



‘Happiness comes when things are going our way, which makes it only a forerunner to the unhappiness that inevitably follows when things stop going our way, as in the end they will stop for all of us.

Joy, on the other hand, does not come because something is happening or not happening but every once in a while rises up out of simply being alive, of being part of the terror as well as the fathomless riches of the world that God has made.’

Frederick Buechner

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

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 — Psalm 126:1-3

When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,
 we were like those who dream.
Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
 and our tongue with shouts of joy;
then they said among the nations,
 “The LORD has done great things for them.”
The LORD has done great things for us;
 we are glad.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Make confession to God the Lord, and let everyone acknowledge with me his/her sin and iniquity.

Heavenly Father, we confess that we often see difficult circumstances and discouragement as barriers. Rather than rejoicing in what you have provided, we complain that we do not have more. Help us to see the gifts that you give and the life that is possible in them. Make your Holy Spirit’s work clear so that we can follow and glorify you, finding freedom and encouragement on the way. We pray these things in Jesus’s name, and we ask that you hear our continued confession in silence...

Amen

RECEIVING OF GRACE — Hebrews 12:1-2

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, 2 looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.”
Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

Renewing

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

His Mercy Is More — Matt Boswell and Matt Papa

What love could remember no wrongs we have done
Omniscient, all knowing, he counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many, his mercy is more

*Praise the Lord, His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness, new every morn
Our sins they are many, his mercy is more*

What patience would wait as we constantly roam
What father, so tender, is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor
Our sins they are many, his mercy is more

What riches of kindness he lavished on us
His blood was the payment, his life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford
Our sins they are many, his mercy is more

The Love of the Father — *James Ferguson & Rich Thompson*

Lift up your voices and lift up your praise
Join with the heavens declaring the wonders
Of His faithfulness forever

Sing of the victory, the hope of the world
The Savior has risen, the Spirit has come
To bring us into love forever

*We are the people of God
With the freedom of hope in our hearts
How great is the love of the Father*

Lifted from darkness and into the light
The sons and daughters are loved at a price,
Our God Has made us His forever

Chorus (x2)

This is the song of the redeemed
The ransomed and the free
Given life at such a price
This is love, this is love
And when the Father calls us home
And we see Him on the throne
Hear the voices sing as one
This is love, this is love

Chorus (x2)

STUDENT DISMISSAL

LAMENTING — Habakkuk 1:3-4,3:2, 3:17-18

Why do you make me look at injustice?

Why do you tolerate wrong?

**Destruction and violence are before me;
there is strife, and conflict abounds.**

Therefore the law is paralyzed,
and justice never prevails.

**The wicked hem in the righteous,
so that justice is perverted.**

LORD, I have heard of your fame;
I stand in awe of your deeds, O LORD.

**Renew them in our day,
in our time make them known;
in wrath remember mercy.**

Though the fig tree does not bud
and there are no grapes on the vines,

**though the olive crop fails
and the fields produce no food,**

though there are no sheep in the pen
and no cattle in the stalls,

**yet I will rejoice in the LORD,
I will be joyful in God my Savior.**

GREETING

QUOTES:

'Ultimate joy comes not from a lover or a landscape or a home, but through them... They point to what is "higher up" and "further back."' — Cornelius Plantinga

'Have you ever noticed that people who are self-focused and narcissistic are usually really unhappy...? Sadly, I know this from experience. But have you also noticed that people who are generally others-focused and more selfless are usually very happy? That's not a coincidence. It's the way of Jesus in action. When we're down, one of the best things we can do is serve somebody else. It's the backdoor to joy. And it's always unlocked.'
—John Mark Comer

'Joy is not gush. Joy is not mere jolly-ness. Joy is perfect acquiescence - acceptance, rest - in God's will, whatever comes. And that is so, only for the soul that delights in God.'
—Amy Carmichael

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.

Message

Series: A New Beginning: What Now?

Text: Nehemiah 8:9-10

Title: Joy

Speaker: Dave Sellers

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept as they heard the words of the Law. ¹⁰ Then he said to them, "Go your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

NOTES:

OFFERING

How does God's love abide in anyone
who 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

Desert Song — *Hillsong*

This is my prayer in the desert,
when all that's within me feels dry
This is my prayer in my hunger and need,
my God is the God who provides

This is my prayer in the fire,
in weakness or trial or pain
There is a faith proved of more worth than gold,
so refine me Lord through the flame

I will bring praise, I will bring praise,
No weapon formed against me shall remain
I will rejoice, I will declare,
God is my victory and He is here

This is my prayer in the battle,
when triumph is still on its way
I am a conqueror and co-heir with Christ,
so firm on His promise I'll stand

All of my life, in every season, You are still God
I have a reason to sing, I have a reason to worship

This is my prayer in the harvest,
when favor and providence flow
I know I'm filled to be emptied again,
the seed I've received I will sow.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God of Grace

You relentlessly pursue the world you made.

