

Anyone God uses significantly is always deeply wounded...
We are, each and every one of us, insignificant people whom God has called and graced to use in a significant way...
On the last day, Jesus will look us over not for medals, diplomas, or honors, but for scars.

Brennan Manning

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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 113:4-9

The LORD is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens!

Who is like the LORD our God, who is seated on high, who looks far down on the heavens and the earth?

He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap, to make them sit with princes, with the princes of his people.

He gives the barren woman a home, making her the joyous mother of children.

Praise the LORD!

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.

Jesus, who sat at the table with outcasts and sinners, we confess that too often our words and actions are not consistent with our beliefs.

Often we ignore the needy, show indifference to the lonely, and reject those who seem different from us. Forgive us, we pray.

Empower us to reach out in love and acceptance through your name. Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND RECEIVING OF GRACE

There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. In the name of Jesus Christ You are forgiven. Be at peace.

- Romans 8:1

Sing to the King — Billy Foote Sing to the King Who is coming to reign, Glory to Jesus, the Lamb that was slain Life and salvation His empire shall bring, And joy to the nations when Jesus is King

Come, let us sing a song, A song declaring we belong to Jesus, He is all we need Lift up a heart of praise, Sing now with voices raised to Jesus, Sing to the King

For His returning we watch and we pray, We will be ready the dawn of that day We'll join in singing with all the redeemed, 'Cause Satan is vanquished and Jesus is King

Chorus x2

I Will Follow — Chris Tomlin Where You go, I'll go, Where You stay, I'll stay, When You move, I'll move, I will follow...

All Your ways are good, All Your ways are sure, I will trust in You alone Higher than my sight, High above my life, I will trust in You alone

Where You go, I'll go, Where You stay, I'll stay, When You move, I'll move, I will follow you Who You love, I'll love, How You serve I'll serve, If this life I lose, I will follow You, I will follow You

Light unto the world, Light unto my life, I will live for You alone You're the one I seek, Knowing I will find, All I need in You alone

Chorus

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In You there's life everlasting, In You there's freedom for my soul, In You there's joy, unending joy, And I will follow

Chorus x2

No Fear In Love — Steffens Gretzinger

Stir in me a love that's deep, A love that's wide, A love that's sweet And help me Lord to never keep it to myself And if my heart should dimly burn, And if my feet should fail to run Call my name and I will come right back to You

There's no fear in love, There's no fear in love,

Stir in me a love that's deep, A love that's wide, A love that's sweet And help me Lord to never keep it to myself And if my heart should dimly burn, And if my feet should fail to run Call my name and I will come right back to You

There's no fear in love, There's no fear in love, There's no fear in love, There's no fear in love,

I want to stay close to You, It's really that simple I want to stay close to You, Just as simple as this song I want to stay close to You, It's really that simple I want to stay close to You, My whole life long

COLOMBIA TRIP: CHURCH PLANTING — Rick Maguire

ANNOUNCEMENTS, STUDENT DISMISSAL & GREETING

Please stand and introduce yourself to one another.

QUOTES:

'...within the child-self that is part of us all, there is perhaps nothing more precious than the fathomless capacity to trust.' — Frederick Buechner

'Our trust in God will be perfect when life and death, glory and shame, adversity and prosperity, will be the same to us.' — Martin Luther

"You can choose courage, or you can choose comfort, but you cannot choose both." — Brene Brown

SERIES: GENESIS

Text: Genesis 14:11-24
Title: Melchizedek

Title: Speaker: Dave Sellers

So the enemy took all the possessions of Sodom and Gomorrah, and all their provisions, and went their way. ¹² They also took Lot, the son of Abram's brother, who was dwelling in Sodom, and his possessions, and went their way.

Then one who had escaped came and told Abram the Hebrew, who was living by the oaks of Mamre the Amorite, brother of Eshcol and of Aner. These were allies of Abram. ¹⁴ When Abram heard that his kinsman had been taken captive, he led forth his trained men, born in his house, 318 of them, and went in pursuit as far as Dan. ¹⁵ And he divided his forces against them by night, he and his servants, and defeated them and pursued them to Hobah, north of Damascus. ¹⁶ Then he brought back all the possessions, and also brought back his kinsman Lot with his possessions, and the women and the people.

After his return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him, the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley). ¹⁸ And Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. (He was priest of God Most High.) ¹⁹ And he blessed him and said,

"Blessed be Abram by God Most High,
Possessor of heaven and earth;

20 and blessed be God Most High,
who has delivered your enemies into your hand!"

And Abram gave him a tenth of everything. ²¹ And the king of Sodom said to Abram, "Give me the persons, but take the goods for yourself." ²² But Abram said to the king of Sodom, "I have lifted my hand to the LORD, God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth, ²³ that I would not take a thread or a sandal strap or anything that is yours, lest you should say, 'I have made Abram rich.' ²⁴ I will take nothing but what the young men have eaten, and the share of the men who went with me. Let Aner, Eshcol, and Mamre take their share."

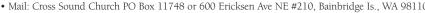
COMMUNION — Communion, also called the Lord's Supper, is the family meal of Christians. We invite all baptized followers of Jesus Christ to participate. If you are not baptized or not prepared to share in the meal, we encourage you instead to spend this time in prayer (see back cover for "Prayers of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

"The Eucharist is a moment of new creation, a point at which heaven and earth intersect, a foretaste of the renewal of all things. It is a sign and means of grace, where the past, the future, and the present come together."

-N.T. Wright

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





How does God's love abide in anyonewho has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses to help?

Dear children, let us love, not in word or speech, but also in truth and action.

--- 1 John 3:17-18

Grace — Niki Shepherd, Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson Your grace that leads this sinner home, From death to life forever And sings the song of righteousness, By blood and not by merit Your grace that reaches far and wide, To every tribe and nation Has called my heart to enter in, The joy of Your salvation

By grace I am redeemed, By grace I am restored And now I freely walk into, The arms of Christ my Lord

Your grace that I cannot explain, Not by my earthly wisdom The prince of life, without a stain, Was traded for this sinner

Chorus

Let praise rise up and overflow, My song resound forever For grace will see me welcomed home, To walk beside my Savior

Chorus x2

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

10,000 Reasons — Matt Redman

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul, Worship His holy name Sing like never before, O my soul, I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning, It's time to sing Your song again Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me, Let me be singing when the evening comes

Chorus

You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger, Your name is great, and Your heart is kind For all Your goodness I will keep on singing. Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

Chorus

And on that day when my strength is failing, The end draws near and my time has come Still my soul will sing Your praise unending, Ten thousand years and then forevermore

Chorus

BENEDICTION — Philippians 4:7

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of God's Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, remain with you always.

Amen.

Announcements

FINAL School of Discipleship Class Tonight! Study on Sabbath Meet in the church office at 6 pm for dinner this evening, followed by a short video and small group discussion. Tonight is the last in the series, focusing on: WORSHIP.

Oct 12: Memorial Service for Dave Martin you are invited to Kings Chapel at Crista Ministries 19303 Fremont Ave N, Seattle to celebrate the life of Dave Martin

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 Fundraising Annual 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 involunteering? email dede.knapp@hotmail.com





Nov 16: FIRST AID ARTS Annual Benefit Dinner! Join us Saturday, Nov 16 at 415 Westlake in Seattle. Come feast and support Cross Sound's partner ministry First Aid Arts helping bring "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):		
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.