



The greatest gift we can offer each other is to keep following where God is leading us. Where will we go with this wild and kind God, this life we've been given.

—
Author Unknown

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

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| 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 66:1-2,4

Shout with joy to God, all the earth!
Sing the glory of his name;
make his praise glorious!

All the earth bows down to you;
they sing praise to you,
they sing praise to your name.

CONFESSION OF SIN — based on Psalm 51:10-11

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.

Forgive us our sins, O Lord.

**Forgive us the sins of our youth and the sins of our age,
the sins of our soul and the sins of our body,
our secret and our whispering sins,
our presumptuous and our careless sins,
the sins we have done to please ourselves,
and the sins we have done to please others.**

**Forgive us the sins that we know,
and the sins that we know not;
forgive them, O Lord,
forgive them all because of your great goodness.
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Renewing

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND RECEIVING OF GRACE

Can a woman forget her nursing child,
or show no compassion for the child of her womb?
As a mother comforts her child,
so will I comfort you, says the Lord.
— Isaiah 49:15;66:13

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

Amen

In the Secret — *Andy Park*

In the secret in the quiet place
In the stillness You are there
In the secret in the quiet hour I wait only for You
'Cause I want to know You more

*I want to know You
I want to hear Your voice
I want to know You more
I want to touch You
I want to see Your face
I want to know You more*

I am reaching for the highest goal
That I might receive the prize
Pressing onward pushing every hindrance aside out of my way
'Cause I want to know You more

Chorus

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.

How Great Thou Art — *Stuart K. Hine*

Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder
Thy power throughout the universe displayed

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art.
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

And when I think, that God, His son not sparing
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin.

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration
And then proclaim: "My God, how great Thou art!"

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

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

QUOTES:

Everything in the Revelation can be found in the previous sixty-five books of the Bible. The Revelation adds nothing of substance to what we already know. The truth of the gospel is already complete, revealed in Jesus Christ. —Eugene Peterson

If all the world should drink free grace, mercy and pardon from Christ, the well of salvation; if they should draw strength from one single promise, they would not be able to lower the level of the water of grace in that promise one hair's breadth. There is enough grace, mercy and pardon in one of God's promises for the sins of millions of worlds, if they existed, because the promise is supplied from an infinite, bottomless reservoir. What is one finite guilt before the infinite and eternal reservoir of grace? —John Owen

It makes all the difference to know there's someone else screaming alongside you - and that's the point of the Incarnation...God came into the world and screamed alongside us. —Susan Howatch,

MESSAGE SERIES: REVELATION

Text: Revelation 1:1-3

Title: Jesus Wins

Speaker: Dave Sellers

The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show to his servants the things that must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John, ² who bore witness to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, even to all that he saw. ³ Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear, and who keep what is written in it, for the time is near.

NOTES:

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 — John 6:35

Jesus said,
“I am the bread of life.
Whoever comes to me will never be hungry,
and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

OFFERING — *Offering is a way for members and friends to support the worship and work of the church, its 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



OFFERING — Psalm 24:1

The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it,
the world, and those who live in it.

Nothing But the Blood — *Matt Redman*

Your blood speaks a better word
Than all the empty claims I've heard upon this earth
Speaks righteousness for me
And stands in my defense
Jesus it's your blood

What can wash away our sins?
What can make us whole again?
Nothing but the blood
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
What can wash us pure as snow?
Welcomed as the friends of God?
Nothing but your blood
Nothing but your blood King Jesus

Your cross testifies in grace
Tells of the Father's heart to make a way for us
Now boldly we approach
Not by earthly confidence
It's only by Your blood

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”).

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, which 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, For ever.
Amen.

Sending

Our God is Greater

Water you turned into wine, Opened the eyes of the blind
There's no one like You, None like You
Into the darkness You shine. Out of the ashes we rise
There's no one like You, None like You

*Our God is greater, Our God is stronger
God, You are higher than any other
Our God is healer, Awesome in power
Our God, our God*

Water you turned into wine, Opened the eyes of the blind
There's no one like You, None like You
Into the darkness You shine, Out of the ashes we rise
There's no one like You, None like You

Choris

And if our God is for us
Then who could ever stop us?
And if our God is with us
Then what could stand against?

Choris

BENEDICTION —Numbers 6:24-25

The LORD bless you and keep you;
the LORD make his face to shine upon you
and be gracious to you;
the LORD turn his face toward you
and give you peace.

Amen

Announcements

Graduating Seniors On Sunday, June 4th we as a church will be celebrating our 2023 high school graduates. If you would like to have your senior recognized, please let Josh know (josh@crosssound.org), and include a PICTURE of the graduate, by Friday, May 26th.

CS Kids: Summer Volunteers Needed! Interested in serving in Kids Ministry? We're looking to give our regularly scheduled teachers a much deserved break during the summer months and would love to have you join us upstairs (and outdoors) as we dive into God's word with our children!

Confirmation Class Continues: May 7, May 14, May 21

5th–8th graders are invited to learn more about what we believe and why. These (We also offer this course as a preparation for baptism for those who have not yet had that opportunity). For more information contact bobbi@crosssound.org

Women's Ministry Email Ashley@CrossSound.org for details.

- "IF" Saturday on May 20th at the church office from 9:30-11.
- Spring Book Study Starts the week of May 15 at the church office for 4 weeks
 - Monday night (6:30-8:15) is reading "The Cost of Control"
 - Wednesday morning (9:15-11:15) is reading either "The Cost of Control", "Letters to Malcolm" OR "Don't Hold Back"

CS Kids Camp: July 10-14 An unforgettable experience for kids ages Pre-K through 5th grade! We will play games, engage in worship, make new friends - all while learning about Jesus! Sign up today! bit.ly/CSkidscamp2023 or follow this QR Code:



CS Youth Events Email Josh@crosssound.org for details.

- 5TH-8TH MIRACLE RANCH SUMMER CAMP: JUNE 23-25
- HS SUMMER IMMERSION SERVANT LEADERSHIP: JULY 15-22

GriefShare (GS) Schedule Update: GS continues Thursdays, 9:45am-12pm at the Church Office through June 1 (No class May 18). A NEW Session will begin next Fall: Sept. 7 - November! Contact Sue MacFarlane with questions: 206-714-5986

Annual Ensenada Homebuilding Trip 2023 Every year Cross Sound Church sends a team of people to Ensenada, Mexico to build houses for families who are living in very poor housing conditions. Over the past 20 years, we've had the opportunity to build over 40 homes. Interested? Sign up here! bit.ly/ensenada2023 or follow the QR Code >> Questions? please contact Stu Childers at stuart@seattlepump.com.



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): _____

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.