



You wear a crown
of glory and honor.
The transcendent King
of creation placed it up
your head. When you look
into the mirror and see
scars and zits and fat
and abuse and loneliness
and pain, God sees glory
and honor.

—

Preston Sprinkle

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 63:1-4

O God, you are my God;
I earnestly search for you.
My soul thirsts for you;
my whole body longs for you
in this parched and weary land
where there is no water.
I have seen you in your sanctuary
and gazed upon your power and glory.
Your unfailing love is better to me than life itself;
how I praise you!
I will honor you as long as I live,
lifting up my hands to you in prayer.

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.

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit.
You bring pardon and peace to the brokenhearted.
By your Spirit, you restore the broken and divided.
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
And cleanse me from my sin.
Make my heart clean, O God.
And renew a right spirit within me.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND RECEIVING OF GRACE

May the God of love and power
forgive us and free us from our sins,
heal us and strengthen us by the Holy Spirit,
and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord.
In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven!
Be at peace.
Amen.

Honey In The Rock — Brooke Ligertwood, Brandon Lake

*There's honey in the rock, water in the stone
Manna on the ground, no matter where I go
I don't need to worry now that I know, Everything I need You've got
There's honey in the rock*

Praying for a miracle, Thirsty for the Living Well, Only You can satisfy
Sweetness at the mercy seat, I've tasted, it's not hard to see, Only You can satisfy

There's honey in the rock, There's honey in the rock
There's honey in the rock, There's honey in the rock

Freedom where the Spirit is, Bounty in the wilderness, You will always satisfy

*There's honey in the rock, water in the stone
Manna on the ground, no matter where I go
I don't need to worry now that I know, Everything I need You've got
There's honey in the rock
There's honey in the rock, purpose in Your plan,
Power in the blood, healing in Your hands
Started flowing when You said it is done,
Everything You did's enough, Jesus who you are is enough*

I keep looking, I keep finding, You keep giving, keep providing,
I have all that I need, You are all that I need
I keep praying, You keep moving,
I keep praising, You keep proving,
I have all that I need, You are all that I need

Chorus

There's honey in the rock, There's honey in the rock
There's honey in the rock, There's honey in the rock

Oh how sweet, How sweet it is, To trust in You, Jesus,
Oh how sweet, How sweet it is, To trust in You, Jesus
Oh, how sweet, How sweet it is, To trust in You, Jesus

In Christ Alone — Mercy Me

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song
This cornerstone, this solid ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace, When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My comforter, my all in all, Here in the love of Christ I stand!

In Christ alone who took on flesh, Fullness of God in help-less babe!
This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied –
For every sin on Him was laid: Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious day, Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory, Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine – Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man, Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till he returns or calls me home, Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

So Will I (100 Billion X) — Hill Song United.

God of creation, There at the start, before the beginning of time
With no point of reference, You spoke to the dark and fleshed out the wonder of light

*And as You speak, A hundred billion galaxies are born,
In the vapour of Your breath the planets form, If the stars were made to worship, so will I,
I can see Your heart in everything You've made,
Every burning star, a signal fire of grace, If creation sings Your praises, so will I*

God of Your promise, You don't speak in vain, no syllable empty or void
For once You have spoken, All nature and science, follow the sound of Your voice

*And as You speak, A hundred billion creatures catch Your breath,
Evolving in pursuit of what You said, If it all reveals Your nature, so will I,
I can see Your heart in everything You say,
Every painted sky, a canvas of Your grace, If creation still obeys You, so will I*

*If the stars were made to worship, so will I, If the mountains bow in reverence, so will I
If the oceans roar Your greatness, so will I, For if everything exists to lift You high, so will I
And if the wind goes where You send it, so will I, If the rocks cry out in silence, so will I
If the sum of all our praises still falls shy, Then we'll sing again a hundred billion times*

God of salvation, You chased down my heart through all of my failure and pride
On a hill You created, The light of the world abandoned in darkness to die

*And as You speak, A hundred billion failures disappear,
Where You lost Your life so I could find it here, If You left the grave behind You, so will I,
I can see Your heart in everything You've done
Every part designed in a work of art called love, If You gladly chose surrender, so will I
I can see in Your heart, eight billion different ways,
Every precious one, a child You died to save, If You gave Your life to love them, so will I,
Like You would again a hundred billion times
What measure could amount to Your desire, You're the One who never leaves the one behind*

ANNOUNCEMENTS, STUDENT DISMISSAL & GREETING

Please stand and introduce yourself to one another.

MESSAGE

Series: On the Road with Jesus: Part 3

Title: What Kind of Manager!!

Text: Luke 16:1-15

Speaker: Dave Sellers

Jesus told this story to his disciples: “A rich man hired a manager to handle his affairs, but soon a rumor went around that the manager was thoroughly dishonest. ² So his employer called him in and said, ‘What’s this I hear about your stealing from me? Get your report in order, because you are going to be dismissed.’

“The manager thought to himself, ‘Now what? I’m through here, and I don’t have the strength to go out and dig ditches, and I’m too proud to beg. ⁴ I know just the thing! And then I’ll have plenty of friends to take care of me when I leave!’

“So he invited each person who owed money to his employer to come and discuss the situation. He asked the first one, ‘How much do you owe him?’ ⁶ The man replied, ‘I owe him eight hundred gallons of olive oil.’ So the manager told him, ‘Tear up that bill and write another one for four hundred gallons.’

“‘And how much do you owe my employer?’ he asked the next man. ‘A thousand bushels of wheat,’ was the reply. ‘Here,’ the manager said, ‘take your bill and replace it with one for only eight hundred bushels.’

