

Don't ask yourself what the world needs. Ask yourself what makes you come alive, and go do that, because what the world needs is people who have come alive.

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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

Please join in song when ready

Gloria Patri — Words: Gloria Patri, 2nd Century, Music: Karl Digerness, 2009

Glory be to the Father As it was in the beginning

Glory be to the Son Shall be forever
Glory be to the Spirit, Three in One Amen, Amen, Amen

CALL TO WORSHIP — Revelation 15:3-4

Great and amazing are your deeds,
O Lord God the Almighty!
Just and true are your ways,
O King of the nations!
Who will not fear, O Lord,
and glorify your name?
For you alone are holy.
All nations will come
and worship you,
for your righteous acts have been revealed.

## 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.

God, 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 confess and 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.

# Renewing

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND RECEIVING OF GRACE

Jesus was pierced for our transgressions;
He was crushed for our iniquities.
The punishment that brought us peace was on Him and by his wounds we are healed.
In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven! Amen
—Adapted from Psalm 53

### **My Worth is Not in What I Own** — Keith & Kristyn Getty

My worth is not in what I own Not in the strength of flesh and bone But in the costly wounds of love At the cross

My worth is not in skill or name In win or lose, in pride or shame But in the blood of Christ that flowed At the cross

I rejoice in my Redeemer Greatest Treasure, Wellspring of my soul I will trust in Him, no other. My soul is satisfied in Him alone.

As summer flowers we fade and die Fame, youth and beauty hurry by But life eternal calls to us At the cross

I will not boast in wealth or might Or human wisdom's fleeting light But I will boast in knowing Christ At the cross

Two wonders here that I confess My worth and my unworthiness My value fixed - my ransom paid At the cross

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.

## **Christ, the Sure and Steady Anchor** — Matt Boswell

Christ, the sure and steady anchor in the fury of the storm; when the winds of doubt blow through me, and my sails have all been torn. In the suffering, in the sorrow, when my sinking hopes are few, I will hold fast to the anchor, it shall never be removed.

Christ the sure and steady anchor while the tempest rages on; when temptation claims the battle, and it seems the night has won. Deeper still, then, goes the anchor, though I justly stand accused; I will hold fast to the anchor, it shall never be removed.

Christ the sure and steady anchor, through the floods of unbelief; hopeless somehow, o my soul now, lift your eyes to Calvary! This my ballast of assurance, see His love forever proved; I will hold fast to the anchor, it shall never be removed.

Christ the sure and steady anchor, as we face the wave of death; when these trials give way to glory, as we draw our final breath. We will cross that great horizon, clouds behind and life secure; and the calm will be the better, for the storms that we endure.

Christ the shore of our salvation, ever faithful, ever true; we will hold fast to the anchor, it shall never be removed.

# **Lord of Lords** — Hillsong United

Beholding Your beauty is all that I long for, To worship You, Jesus, is my sole desire For this very heart You have shaped for Your pleasure, Purposed to lift Your Name higher

Here in surrender, in pure adoration, I enter Your courts with an offering of praise I am Your servant, come to bring You glory, As is fit for the work of Your hands

Now unto the Lamb Who sits on the throne, Be glory and honor and praise All of creation resounds with the song, Worship and praise Him, the Lord of lords

Spirit now living and dwelling within me, Keep my eyes fixed ever on Jesus' face Let not the things of this world ever sway me, I'll run 'til I finish the race

Now unto the Lamb Who sits on the throne, Be glory and honor and praise All of eternity echoes the song, Worship and praise Him, the Lord of lords

Holy Lord, You are holy, Jesus Christ is the Lord

Now unto the Lamb Who sits on the throne, Be glory and honor and praise Call all the sinners to join in the song, Worship and praise Him, the Lord of lords

### ANNOUNCEMENTS, STUDENT DISMISSAL & GREETING

## SONG OF PREPARATION

**Speak, O Lord** — *Getty/Townend*Speak, O Lord, as we come to You
To receive the food of Your holy word
Take Your Truth, plant it deep in us
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory

NOTES:

#### MESSAGE SERIES: HOW PEOPLE CHANGE

Text: Numbers 6:22-27, Psalm 67
Title: Deep Breathing the Gospel

Speaker: Paul Schuler

The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>23</sup> "Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the people of Israel: you shall say to them,

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

"So shall they put my name upon the people of Israel, and I will bless them."

