipleship** Our highest calling as disciples is to become love, which requires bringing the desires of our soul before Jesus and spending time with him. If you are hungry for more depth, discernment, wisdom and joy in your "with-God life", join our summer book study, Sundays at 8:45 am in the library. Our selection is Sacred Rhythms, Arranging our Lives for Spiritual Transformation, by Ruth Haley Barton. Contact Katie for details: <u>katiepearson@crosssound.org</u>

**Women's Bible Study** stay tuned for details regarding our Fall Series on Monday evenings and Wednesday mornings. Email <u>ashley@crosssound.org</u> with questions

**Men's Breakfast** Second Saturdays of the month. 8am at the Church Office. Come and be known!

**Men's Bible Study Fellowship (BSF) Begins September 10 on Tuesday evenings** at the CS Church Office. This years' focus is on the book of Revelation and our hope in Jesus' return. Questions? Email Tony Merritt - <u>merritts.wa@gmail.com</u>

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:		
Prayer Requests/Comm	ents:	

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 that 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.