“The rich man had to admire the dishonest rascal for being so shrewd. And it is true that the citizens of this world are more shrewd than the godly are. ⁹ I tell you, use your worldly resources to benefit others and make friends. In this way, your generosity stores up a reward for you in heaven.

“Unless you are faithful in small matters, you won’t be faithful in large ones. If you cheat even a little, you won’t be honest with greater responsibilities. ¹¹ And if you are untrustworthy about worldly wealth, who will trust you with the true riches of heaven? ¹² And if you are not faithful with other people’s money, why should you be trusted with money of your own?

“No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.” The Pharisees, who dearly loved their money, naturally scoffed at all this. ¹⁵ Then he said to them, “You like to look good in public, but God knows your evil hearts. What this world honors is an abomination in the sight of God.

QUOTES:

"Wisdom is knowing how to live in God's world in God's way. Humility is its hallmark, for only the humble recognize their need for wisdom."— Dallas Willard

"True stewardship is not a matter of how much we give, but how well we manage what God has already given us. It's the faithful use of everything—whether time, talents, or treasure—that reflects our trust in Him." – Nancy Leigh DeMoss Wolgemuth

"Earn all you can, save all you can, give all you can." –John Wesley

"Stewardship is not just about giving our money, but about living our lives in such a way that brings glory to God and serves others."—Sharon Jaynes

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



Freely you have received, freely give.

—Matthew 10:8

Here I Am To Worship — The Worship Initiative, Shane & Shane

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

Chorus x2

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").

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

I Need You — *Jars Of Clay*

Strangely out of place, There is a light filling this room
Where none would follow before
I can't deny it burns me up inside,
I fan the flames to melt away my pride,
Do I want shelter from the rain,
Or the rain to wash me away?

*I need You, I need You, I need You, I need You,
I need You, I need You, You're all I'm living for*

I might sound like a fool, But I think that I felt You moving closer to me
Face to the ground to hide the fatal cut, I fight the weight, I feel You lift me up
You are the shelter from the rain, And the rain to wash me away

*I need You, I need You, I need You, I need You, I need You, I need You, (You're all I'm
living for)
I need You, I need You, I need You, You're all I'm living for (You're all I'm living for)*

You're all I'm living for (You're all I'm living for), You're all I'm living for

Face to the ground to hide the fatal cut,
I fight the weight, I feel You lift me up
I can't deny it burns me up inside, I
fan the flames to melt away my pride,
Only have a second to spare,
All the time in the world to know You're there
You are the shelter from the rain,
And the rain to wash me away

*I need You, I need You, I need You (You're all I'm living for)
I need You, I need You, I need You (You're all I'm living for)
I need You, I need You, I need You, You're all I'm living for (all I'm living for)*

*All I'm living for (all I'm living for), You're all I'm living for (all I'm living for)
All I'm living for (all I'm living for), You're all I'm living for*

BENEDICTION

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly
than all that we ask or think,
according to the power at work within us,
to him be glory in the church
and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations,
forever and ever. Amen

Amen.

Announcements

TONIGHT Begins The School of Discipleship class titled: *Follow Me: Finding Your Purpose and Fulfilling Your Callings in Christ*. One of the questions you may ponder is, "How am I created to make a difference in the world for Jesus?" Join us Sunday evenings, 6-8pm, Jan 12—Feb 2, at the Church Office (600 Ericksen NE). Dinner and childcare provided. Please RSVP to katiepearson@crosssound.org

Jan 24: Trivia & Crepes Night Join us from 7 to 9 pm on Friday, January 24 for delicious Crêpes, trivia, and FUN as the Cuba team, Ben, Adelaë, Jack, Luke, Eli, Jamie, Humberto, Josh, and Alatheia raise money for their short-term mission trip to Cuba. We hope you'll partner with us as we form relationships with our sister church in Matanzas. RSVP to josh@crosssound.org or sign up on the clipboard.

Jan 13: Women's Ministry Bible Study begins this week at the Church Office on Monday Evenings at 6:30pm (soup and salad provided) and Wednesday Mornings at 9:30am. (childcare provided) We will be studying Jesus' Sermon on the Mount with the BEMA Podcast.

Men's Ministry: Bible Study Fellowship Tuesdays at 6:30pm at the Church office (600 Ericksen Ave NE #210). For centuries, people have attempted to unlock the mysteries of Revelation. In this, "The Study of Revelation: Discover Faith, Hope, and Joy", we are given hope of a world made new by the redemption and restoration that Jesus offers today and for eternity. Come try our study! Sign up at www.joinbsf.org. Questions? Email Tony at merritts.wa@gmail.com.

Cross Sound Kids Sunday School Volunteers Needed! As we start the new year, we'd love to have a few more teachers and helpers in our Preschool-Kindergarten and 1st-4th grade classes, to ensure that all classes can happen every Sunday. This is such a rewarding way to serve and get to know our kids and families. Whatever frequency fits your schedule is great - once a month to once a quarter or occasional substitute. If you're interested we'd love to tell you more about what's involved. Contact Brooke@crosssound.org or Suzanne@crosssound.org

Ongoing Missions and Activites at Cross Sound So many ways to connect!

Contemplative Yoga	Roundtable Discussions	International Ministry:
Evening Youth Group	School of Discipleship	• Ensenada
Men's Bible Study +	Search + Rescue Mission	• Kenya
Bible Study Fellowship	Small Group	• Cuba
Monthly Men's Breakfast	Suquamich Kitchen	• Mexico City
Men's Hangouts	Women's Bible Study	

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.