



‘Isn’t a meal together the most beautiful expression of our desire to be given to each other in our brokenness? The table, the food, the drinks, the words, the stories: are they not the most intimate ways in which we not only express the desire to give our lives to each other, but also to do this in actuality?’



Henri JM Nouwen

# 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 — Psalm 47:1-2, 5-6

Clap your hands, all you peoples;  
shout to God with loud songs of joy.  
For the LORD, the Most High, is awesome,  
a great king over all the earth.  
God has gone up with a shout,  
the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.  
Sing praises to God, sing praises;  
sing praises to our King, sing praises.

# 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.*

**God who forgives,**  
**we have built up walls to protect ourselves from our enemies,**  
**but those walls also shut us off from receiving your love.**  
**Break down those walls.**  
**Help us to see that the way to your heart**  
**is through the reconciliation of our own hearts with our enemies.**  
**Bless them and us,**  
**that we may come to grow in love for each other and for you,**  
**through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND RECEIVING OF GRACE — from Isaiah 49:15; 66:13

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.

## **Lion and the Lamb**

He's coming on the clouds, kings and kingdoms will bow down  
Every chain will break as broken hearts declare His praise,  
For who can stop the Lord Almighty?

*Our God is a Lion, the Lion of Judah,  
He's roaring with power and fighting our battles  
And every knee will bow before Him  
Our God is a Lamb, the Lamb that was slain,  
For the sins of the world, His blood breaks the chains  
And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb,  
Every knee will bow before Him*

Open up the gate, make way before the King of kings  
The God who comes to save is here to set the captives free,  
For who can stop the Lord Almighty?

*Chorus*

Who can stop the Lord Almighty, who can stop the Lord Almighty  
Who can stop the Lord Almighty, who can stop the Lord?  
Who can stop the Lord Almighty, who can stop the Lord Almighty  
Who can stop the Lord Almighty, who can stop the Lord?

*Chorus*

## **Here I Am To Worship**

Light of the World, You stepped down into darkness, Opened my eyes, let me see  
Beauty that made this heart adore You, Hope of a life spent with you

*Here I am to worship, Here I am to bow down, here I am to say that you're my God  
You're altogether lovely, Altogether worthy, Altogether wonderful to me*

King of all days, Oh so highly exalted, Glorious in Heaven Above  
Humbly You came to the earth You created, All for love's sake became poor

*Chorus x2*

And I'll never know how much it cost, To see my sin upon that cross  
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*Chorus x2*

**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

*Chorus*

Holy Lord, You are holy  
Jesus Christ is the Lord

*Chorus*

TUESDAY STORY — David Zhang

ANNOUNCEMENTS, STUDENT DISMISSAL & GREETING

*Please stand and introduce yourself to one another.*

QUOTES:

‘...the real problem of the Christian life comes where people do not usually look for it. It comes the very moment you wake up each morning. All your wishes and hopes for the day rush at you like wild animals. And the first job each morning consists simply in shoving them all back; in listening to the other larger, stronger, quieter life come flowing in. And so on, all day. Standing back from all your natural fussings and frettings; coming in out of the wind.’ – CS Lewis

Young person worry: What if nothing I do matters?

Old person worry: What if everything I do does?’ – Jenny Offill

“Optimism is a wish without warrant; Christian hope is a certainty, guaranteed by God himself. Optimism reflects ignorance as to whether good things will ever actually come. Christian hope expresses knowledge that every day of his life, and every moment beyond it, the believer can say with truth, on the basis of God’s own commitment, that the best is yet to come.” – J.I. Packer

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## MESSAGE

**Text: Luke 12:13-34**

**Title: From Worry to Wonder**

**Speaker: Paul Schuler**

Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.”<sup>14</sup> But he said to him, “Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?”<sup>15</sup> And he said to them, “Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.”<sup>16</sup> And he told them a parable, saying, “The land of a rich man produced plentifully,<sup>17</sup> and he thought to himself, ‘What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?’<sup>18</sup> And he said, ‘I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. 19 And I will say to my soul, ‘Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’”<sup>20</sup> But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’<sup>21</sup> So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.”

<sup>22</sup> And he said to his disciples, “Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on.<sup>23</sup> For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing.<sup>24</sup> Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds!<sup>25</sup> And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life?<sup>26</sup> If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest?<sup>27</sup> Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.<sup>28</sup> But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith!<sup>29</sup> And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried.<sup>30</sup> For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them.<sup>31</sup> Instead, seek his[c] kingdom, and these things will be added to you.

