



A crucial eccentricity  
of the Christian faith  
is the assertion that  
people are saved by grace.  
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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 66:1-4

Shout for joy to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name;  
give to him glorious praise!  
Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds!  
So great is your power that your enemies come cringing to you.  
All the earth worships you  
and sings praises to you;  
they sing praises to your name.”

# 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.*

**Merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you  
with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our  
neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have done,  
and direct what we will do,  
so that we may delight in your will  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your holy name.  
Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND RECEIVING OF GRACE

— based on 1 Timothy 1:15; 1 Peter 2:24

Hear the good news:  
This saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance,  
that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.  
He himself bore our sins  
in his body on the cross,  
that we might be dead to sin,  
and alive to all that is good.  
I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ,  
you are forgiven.

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**Text in bold** is read by the entire congregation. Plain text is read by the worship leader only.

**Steadfast** — Sandra McCracken

I will build my house Whether storm or drought, On the rock that does not move  
I will set my hope, On Your love O Lord, And Your faithfulness will prove

*You are steadfast, steadfast*

By the word You spoke all the starry host, Are called out by name each night  
In Your watchful care I will rest secure, As You lead us lead us with Your light

*Chorus x2*

I will not trust in the strength of kings, On Your promise I will stand  
I will shout for joy I will raise my voice, Hallelujah to the Lamb!

*Chorus x2*

In the moment of emptiness All was fulfilled  
In the hour of darkness Your light was revealed  
In the presence of death Your life was affirmed  
In the absence of holiness You are still God

*Chorus x4*

**Lead Me To The Cross**

Savior, I come, quiet my soul, remember  
Redemption's hill, Where Your blood was spilled, for my ransom  
Everything I once held dear I count it all as loss

*Lead me to the cross Where Your love poured out  
Bring me to my knees Lord, I lay me down  
Rid me of myself, I belong to You  
Oh, lead me, Lead me to the cross*

You were as I, tempted and tried, human  
The Word became flesh, bore my sin and death, Now You're risen  
Everything I once held dear I count it all as loss

*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.

**Come Alive (Dry Bones)** — Lauren Daigle and Michael Farren

Through the eyes of man it seems There's so much we have lost  
As we look down the road Where all the prodigals have walked  
And one by one the enemy Has whispered lies and led them off as slaves

But I know that You are God, Yours is the victory  
We know there is more to come That we may not yet see  
So with the faith You've given us We step into the valley unafraid

*We call out the dry bones, "Come alive, come alive!"*  
*We call out to dead hearts, "Come alive, come alive!"*  
*Up out of the ashes, Let us see an army rise.*  
*We call out to dry bones, "Come alive!"*

God of endless mercy, God of unrelenting love  
Rescue every daughter, Bring us back the wayward sons  
And by Your Spirit breathe upon them Show the world that You alone can save

*Chorus*

So breathe, oh breath of God  
Now breathe, oh breath of God  
Breathe, oh breath of God  
Now breathe

*Chorus*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS, STUDENT DISMISSAL & GREETING**

*Please stand and introduce yourself to one another.*

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*With the exception of the nursery, all students begin in the worship service. Upon dismissal students may proceed to their individual classes: Nursery Rm 234, Preschool Rm 232, K-1<sup>st</sup> Rm 231, 2-4<sup>th</sup> Rm 229, 5-6<sup>th</sup> Rm 231. Please be sure to check-in your student at the check-in table in the entrance for a connection code sticker.*

## MESSAGE

### **Series: On the Road with Jesus: Part 3**

#### **Title: I am Barabbas**

#### **Text: Luke 22:66-23:1-25**

#### **Speaker: Dave Sellers**

When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people gathered together, both chief priests and scribes. And they led him away to their council, and they said, <sup>67</sup> “If you are the Christ, tell us.” But he said to them, “If I tell you, you will not believe, <sup>68</sup> and if I ask you, you will not answer. <sup>69</sup> But from now on the Son of Man shall be seated at the right hand of the power of God.” <sup>70</sup> So they all said, “Are you the Son of God, then?” And he said to them, “You say that I am.” <sup>71</sup> Then they said, “What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips.”

Then the whole company of them arose and brought him before Pilate. <sup>2</sup> And they began to accuse him, saying, “We found this man misleading our nation and forbidding us to give tribute to Caesar, and saying that he himself is Christ, a king.” <sup>3</sup> And Pilate asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” And he answered him, “You have said so.” <sup>4</sup> Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, “I find no guilt in this man.” <sup>5</sup> But they were urgent, saying, “He stirs up the people, teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee even to this place.”

When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. <sup>7</sup> And when he learned that he belonged to Herod’s jurisdiction, he sent him over to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. <sup>8</sup> When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had long desired to see him, because he had heard about him, and he was hoping to see some sign done by him. <sup>9</sup> So he questioned him at some length,

## NOTES:

but he made no answer. <sup>10</sup> The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. <sup>11</sup> And Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him. Then, arraying him in splendid clothing, he sent him back to Pilate. <sup>12</sup> And Herod and Pilate became friends with each other that very day, for before this they had been at enmity with each other. Pilate then called together the chief priests and the rulers and the people, <sup>14</sup> and said to them, “You brought me this man as one who was misleading the people. And after examining him before you, behold, I did not find this man guilty of any of your charges against him. <sup>15</sup> Neither did Herod, for he sent him back to us. Look, nothing deserving death has been done by him. <sup>16</sup> I will therefore punish and release him.”