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, Selah that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you! — Numbers 6:22-27

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth. Selah

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

The earth has yielded its increase:

God, our God, shall bless us.

God shall bless us;

let all the ends of the earth fear him! — Psalm 67

## QUOTES:

'The gospel is a story about a king who appears as a plumber's assistant.' — Thomas Oden

'The good news is that God has gone to work as a true human, from the incarnation to his triumphant return. The blast zone of his work is the church and the whole of the new creation, where God establishes his kingdom with renewed godlike humans enthroned as royalty according to his original design.' — Jason B Hood

'Is there a story that understands you?' — Paul M Gould

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.

#### APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic\* Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. \*universal Amen.

OFFERING — 96:8-9

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts.

Worship the LORD in holy splendor; tremble before him, all the earth.

Offering is a way for members and friends of Cross Sound 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
- $\bullet \ \, \text{Online: www.crosssound.org/give} \ \, \bullet \ \, \text{Stock: contact bookkeeper@crosssound.org}$





**The Blessing** — Kari Jobe, Cody Carnes
The Lord bless you and keep you
Make His face shine upon you
And be gracious to you
The Lord turn His
face toward you
And give you peace

#### Amen

May His favor be upon you And a thousand generations And your family And your children And their children And their children

May His presence go before you And behind you and beside you All around you and within you He is with you, He is with you

In the morning, in the evening In your coming and your going In your weeping and rejoicing He is for you, He is for you

He is for you, He is for you He is for you, He is for you He is for you, He is for you He is for you

(Back to "Amen")

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

# Sending

Your Labor is Not in Vain — Wendell Kimbrough/Paul Zach/Isaac Wardell Your labor is not in vain though the ground underneath you is cursed and stained Your planting and reaping are never the same But your labor is not in vain.

Your labor is not unknown though the rocks they cry out and the sea it may groan. The place of your toil may not seem like a home but your labor is not unknown. (refrain)

For I am with you, I am with you. I am with you, I am with you For I have called you, called you by name
Your labor is not in vain.

The vineyards you plant will bear fruit the fields will sing out and rejoice with the truth, for all that is old will at last be made new: the vineyards you plant will bear fruit. (refrain)

The houses you labored to build will finally with laughter and joy be filled.

The serpent that hurts and destroys shall be killed and all that is broken be healed. (refrain)

BENEDICTION — African Blessing

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All our problems,
We send to the cross of Christ!
All our difficulties,
We send to the cross of Christ!
All the devil's works,
We send to the cross of Christ!
All our hopes,
We set on the risen Christ!

Amen.

# Announcements





**PB+J Parade: TODAY!** Stay after church with us to parade our peanut butter and jelly donations to Helpline House. Helpline House depends on us for our annual contribution and our hungry neighbors are so grateful.



**Ensenada Auction Dinner is October 22: Sign Up Today!** Join us in our tradition of fundraising through dinner, entertainment and auction (live and silent!) supporting home-building for homeless Ensenada families. Sign up at <a href="mailto:crosssound.org/events">crosssound.org/events</a>

**Wyatt house Trick-or-Treating & Costume Parade** Children are invited to parade their costumes through Wyatt House at 4pm on Halloween Day, Monday, October 31. (Masks required for adults and optional for children). A great way to bless our elder community, and then head downtown for the downtown festivities.



**Wreaths + Garlands: It's that time of year again!** Decorate your home this Christmas with fresh, locally made wreaths and garlands. Purchases benefit the Deacon's fund which supports the local community. Sign up at <a href="mailto:crosssound.org/events">crosssound.org/events</a>

### FIRST AID ARTS Annual Benefit Dinner (www.firstaidarts.org)

Help children heal through beautifully strategic arts-based experiences. Saturday, Nov 5th. Tickets and info: <a href="https://firstaidarts.ticketspice.com/2022-annual-benefit">https://firstaidarts.ticketspice.com/2022-annual-benefit</a>



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):		
Address:		
Phone Number(s):		
Prayer Requests/Commo	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.