



One life on this earth is all that we get, whether it is enough or not enough, and the obvious conclusion would seem to be that at the very least we are fools if we do not live it as fully and bravely and beautifully as we can.



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

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.*

**Forgive our faithlessness, O faithful God!**  
**And see beyond our apathy,**  
**our thoughtlessness,**  
**our self-centeredness,**  
**our wrong choices.**  
**See into our hearts,**  
**for you are our treasure. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND RECEIVING OF GRACE

Remember these things, O Jacob,  
and Israel, for you are my servant;  
I formed you, you are my servant;  
O Israel, you will not be forgotten by me.  
I have swept away your transgressions like a cloud,  
and your sins like mist;  
return to me, for I have redeemed you.  
I declare to you in the name of Jesus,  
You are forgiven!

— Isaiah 44:21-22

## **In The Secret**

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*

## **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, (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, (in You alone)

*Chorus*

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*

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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.

**Continue To Love Me** — Michelle Patterson

Continue to love me, with that same love  
Righteous and unchanging  
Continue to love me, with that same love  
Priceless and unfailing

Your love, it reaches to the sky,  
Your righteousness, a mountain high  
How priceless, Your unending love  
Both high and low among men  
Take cover under Your wings  
How priceless, Your unending love

Continue to love me, with that same love  
Righteous and unchanging  
Continue to love me, with that same love  
Priceless and unfailing

Your love, it reaches to the sky,  
Your righteousness, a mountain high  
How priceless, Your unending love  
Both high and low among men  
Take cover under Your wings  
How priceless, Your unending love (repeat)

SENDING — Bill Parrott

ANNOUNCEMENTS, STUDENT DISMISSAL & GREETING

*Please stand and introduce yourself to one another.*

Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you.

— Romans 15:7

Love one another deeply from the heart.

— 1Peter 1:22

QUOTES:

We forget that God's primary goal is not changing our situations or relationships so that we can be happy, but changing us through our situations and relationships so that we will be holy. — Paul Tripp

Christian holiness is not a free-floating goodness removed from the world, a few feet above the ground. It is specific and, in some sense, tailored to who we particularly are. We grow in holiness in the honing of our specific vocation. We can't be holy in the abstract. Instead we become a holy blacksmith or a holy mother or a holy physician or a holy systems analyst. We seek God in and through our particular vocation and place in life. Each kind of work is therefore its own kind of craft that must be developed over time, both for our own sanctification and for the good of the community. As we seek to do our work well and hone our craft, we are developed and honed in our work. Our task is not to somehow inject God into our work but to join God in the work he is already doing in and through our vocational lives. Therefore, holiness itself is something like a craft - not an abstract state to which we ascend but an earthly wisdom and love that is part and parcel of how we spend our day. — Tish Harrison Warren

**Text: 1 Corinthians 9:24-10:13**

**Title: No Test Beyond Your Strength**

**Speaker: Jim Wellman**

Do you not know that in a race the runners all compete, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win it. <sup>25</sup> Athletes exercise self-control in all things; they do it to receive a perishable garland, but we an imperishable one. <sup>26</sup> So I do not run aimlessly, nor do I box as though beating the air; <sup>27</sup> but I punish my body and enslave it, so that after proclaiming to others I myself should not be disqualified.

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, <sup>2</sup> and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, <sup>3</sup> and all ate the same spiritual food, <sup>4</sup> and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. <sup>5</sup> Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

<sup>6</sup> Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. <sup>7</sup> Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, 'The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.' <sup>8</sup> We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. <sup>9</sup> We must not put Christ[b] to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. <sup>10</sup> And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. <sup>11</sup> These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. <sup>12</sup> So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. <sup>13</sup> No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

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").*

For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed... but with the precious blood of Christ.

—1Peter 1:17-18

Sing to the Lord, praise His name; proclaim His salvation day after day.

—Psalm 96:2

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](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 Is., WA 98110



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.

— Psalm 96:8-9



**How Great Thou Art** — Stuart Wesley Keene Hine, 1953; Swedish folk melody

O 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.

*Chorus*

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 there proclaim:  
“My God, how great Thou art!”