But they all cried out together, “Away with this man, and release to us Barabbas”—<sup>19</sup> a man who had been thrown into prison for an insurrection started in the city and for murder. <sup>20</sup> Pilate addressed them once more, desiring to release Jesus, <sup>21</sup> but they kept shouting, “Crucify, crucify him!” <sup>22</sup> A third time he said to them, “Why, What evil has he done? I have found in him no guilt deserving death. I will therefore punish and release him.” <sup>23</sup> But they were urgent, demanding with loud cries that he should be crucified. And their voices prevailed. <sup>24</sup> So Pilate decided that their demand should be granted. <sup>25</sup> He released the man who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder, for whom they asked, but he delivered Jesus over to their will.

#### QUOTES:

"The most important thing about us is what comes to our minds when we think about God." –A.W. Tozer

"God is not a God beyond us, but the God who is near in Jesus Christ." –Dietrich Bonhoeffer

"To fall in love with God is the greatest romance, to seek Him the greatest adventure, to find Him the greatest human achievement." – Saint Augustine

"I do not understand the mystery of grace—only that it meets us where we are but does not leave us where it found us." –Anne Lamott

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

**Come All Ye Pining** — Steele, Murphy  
Lord, we adore Thy boundless grace -  
The heights and depths unknown  
Of pardon, life, and joy, and peace  
In Thy beloved Son.

Come, all ye pining, hungry poor;  
The Savior's bounty taste.  
Behold a never-failing store  
For every willing guest.

O wondrous gifts of love divin,  
Dear Source of every good –  
Jesus, in Thee what glories shine,  
How rich Thy flowing blood.

Here shall your numerous wants receive  
A free, a full supply;  
He has unmeasured bliss to give  
And joys that never die.



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

**What a Beautiful Name** — Ben Fielding & Brooke Ligertwood

You were the Word at the beginning, One with God the Lord Most High  
Your hidden glory in creation, Now revealed in You, our Christ

*What a beautiful Name it is, What a beautiful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus Christ, my King  
What a beautiful name it is, Nothing compares to this  
What a beautiful Name it is, The Name of Jesus*

You wanted heaven opened to us, So Jesus, You brought heaven down  
My sin was great, Your love was greater, What could separate us now?

*Chorus*

Death could not hold You, The veil tore before You  
You silence the boast of sin and grave  
The heavens are roaring, The praise of Your glory  
For You are raised to life again  
You have no rival, You have no equal  
Now and forever, God You reign  
Yours is the kingdom, Yours is the glory  
Yours is the Name above all names

*Chorus*

BENEDICTION

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!  
How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!  
“For who has known the mind of the Lord?  
Or who has been his counselor?”  
“Or who has given a gift to him, to receive a gift in return?”  
For from him and through him and to him are all things.  
To him be the glory forever. Amen.  
**Amen.**

# Announcements

**Community Service opportunities** Contact Leigh Ann Grady at [communityservice@crosssound.org](mailto:communityservice@crosssound.org) if you're interested in volunteering for...

- APRIL 12: WEEDS TO FLOWERS 8AM-2PM at the BI High School. Join in this annual tradition of blessing the space that accomodates our weekly worship. We weed and mulch the garden beds - The school really appreciates it!
- APRIL 16: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for baking treats, writing thank you notes and making gift bags for Helpline House Volunteer Appreciation Week (April 21-25)

**April 19: Egg Dash 2025 - Candy and Volunteers Needed!** We're excited to put on this beloved community event again this year in partnership with New Life Church. We need a lot of help to make this happen so please join us! We still need a lot of candy to stuff our 5,000 eggs! (No nuts please.) You can drop it off at church on Sundays or the church office. And we'll need a lot of volunteers - Click here for info and sign up: [bit.ly/bieggdash2025](http://bit.ly/bieggdash2025)



## **Holy Week with Cross Sound Church at the BI High School Theater**

- Palm Sunday, April 13 at 10am
- Good Friday, April 18 at 7pm
- Easter Sunday, April 20 at 10am and Annual Potluck Celebration directly after

**April 30: Suquamish Soup Kitchen** 2:30-7:30pm Come join the fun as we cook and serve a meal to folks from North Kitsap and Bainbridge Island. There are plenty of things to do that require only a willing spirit! Cook, prep, serve, schmooz, wash dishes, clean up - all clearly defined jobs, so you know what you're getting into! Sign up on line: [crosssound.org/events](http://crosssound.org/events)

**May 9-10: Men's Retreat:** Paul Schuler is speaking on "Walking With God" at Discovery Bay (YWAM camp) in Port Townsend, May 9-11. Sign up via QR code on online [bit.ly/CSCMensRetreat2025](http://bit.ly/CSCMensRetreat2025)



**May 23-26: Cross Sound Family Camp** We're headed to Young Life Camp at Washington Family Ranch in Oregon. What a time to grow closer to each other and closer to God. May 23-26. Join us! For info email: [Brooke.wellman@yahoo.com](mailto:Brooke.wellman@yahoo.com)

## **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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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.*