



God sees us as we are,
loves us as we are,
and accepts us as we
are. But by His grace,
He does not leave us
as we are.

—

Tim 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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As we gather to worship, please silence all mobile phones and devices for the duration of the service.

Gathering

CALL TO WORSHIP — From Psalm 9

I will give thanks to you, Lord, with all my heart;
I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.
I will be glad and rejoice in you;
I will sing the praises of your name.
Sing the praises of the Lord,
Proclaim among the nations what he has done.

Renewing

CONFESSION OF SIN

Confession happens within the context of relationship, both with God and with each other as we acknowledge our sin and need for forgiveness. Jesus promises that He freely forgives sins which frees us from past regrets. You are invited to personalize your confession as we pray silently.

Heavenly Father,

**It's with wonder over your grace and love,
that we now come to you.**

**We know that in Christ we are loved completely,
but we still regularly, and foolishly, turn away from you.
Forgive us, Father.**

For our sinful actions, attitudes, and hearts.

**Grow us in the grace of Jesus, and enable us to
walk more closely, and joyfully, with Him we pray,
Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND RECEIVING OF GRACE

For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his love for those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west,
so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

— Psalm 103:11-12

King of Kings

In the darkness, we were waiting, Without hope, without light
Till from heaven, You came running, There was mercy in Your eyes
To fulfill the law and prophets, To a virgin came the word
From a throne of endless glory, To a cradle in the dirt

*Praise the Father, Praise the Son, Praise the Spirit, Three in one
God of glory, Majesty, Praise forever to the King of Kings*

To reveal the kingdom coming, And to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation, You did not despise the cross
For even in your suffering, You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation, Jesus for our sake you died

Chorus

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Chorus x2

All Must Be Well — Indelible Grace

Through the love of God our Savior, All will be well
Free and changeless is His favor, All is well
Precious is the blood that healed us, Perfect is the grace that sealed us
Strong the hand stretched forth to shield us, All must be well

Though we pass through tribulation, All will be well
Ours is such a full salvation, All is well
Happy still in God confiding, Fruitful if in Christ abiding
Steadfast through the Spirit's guiding, All must be well

We expect a bright tomorrow; All will be well
Faith can sing through days of sorrow, All is well
On our Father's love relying, Jesus every need supplying
Yes in living or in dying, All must be well
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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.

We Will Feast In The House of Zion — Sandra McCracken

We will feast in the house of Zion.

We will sing with our hearts restored.

“He has done great things,” we will say together.

We will feast, and weep no more.

We will not be burned by the fire;

He is the Lord our God.

We are not consumed by the flood -

Upheld, protected, gathered up.

Chorus

In the dark of night before the dawn,

My soul be not afraid;

For the promised morning, Oh how long!

O God of Jacob, be my strength!

Chorus

Every vow we’ve broken and betrayed,

You are the faithful One;

And from the garden to the grave,

Bind us together, bring shalom.

Chorus

MEXICO STORIES — Carrie Sellers

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 1:22

NOTES:

With the exception of the nursery, all students begin in the worship service. Upon dismissal students may proceed to their individual classes: Nursery Rm 234, Preschool Rm 232, K-1st Rm 231, 2-4th Rm 229, 5-6th Rm 231

Text: 1st Corinthians 7:1-17 (MSG)

Sermon Title: God's Place for You

Speaker: Dave O'Connell

Now, getting down to the questions you asked in your letter to me. First, "Is it a good thing to have sexual relations?"²⁻⁶ Certainly—but only within a certain context. It's good for a man to have a wife, and for a woman to have a husband. Sexual drives are strong, but marriage is strong enough to contain them and provide for a balanced and fulfilling sexual life in a world of sexual disorder. The marriage bed must be a place of mutuality—the husband seeking to satisfy his wife, the wife seeking to satisfy her husband.... Marriage is a decision to serve the other, whether in bed or out. Abstaining from sex is permissible for a period of time if you both agree to it, and if it's for the purposes of prayer and fasting—but only for such times. Then come back together again. Satan has an ingenious way of tempting us when we least expect it. I'm not, understand, commanding these periods of abstinence—only providing my best counsel if you should choose them.

⁷ Sometimes I wish everyone were single like me—a simpler life in many ways! But celibacy is not for everyone any more than marriage is. God gives the gift of the single life to some, the gift of the married life to others.⁸⁻⁹ I do, though, tell the unmarried and widows that singleness might well be the best thing for them, as it has been for me. But if they can't manage their desires and emotions, they should by all means go ahead and get married.

¹⁰⁻¹¹ And if you are married, stay married. This is the Master's command, not mine. If a wife should leave her husband, she must either remain single or else come back and make things right with him. And a husband has no right to get rid of his wife.