<sup>32</sup> “Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.<sup>33</sup> Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys.<sup>34</sup> For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

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").*

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](http://www.crosssound.org/give) • Stock: contact [bookkeeper@crosssound.org](mailto:bookkeeper@crosssound.org)
- Mail: Cross Sound Church PO Box 11748 or 600 Ericksen Ave NE #210, Bainbridge



So here's what I want you to do, God helping you:  
Take your everyday, ordinary life—  
your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—  
and place it before God as an offering.  
Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him.  
— Romans 12:1

**Reckless Love** - Cory Asbury

Before I spoke a word, You were singing over me,  
You have been so, so good to me  
Before I took a breath, You breathed Your life in me,  
You have been so, so kind to me

*Oh the overwhelming, never ending, reckless love of God  
Oh, it chases me down, fights 'till I'm found, leaves the ninety nine  
I couldn't earn it I don't deserve it Still, You give yourself away  
Oh the overwhelming, never ending, reckless love of God*

When I was Your foe, still Your love fought for me,  
You have been so, so good to me  
When I felt no worth, You paid it all for me  
You have been so, so kind to me

Chorus

There's no shadow You won't light up,  
mountain You won't climb up, coming after me  
There's no wall You won't kick down,  
No lie You won't tear down, coming after me

Chorus

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If you have any announcements that you would like included in the bulletin, please email [Kristin@crosssound.org](mailto:Kristin@crosssound.org) by Wednesday afternoons. Include basic info: Who, What, When and how to sign up!



## 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.

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# Sending

## **Everlasting God**

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord  
We will wait upon the Lord  
We will wait upon the Lord

Our God, You reign forever  
Our hope, our strong deliverer

You are the Everlasting God, the Everlasting God  
You do not faint, you won't grow weary  
You're the defender of the weak  
You comfort those in need  
You lift us up on wings like eagles

BENEDICTION —Ephesians 3:20-21, NRSV

Now to him who by the power at work within us  
is able to accomplish abundantly far more  
than all we can ask or imagine,  
to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus  
to all generations, forever and ever.

**Amen.**

# Announcements

**TODAY: All-Church Lunch!** You are invited to stay after service for a meal catered by Miguelitos, across the atrium in the 100 building. Come and be known!

**August 8: Backpack Drive Donations Due** Please help us collect 135 backpacks for 7th-12th grade students by Thursday, 8/8. For more information, check out [bit.ly/24projectbackpack](https://bit.ly/24projectbackpack) and sign up on the clipboard!

**August 18: Confirmation (date change!)** We will be introducing the 5-8th grade students who chose to confirm their faith during Service on 8/18. This will be a time of celebration as a whole congregation, and we look forward to welcoming them into the CSC family!

**August 18: Women's Ministry: Picnic with a Purpose: Mark Your Calendar!** Join us after church as we gather at the home of Barb Ames for our annual Women's Ministry Summer Picnic. Don't miss this beloved tradition! Please RSVP at: [bit.ly/2024picnicwithapurpose](https://bit.ly/2024picnicwithapurpose) by Monday, August 12 so we can plan food.

**August 25: Save the Date: Homes for Home Golf Fundraiser** Join us at Meadowmeer for our Annual Ensenada golf fundraiser! This event is a fun, 9-hole scramble format tournament with teams of 4 people. Includes lunch. More details to follow! Questions? Email [michaelwangen@gmail.com](mailto:michaelwangen@gmail.com)

**Women's Bible Summer Study Has Begun!** Please join the Women of Cross Sound for Summer Bible Study as we study 2 Timothy. Monday Evenings @ 7 at Ashley's Home & Wednesday Morning @10 at Battle Point Park. Childcare is provided Wednesday mornings. If interested, email [ashley@crosssound.org](mailto:ashley@crosssound.org) or visit: <http://bit.ly/crosssoundwomen> or sign up on the clipboard!

**School of Discipleship** Our highest calling as disciples is to become love, which requires bringing the desires of our soul before Jesus and spending time with him. If you are hungry for more depth, discernment, wisdom and joy in your "with-God life", join our summer book study, Sundays at 8:45 am in the library. Our selection is Sacred Rhythms, Arranging our Lives for Spiritual Transformation, by Ruth Haley Barton. Contact Katie for details: [katiepearson@crosssound.org](mailto:katiepearson@crosssound.org)

**Annual Ensenada Homebuilding Trip (Nov 23-29) Sign up!** For 25 years Cross Sound has sent a team to Ensenada, Mexico through YWAM's (Youth with a Mission) Homes of Hope organization, to build houses for families that live in very poor conditions. This year, we've reserved room for 75 people to build 4 houses. The cost is approx \$1,100/person (includes airfare, room and board, and transport from San Diego to Ensenada. Interested in going? Sign up [bit.ly/CSCEnsenada2024](https://bit.ly/CSCEnsenada2024) or follow the QR code > Questions? Contact Stu: [stuart@seattlepump.com](mailto: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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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.*