

# God doesn't want something from us. He simply wants us.

C.S. Lewis

## 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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## Gathering

Our God — Jonas Myrin, Chris Tomlin, Jesse Reeves, and Matt Redman Water You turned into wine
Opened the eyes of the blind
There's no one like You
None like You

Into the darkness You shine Out of the ashes we rise There's no one like You None like You

Our God is greater
Our God is stronger
God You are higher than any other
Our God is healer
Awesome in power our God our God

And if our God is for us
Then who could ever stop us
And if our God is with us
Then what could stand against
And if our God is for us
Then who could ever stop us
And if our God is with us
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(Then) what could stand against

CALL TO WORSHIP — Portions of Psalm 149 (MSG)

Hallelujah!
Sing to God a brand-new song,
Praise him in the company of all who love him.
Let all his people celebrate and exalt in their King!
Why?
Because God delights in his people,
And saves them in the bounty of his love and grace.

## Renewing

#### 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.

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; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We confess and repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND RECEIVING OF GRACE

"Come now, let's settle this," says the Lord. "Though your sins are like scarlet, I will make them as white as snow. Though they are red like crimson, I will make them as white as wool." — Isaiah 1:18

Because of Jesus Christ, And in Jesus Christ, You are Forgiven. Be at Peace. **Trust In You** — Lauren Daigle | Michael Farren | Paul Mabury Letting go of every single dream
I lay each one down at Your feet
Every moment of my wondering
Never changes what You see

I've tried to win this war I confess My hands are weary I need Your rest Mighty warrior King of the fight No matter what I face You're by my side

When You don't move the mountains I'm needing You to move
When You don't part the waters
I wish I could walk through
When You don't give the answers
As I cry out to You
I will trust, I will trust
I will trust in You

Truth is You know what tomorrow There's not a day ahead that You have not seen So in all things be my life and breath I want what You want Lord and nothing less I will trust in, I will trust in

You are my strength and comfort You are my steady hand You are my firm foundation The Rock on which I stand Your ways are always higher Your plans are always good There's not a place where I'll go You've not already stood

I will trust in You, I will trust in You I will trust in You, I will trust in You

**Beautiful Things** — Lisa Gungor and Michael Gungor All this pain I wonder if I'll ever find my way I wonder if my life could really change, At all

All this earth Could all that is lost ever be found Could a garden come up from this ground, At all

You make beautiful things You make beautiful things out of the dust You make beautiful things You make beautiful things out of us

All around Hope is springing up from this old ground Out of chaos life is being found, In You

You make me new You are making me new You make me new You are making me new

ANNOUNCEMENTS, STUDENT DISMISSAL & GREETING Please stand and introduce yourself to one another.

Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you. — Romans 15:7

You were cleansed from your sins when you obeyed the truth, so now you must show sincere love to each other as brothers and sisters. Love each other deeply with all your heart. — 1Peter 1:22

NOTES:

MESSAGE SERIES: REVELATION

Text: Revelation 17:1-6 & 18:1-4 Title: Beauty and the Beast Speaker: Dave O'Connell

<sup>1</sup> One of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and said to me, "Come, I will show you the punishment of the great prostitute, who sits by many waters. <sup>2</sup> With her the kings of the earth committed adultery, and the inhabitants of the earth were intoxicated with the wine of her adulteries."

<sup>3</sup> Then the angel carried me away in the Spirit into a wilderness. There I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast that was covered with blasphemous names and had seven heads and ten horns. <sup>4</sup> The woman was dressed in purple and scarlet, and was glittering with gold, precious stones and pearls. She held a golden cup in her hand, filled with abominable things and the filth of her adulteries. <sup>5</sup> The name written on her forehead was a mystery:

Babylon the Great the mother of prostitutes and of the abominations of the earth.

<sup>6</sup> I saw that the woman was drunk with the blood of God's holy people, the blood of those who bore testimony to Jesus.

When I saw her, I was greatly astonished.

<sup>1</sup> After this I saw another angel coming down from heaven. He had great authority, and the earth was illuminated by his splendor. <sup>2</sup> With a mighty voice he shouted: "Fallen! Fallen is Babylon the Great!' She has become a dwelling for demons and a haunt for every impure spirit, a haunt for every unclean bird, a haunt for every unclean and detestable animal. <sup>3</sup> For all the nations have drunk the maddening wine of her adulteries. The kings of the earth committed adultery with her, and the merchants of the earth grew rich from her excessive luxuries."