*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

## **Blessed Be Your Name** — *Matt Redman*

Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful  
Where Your streams of abundance flow, blessed be Your name  
And blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place  
Though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be Your name

*Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise,  
And when the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say  
Blessed be the name of the Lord Blessed be Your name  
Blessed be the name of the Lord. Blessed be Your glorious name*

Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me  
When the world's all as it should be, blessed be Your name  
And blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering  
Though there's pain in the offering, blessed be Your name

### *Chorus*

You give and take away, You give and take away,  
My heart will choose to say Lord, blessed be Your name  
You give and take away, You give and take away,  
My heart will choose to say Lord, blessed be Your name

Blessed be the name of the Lord Blessed be Your name  
Blessed be the name of the Lord. Blessed be Your glorious name  
Blessed be the name of the Lord Blessed be Your name  
Blessed be the name of the Lord. Blessed be Your glorious name

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My heart will choose to say Lord, blessed be Your name  
You give and take away, You give and take away,  
My heart will choose to say Lord, blessed be Your name

### BENEDICTION — 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

May God himself, the God who makes everything holy and whole,  
make you holy and whole, put you together—spirit, soul, and body—  
and keep you fit for the coming of our Master, Jesus Christ.

The one who called you is completely dependable.

If He said it, He'll do it!

**Amen.**

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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

**June 21-23: Miracle Ranch 5th-8th Graders** Come kick off Summer vacation and join us for a weekend of incredible FUN at Miracle Ranch in Port Orchard. Activities include gaga ball, a game room, a rodeo, a climbing wall, a snack shop, large group meetings, and the opportunity to participate in, horseback riding, high ropes, and paintball. Sign up here: [bit.ly/5-8miracleranch2024](https://bit.ly/5-8miracleranch2024) or QR code >



**June 22: Day at Miracle Ranch K-4th** Spend a day with us at Miracle Ranch! So many Summer-Fun activities! PreK (age 4+) also welcome with a parent. Visit the link to learn all the details and to sign up. Contact [suzanne@crosssound.org](mailto:suzanne@crosssound.org) for questions, or to volunteer. Student and adult volunteers needed! [bit.ly/K-4miracleranch2024](https://bit.ly/K-4miracleranch2024)



**June 23: Jul Nickerson's Memorial Service** You are invited to celebrate the life and passing of Jul Nickerson at 2pm on June 23 at Seabold Hall, Bainbridge Island.

**June 30: Annual Congregational Meeting** Please plan to stay after church to vote on the proposed budget and pray for the upcoming year of ministry that God has prepared for us.

**July 7: School of Discipleship Begins** 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 starting July 7th 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)

**July 19-21 All-Church Camping at Crescent Beach!** - Crescent Beach is a beautiful private beach with tent sites just steps from the water! Tent sites costs \$35 per night (two tents allowed per site, doubling our capacity for guests). Please specify 1 or 2 nights. If you need financial aid, or require an RV or Trailer spot, email [kristin@crosssound.org](mailto:kristin@crosssound.org). 40 spots available. Sign up! It's gonna be fun!! [bit.ly/CrescentBeach2024](https://bit.ly/CrescentBeach2024) or follow the QR code >



**Annual Ensenada Homebuilding Trip Sign up!** Every year for the past 25 years Cross Sound Church has sent a team to Ensenada, Mexico through YWAM's (Youth with a Mission) Homes of Hope organization, to build 16'x20' houses for families that live in very poor housing conditions. To date, we've had the opportunity to build over 45 homes. We have reserved room for 75 people to build 4 houses. We leave Sat Nov 23 and return Friday Nov 29 (the day after Thanksgiving). The cost of the trip is approx \$1,100 per person (includes roundtrip airfare, room and board, and transport from San Diego to Ensenada. CSC will raise funds for the cost of building materials. Interested in going? Sign up here (link or QR code!) >> [bit.ly/CSCEnsenada2024](https://bit.ly/CSCEnsenada2024) Questions? Contact Stu: [stuart@seattlepump.com](mailto:stuart@seattlepump.com)



**Women & Children's Walk In The Woods** Join us Thursday mornings at 9:15am! for a 3 mile walk around Gazam Lake. Park at 7377 Springridge Rd NE Bainbridge Island. Questions and/or RSVP to Brooke Wellman at (425)647-8542

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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!

# 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.*