



What matters supremely, therefore, is not, in the last analysis, the fact that I know God, but the larger fact which underlies it — the fact that He knows me. I am graven on the palms of His hands. I am never out of His mind. All my knowledge of Him depends on

His sustained initiative in knowing me.

I know Him, because He first knew me, and continues to know me. He knows me as a friend, one who loves me, and there is no moment when His eye is off me, or His attention distracted from me, and no moment therefore, when His care falters.

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JI Packer

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

CALL TO WORSHIP — based on Psalm 27; John 4:23

Let us worship God, our light and our salvation.
The Lord is the stronghold of our lives.
We desire to live in God's house
and to seek God in his holy temple.
We have come with shouts of joy,
to sing and to make music to the Lord.
Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.
Teach us your ways and make straight our paths
in this hour of worship and always.

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.

Merciful God,
for the things we have done that we regret,
forgive us;
for the things we have failed to do that we regret,
forgive us;
for all the times we have acted without love,
forgive us;
for all the times we have reacted without thought,
forgive us;
for all the times we have withdrawn care,
forgive us;
for all the times we have failed to forgive,
forgive us.
For hurtful words said and helpful words unsaid,
for unfinished tasks
and unfulfilled hopes,
God of all time,
forgive us and help us
to lay down our burden of regret. 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.
—from Isaiah 49:15; 66:13

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Be at peace.
Amen.

You Said

You said, “Ask and you will receive,
Whatever you need.”
You said, “Pray and I’ll hear from heaven,
And I’ll heal your land.”

You said Your glory will fill the earth,
Like water in the sea.
You said, “Lift up your eyes,
The harvest is here, your kingdom is near.”

You said, “Ask and I’ll give the nations to you.”
Oh Lord, that’s the cry of my heart!
Distant shores and the islands will see Your light
As it rises on us.

It Is Well — *Horatio Gates Spafford, Kristene DiMarco, Philip Paul Bliss*

Grander earth has quaked before
Moved by the sound of His voice
Seas that are shaken and stirred
Can be calmed and broken for my regard

*Through it all through it all, My eyes are on You
Through it all through it all, It is well
Through it all through it all, My eyes are on You
And it is well with me*

Far be it from me to not believe
Even when my eyes can't see
And this mountain that's in front of me
Will be thrown into the midst of the sea

So let go my soul and trust in Him
The waves and wind still know His name

It is well with my soul
It is well with my soul
It is well with my soul
It is well it is well with my soul

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, STUDENT DISMISSAL & GREETING

Please stand and introduce yourself to one another.

SONG OF PREPARATION

Don't Forget His Love — *Ellie Holcomb*

Praise the Lord, O my soul
Oh and all my inmost being
Praise the Lord, O my soul
Don't forget His love

Who forgives all of your sins
And who heals all your diseases
Who redeems your life from the pit
And who crowns you with His love

Who satisfies your desires
Oh with good and lovely things
Who renews your heart
Like a flight on eagles' wings

Praise the Lord, O my soul
Oh and all my inmost being
Praise the Lord, O my soul
Don't forget His love

QUOTES:

Every line of the Revelation is mined out of rich strata of scripture laid down in the earlier ages. — Eugene Peterson

“Yes, fear is the natural reaction. But here, as so often, Jesus says, ‘Don’t be afraid.’ It’s all right. Yes, you are suffering, and your people are suffering (verse 9). Yes, the times are strange and hard, with harsh and severe rulers running the world and imposing their will on city after city. But the seven churches – seven is the number of perfection, and the churches listed in verse 11 thus stand for all churches in the world, all places and all times – need to know that Jesus himself is standing in their midst, and that the ‘angels’ who represent and look after each of them are held in his right hand.” — Tom Wright

“To stay away from Christianity because part of the Bible’s teaching is offensive to you assumes that if there is a God he wouldn’t have any views that upset you. Does that belief make sense?” — Tim Keller

With the exception of the nursery, all students begin in the worship service. Upon dismissal students gather in room 231 for large group, then on to individual classes: Nursery Rm 234, PreK-2nd Rm 232, 3rd-6th Rm 231

Text: Revelation 13

Title: Deadly Serious Faith

Speaker: Dave Sellers

And I saw a beast rising out of the sea, with ten horns and seven heads, with ten diadems on its horns and blasphemous names on its heads. ² And the beast that I saw was like a leopard; its feet were like a bear's, and its mouth was like a lion's mouth. And to it the dragon gave his power and his throne and great authority. ³ One of its heads seemed to have a mortal wound, but its mortal wound was healed, and the whole earth marveled as they followed the beast. ⁴ And they worshiped the dragon, for he had given his authority to the beast, and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast, and who can fight against it?"