You relentlessly pursue the world with grace.

Teach us to love like you, so we would pray for our enemies:

unjust bosses, hateful neighbors,

those who divide and cause pain.

Fill us with your joy,

Lord Jesus,

You left perfection, to enter our mess.

You left perfect joy, knowing it would mean the cross.

Astonish us by your sacrifice and love and empower your Church throughout the world to be more and more like you.

Fill us with your joy.

Holy Spirit,

Open our eyes to see the needs around us,
in our homes and around the world.

Open our hearts to especially care for the poor.

Open our minds that we would dream of new ways to serve.

Fill us with your joy.

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, and the power,

and the glory forever and ever, Amen.

Sending

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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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CS Kids welcomes Ashley Devenyns as Curriculum Coordinator!

Ashley comes to Bainbridge by way of Illinois, CO, Spain and lands in-between. After 10 years as a high school social studies teacher, she took off to explore the world. But she has discovered it's not the places she visits but the people she meets along the way that make the travel experience rich. She is passionate about travel, hospitality, and exploring what makes people come alive and the unique gifts God has bestowed on each of us. She and her husband, Josh, are grateful to have found community and fellowship at Cross Sound.



BENEDICTION

In the love of the God of joy: and the blessing of God almighty
Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.
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

CS Kids We are excited to be welcoming our kids back into our Sunday School classrooms! With the exception of nursery, all students will start in our main worship service. Upon dismissal we will gather in Room 231 for our large group time, and then students will be dismissed to individual classes (upstairs in the same building as worship service).

- NURSERY (NEWBORN TO 3 YEARS OLD) - ROOM 234
- PREK-2ND GRADE - ROOM 232
- 3RD-6TH GRADE - ROOM 231

We are following CDC guidelines, and requiring all kids ages 2 and older to wear a mask. Please feel free to contact Laura O'Connell (lauraoc@crosssound.org), Bill Parrott (lcparrott@msn.com), or Ashley Devenyns (ashely@crosssound.org) if you have any questions. *A huge thank you to our Sunday School, Nursery, and Check-in volunteers for this Fall - Elle Bullard, Jennifer Cordell, Marc and Heather Davies, Ashley Devenyns, Katie Fixter, Susie Gleason, Lisa Grant, Wes and Vera Hempill, Trish Hendrick, Kristy Hilst, Kathi Jenness, Nancy Lim, Kathy Madson, Natalie Martini, Lincoln Miller, Bill Parrott, Kate Pippinger, Jeremy and Suzanne Foster, Carrie Sellers, Mary Sue Silver, Richard St. Cyr and Joanna Wang, Dianne Stever, and Keith and Mary Van Eaton.*

Sunday Morning Prayer Pray for our church, our worship service, for our community and beyond. Join us all summer long at 9am in the HS library.

Community Group: Fall Session Email Roger, irbarbers@gmail.com to sign up!

Leader

Dave Sellers

Mark & Cheryl Harrison

Bob Cordell & Bill Parrott

Linda Gordon & Roger Barber

Patrick Kilby

Dave O'Connell

Fred & Robbin Kroger, Tom & Linda Hittle

Evening

Tuesday (BI) (Kid Friendly)

Thursday (Poulsbo)

Thursday (Poulsbo) (Kid Friendly)

Saturday (BI)

Sunday at noon (BI) (Kid Friendly)

Thursday (BI) (Kid Friendly)

Sunday (BI) (Poulsbo)

Men's Ministry SIGN UP FOR THE MEN'S RETREAT: Sept. 17-19, 2021

at Ft. Worden: <https://crosssound.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/225443>

As a church, we want to be supportive of each other via Community Groups, Men's Bible Study, small groups, worship, and friendships. JOIN US FOR BIBLE STUDY ON FRIDAY MORNINGS: email Roger at irbarbers@gmail.com for Zoom link

Women's Ministry — Join us for our fall Bible study offering: *Elijah: Faith and Fire*, by Priscilla Shirer. Tuesday nights (6:45-8:15pm) or Wednesday mornings (9:15-11:15am), starting September 14 and 15; at the CSC church office (600 Ericksen Dr NE, Suite 210). This is an in-person class, masks required. *Contact Kerri if you have questions, or prefer a Zoom option:* kerri@crosssound.org; 402-770-5636.

Financial Update: Last week's total \$21,931.32 Actual Income to Date \$199,711.26
Budgeted Income to Date \$186,889.50 Annual Budget (7/21-6/22): \$1,083,230.00

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: _____
Second time visitor _____ Ministry Please add me to:
Regular attendee _____ Email list
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.