<sup>4</sup> Then I heard another voice from heaven say:

"Come out of her, my people,' so that you will not share in her sins."

#### **COMMUNION**

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls." — Matthew 11:28-29

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

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 Stock: contact bookkeeper@crosssound.org
- Mail: Cross Sound Church PO Box 11748 or 600 Ericksen Ave NE #210, Bainbridge Is., WA 98110



Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. — 2 Corinthians 9:7

**He Will Hold Me Fast** — *Ada Ruth Habershon and Matthew Merker* When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast I could never keep my hold, Through life's fearful path For my love is often cold, He must hold me fast

He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast Precious in His holy sight, He will hold me fast He'll not let my soul be lost, His Promises shall last Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast Justice has been satisfied, He will hold me fast Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast Till our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at last

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

#### 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 outr 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.

# Sending

**Nothing But The Blood** — *Robert Lowry, arranged by City Alight* What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus. What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Ooooh, Ooooh, Ooooh, Ooooh,

For my pardon, this I see, Nothing but the blood of Jesus For my cleansing this my plea, Nothing but the blood of Jesus

Oh, precious is the flow, That makes me white as snow; No other fount I know, Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

This is all my hope and peace, Nothing but the blood of Jesus This is all my righteousness, Nothing but the blood of Jesus

Oh, precious is the flow, That makes me white as snow; No other fount I know, Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Glory Glory this I see, Nothing but the blood of Jesus All my praise for this I bring, Nothing but the blood of Jesus

Ooooh. Ooooh. Ooooh.

Oh, precious is the flow, That makes me white as snow; No other fount I know, Nothing but the blood of Jesus. (x2)

Ooooh, Ooooh, Ooooh, Ooooh,

BENEDICTION — Jude 24 & 25

"To him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy — to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore!" Amen

### Announcements

Men's Ministry email Dave Sellers at <u>dave@crosssound.org</u> with questions

• MEN'S RETREAT SEPT 15 - 17, 2023 AT FORT WORDEN: SAVE THE DATE! This year's speaker is Dr. Dan Jarrell, Former pastor of ChangePoint in Anchorage, AK (largest church in Alaska), focused on the theme: "Living Dangerously for God." *How we become the type of men that are effective tools in the hands of our King?* SIGN UP TODAY! Follow QR > Or follow this link: bit.ly/CSCMensRetreat2023 (The first 26 men to sign up will get private rooms, after that they will be in semi private room or bunk room.)

- BIBLE STUDY Fridays at 6:30am via Zoom. Email brian@crosssound.org for info
- MEN'S BREAKFAST Second Saturday of the month. 8am at the Church Office.

**Women's Ministry** *Questions? email Ashley Devynyns at <u>ashley@crosssound.org</u>* 

- <sup>a</sup> WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Join us at Eagledale Park on Wednesdays as we study the book of 1 Timothy together. No homework required. Bring your Bible and a Lawn Chair. Childcare will be provided. <a href="mailto:bit.ly/CSCSummerStudy">bit.ly/CSCSummerStudy</a>
- PICNIC WITH A PURPOSE: AUGUST 6: Don't miss this beloved tradition! Join us at Barb Ames' home as we collect backpacks and donations for Project Backpack in partnership with Helpline House. *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: <a href="https://bit.ly/ProjectBackpack2023">bit.ly/ProjectBackpack2023</a>
- 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: <a href="https://bit.ly/CSCSUmmerConcert2023">bit.ly/CSCSUmmerConcert2023</a>

**Annual Ensenada Homebuilding Trip 2023** Only a few spots left! Interested? Sign up here! <a href="mailto:bit.ly/ensenada2023">bit.ly/ensenada2023</a> or QR code>> Questions? please contact Stu Childers at <a href="mailto:stuart@seattlepump.com">stuart@seattlepump.com</a>.

**GriefShare returns Thursdays starting September 7.** It is a special weekly seminar and support group for people experiencing grief after death of a loved one. Weekly video seminars are offered, featuring some of the nation's foremost experts on grief recovery, along with small group discussion time. GriefShare is a Christ-centered ministry, now an 11-week Program designed to help you rebuild your life. It is open to new participants at any time during the cycle. We know it hurts, and we want to help. For info and/or registration call 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):		
Prayer Requests/Comm	ents:	

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 that 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.