¹²⁻¹⁴ For the rest of you who are in mixed marriages—Christian married to non-Christian... this is what you must do. If you are a man with a wife who is not a believer but who still wants to live with you, hold on to her. If you are a woman with a husband who is not a believer but he wants to live with you, hold on to him. The unbelieving husband shares to an extent in the holiness of his wife, and the unbelieving wife is likewise touched by the holiness of her husband...

¹⁷ ...Where you are right now is God's place for you. Live and obey and love and believe right there. God, not your marital status, defines your life.

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.

— Peter 1:17-18

Sing to the Lord, praise His name; proclaim His salvation day after day.

— Psalm 96:2

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



Each one must give as he has decided in his heart.
Not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

And God is able to make all grace abound to you,
so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times,
you may abound in every good work.

— 2 Corinthians

Psalm 5 — Carolyn Arends, Steve Bell

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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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

Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)

Praise is rising, eyes are turning to You
We turn to You
Hope is stirring, hearts are yearning for You
We long for You

*'Cause when we see You, We find strength to face the day
And in Your presence, All our fears are washed away, washed away.
Hosanna! Hosanna,
You are the God who saves us, Worthy of all our praises
Hosanna! Hosanna!
Come have Your way among us., We welcome You here, Lord Jesus!*

Hear the sound of hearts returning to You
We turn to You
In Your kingdom broken lives are made new
You make all things new

Chorus

BENEDICTION — Jude 1:24-25

To him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you
before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy —
to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority,
through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages,
now and forevermore! Amen.
Amen.

Announcements

June 1: Love Your Neighbor Volunteers Needed! We are looking for Love Your Neighbor sign ups to help with yard cleanup on Saturday, June 1st. We will be helping a long-time church member who lives on Bainbridge Island and has health issues and can no longer do the yard work that is needed. Work will include gardening, yard cleanup, gutter cleaning, pruning, and planting. We are looking for 2 shifts of 10-15 people, 9am-Noon, and 1-4pm. Contact: kristy.hilst@crosssound.org

June 9: Celebrating HS Seniors We as a church will be celebrating our 2024 high school graduates! If you would like to have your senior recognized, please send Josh, CSC Youth Director, know and send a PICTURE of your graduate by Sunday, May 26th. josh@crosssound.org / Ceremony details: Graduates will be asked to come forward, receive a small gift and asked how the church can pray for them. Their photos will be included in the bulletin. The following Sunday we will reprint their picture with their prayer request. (If your child can't be there, but you would still like them recognized, please let us know)

June 13: Women's Ministry Picnic: Join us at Battle Point Park to celebrate summer! Meet on the north side of the jungle gym for a walk at 5:00 pm, or potluck picnic at 6:00 pm. Bring your lawn chair and dish or beverage to share. See you there!

June 21-23: Miracle Ranch 5th-8th Graders Come kick off Summer vacation and join us for a weekend of incredible FUN at Miracle Ranch in Port Orchard. Activities include gaga ball, a game room, a rodeo, a climbing wall, a snack shop, large group meetings, and the opportunity to participate in, horseback riding, high ropes, and paintball. Sign up here: bit.ly/5-8miracleranch2024 or QR code >



June 22: Day at Miracle Ranch K-4th Spend a day with us at Miracle Ranch! So many Summer-Fun activities! PreK (age 4+) also welcome with a parent. Visit the link to learn all the details and to sign up. Sign up by May 30. Contact suzanne@crosssound.org for questions, or to volunteer. Student and adult volunteers needed! bit.ly/K-4miracleranch2024



July 19-21 All-Church Camping at Crescent Beach! - Crescent Beach is a beautiful private beach with tent sites just steps from the water! The perfect location for community and fellowship. Tent sites costs \$35/night (it might be possible to have more than one tent per site). If you need financial aid, or require an RV or Trailer spot, email kristin@crosssound.org. Only 21 spots available: sign up today! bit.ly/CrescentBeach2024 or follow the QR code >



Annual Ensenada Homebuilding Trip Sign up! Every year for the past 25 years Cross Sound Church has sent a team to Ensenada, Mexico through YWAM's (Youth with a Mission) Homes of Hope organization, to build 16'x20' houses for families that live in very poor housing conditions. To date, we've had the opportunity to build over 45 homes. We have reserved room for 75 people to build 4 houses. We leave Sat Nov 23 and return Friday Nov 29 (the day after Thanksgiving). The cost of the trip is approx \$1,100 per person (includes roundtrip airfare, room and board, and transport from San Diego to Ensenada. CSC will raise funds for the cost of building materials. Interested in going? Sign up here (link or QR code!) >> bit.ly/CSCEnsenada2024 Questions? Contact Stu: stuart@seattlepump.com



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.