And the beast was given a mouth uttering haughty and blasphemous words, and it was allowed to exercise authority for forty-two months. ⁶ It opened its mouth to utter blasphemies against God, blaspheming his name and his dwelling, that is, those who dwell in heaven. ⁷ Also it was allowed to make war on the saints and to conquer them. And authority was given it over every tribe and people and language and nation, ⁸ and all who dwell on earth will worship it, everyone whose name has not been written before the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who was slain. ⁹ If anyone has an ear, let him hear:

If anyone is to be taken captive,
to captivity he goes;
if anyone is to be slain with the sword,
with the sword must he be slain.

Here is a call for the endurance and faith of the saints.

Then I saw another beast rising out of the earth. It had two horns like a lamb and it spoke like a dragon. ¹² It exercises all the authority of the first beast in its presence, and makes the earth and its inhabitants worship the first beast, whose mortal wound was healed. ¹³ It performs great signs, even making fire come down from heaven to earth in front of people, ¹⁴ and by the signs that it is allowed to work in the presence of the beast it deceives those who dwell on earth, telling them to make an image for the beast that was wounded by the sword and yet lived. ¹⁵ And it was allowed to give breath to the image of the beast, so that the image of the beast might even speak and might cause those who would not worship the image of the beast to be slain. ¹⁶ Also it causes all, both small and great, both rich and poor, both free and slave, to be marked on the right hand or the forehead, ¹⁷ so that no one can buy or sell unless he has the mark, that is, the name of the beast or the number of its name. ¹⁸ This calls for wisdom: let the one who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man, and his number is 666.

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



‘...baptism and Communion are God’s promise in physical form.’

— Tim Chester

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Katie Schei Send-off

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.

Honey In The Rock — Brooke Ligertwood and 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, Now 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, 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
I have all that I need - You are all that I need

There's honey in the rock
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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

Sending

BENEDICTION

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.

—Ephesians 3:20-21

Amen

Announcements

CS Kids Ministry NEEDS YOU! We would love to have you join us upstairs (and outdoors) as we dive into God's word with our children! We're seeking 27 volunteers (each person would only need to help 3 times during the entire Summer). Choose which weeks work for you!



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 visit www.crosssound.org/youth-ministry for details
SIGN UPS ARE LIVE! follow this QR Code >>>

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



Women's Ministry Questions? email Ashley Devynyns at ashley@crosssound.org

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Join us at Eagle Dale Park (NOT Battle Point as previously announced) for a weekly gathering on Wednesdays starting July 12 as we study the book of 1 Timothy together. No homework required. Bring your Bible and a Lawn Chair. Childcare will be provided. bit.ly/CSCSummerStudy

- PICNIC WITH A PURPOSE: Mark your calendar for Sunday, August 6th (after church) as we gather at the home of Barb Ames. We will be collecting backpacks and donations for Project Backpack in partnership with Helpline House. We will also enjoy time together as we celebrate last year in and kick off our fall season. Don't miss this beloved tradition! Please RSVP at Church Center by Monday, July 31 so we can plan food accordingly. bit.ly/PicnicWithPurpose2023
- PROJECT BACKPACK DRIVE: Please help us collect 100 backpacks for 7th-12th grade students by August 9. For more info: bit.ly/ProjectBackpack2023
- SOUND OF SUMMER CONCERT, AUGUST 30 AT 6:30PM: Bring a blanket, lawn chair and a snack to share as we gather at Battle Point for the final Sound of Summer concert! More info at: bit.ly/CSCSummerConcert2023

Men's Ministry email Dave Sellers at dave@crosssound.org with questions

- MEN'S RETREAT SEPTEMBER 15 - 17, 2023: SAVE THE DATE!
Men are invited to Fort Worden in Port Townsend for a weekend of fellowship, worship, studying scripture and even a little recreation. More details to follow!
- BREAKFAST Second Saturday's of the month at 8am at the Church Office
- BIBLE STUDY Fridays at 6:30am at the Church Office

GriefShare returns Thursdays starting September 7. For info and/or registration contact Sue MacFarlane 206-714-5986 or jimorsuemac@hotmail.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: _____

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.