



“We should be astonished at the goodness of God, stunned that He should bother to call us by name, our mouths wide open at His love, bewildered that at this very moment we are standing on holy ground.”

—

Brennan Manning

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

CALL TO WORSHIP — Portions of Psalm 63:1-5

You, God, are my God,
earnestly I seek you; I thirst for you.
I have seen you in the sanctuary
and beheld your power and your glory.
Because your love is better than life,
my lips will glorify you.
I will praise you as long as I live,
and in your name I will lift up my hands.
With singing lips, my mouth will praise you.

Renewing

CONFESSION OF SIN — Psalm 130

“It is fitting that by the confession of our own wretchedness, we show forth the goodness and mercy of our God, among ourselves and before the whole world.” — John Calvin, 1536

Heavenly Father,
We confess that at many times,
and in many ways this week, we have sinned,
by failing to love others, and by failing to love and follow you.
In Psalm 40 David said that he had more sins than hairs on his head.
We acknowledge that we are far more sinful than we know.
Forgive us again, dear Father.
Renew us and strengthen us in the grace of Jesus, we pray.
That we might rejoice in Him, be changed by Him,
and live to His praise.
We ask these things in His name, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND RECEIVING OF GRACE

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins
and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. — 1 John 1:9

Therefore, there is no condemnation for those who belong to
Christ Jesus... nothing can ever separate us from God’s love. — Romans 8:1 & 38

If you have confessed your sins, seeking God’s grace in God’s Son,
hear these glorious words again: You are Forgiven!

Trust In You — Lauren Diagle

Letting go of every single dream, I lay each one down at Your feet,
Every moment of my wandering, 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 brings,
there's not a day ahead You have not seen,
So in all things be my life and breath,
I want what You want Lord and nothing less,

Chorus

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,

Chorus

Your Labor is Not in Vain — Wendell Kimbrough/Paul Zach/Isaac Wardell

Your labor is not in vain,
though the ground underneath you is cursed and stained
Your planting and reaping are never the same,
But your labor is not in vain.

Your labor is not unknown,
though the rocks they cry out and the sea it may groan.
The place of your toil may not seem like a home,
but your labor is not unknown.

*For I am with you, I am with you.
I am with you, I am with you
For I have called you, called you by name,
Your labor is not in vain.*

The vineyards you plant will bear fruit,
the fields will sing out and rejoice with the truth
For all that is old will at last be made new:
the vineyards you plant will bear fruit.

Chorus

The houses you labored to build,
will finally with laughter and joy be filled.
The serpent that hurts and destroys shall be killed,
and all that is broken be healed.

Chorus

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

Chorus (repeat)

TUESDAY Story — Becky Ryan

ANNOUNCEMENTS, STUDENT DISMISSAL & GREETING

Please stand and introduce yourself to one another.

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

Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart.... — 1Peter 1:22

OUTLINE

I. THE BACKGROUND

II. THE CALL

III. THE PROMISES

IV. THE RESPONSE

SERMON SERIES: GENESIS

Text: Genesis 12:1-9

Title: The Call of Abraham

Speaker: Dave O'Connell

The Lord had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you.

² "I will make you into a great nation,
and I will bless you;
I will make your name great,
and you will be a blessing.
³ I will bless those who bless you,
and whoever curses you I will curse;
and all peoples on earth
will be blessed through you."

⁴ So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Harran. ⁵ He took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all the possessions they had accumulated and the people they had acquired in Harran, and they set out for the land of Canaan, and they arrived there.

⁶ Abram traveled through the land as far as the site of the great tree of Moreh at Shechem. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷ The Lord appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So, he built an altar there to the Lord, who had appeared to him.

⁸ From there he went on toward the hills east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. There he built an altar to the Lord and called on the name of the Lord.

⁹ Then Abram set out and continued toward the Negev.

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

"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

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



As you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you—see that you excel in this act of grace also. For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

— 2 Corinthians 8:7&9

So Will I (100 Billion) — 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
But what measure could amount to Your desire, You're the One who never leaves the one behind*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Sending

Battle Belongs — Phil Wickham

When all I see is the battle, You see my victory
When all I see is the mountain, You see a mountain moved
And as I walk through the shadow, Your love surrounds me
There's nothing to fear now. For I am safe with You

*So when I fight I'll fight on my knees, With my hands lifted high
Oh God the battle belongs to You. And every fear I lay at Your feet
I'll sing through the night. Oh God the battle belongs to You*

And if You are for me, Who can be against me
For Jesus there's nothing. Impossible for You
When all I see are the ashes. You see the beauty
When all I see is a cross, God You see the empty tomb

Chorus

Almighty Fortress You go before us.
Nothing can stand against the power of our God
You shine in the shadow. You win every battle
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Chorus x3

BENEDICTION — Ephesians 3:20-21

May the blessing of God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
Be with you all.
And may our lives together,
Sing His praise!
Amen.

Announcements

TONIGHT! The School of Discipleship kicks off our next 4-week class on the ancient practice of the Sabbath. This is the second spiritual discipline we are introducing from a ministry called Practicing the Way (www.practicingtheway.org). Meet in the church office at 6 pm for dinner, followed by a short video teaching and small group discussion. Please RSVP to Katie at katiepearson@crosssound.org

SIGN UP! Small Groups are places where meaningful relationships are developed, forming networks that provide support, inspiration, encouragement and accountability. They are places where one can be prayed for as well as pray for others. We're convinced that small groups are a part of every healthy church, which is why our goal is that we are not a church that has small groups, but rather a church of small groups. Sign up on the clipboard if you are interested, or email: info@crosssound.org with your preference for day of the week (M-Sun) and time (morning, noon, evening). Thank you!

Women's Bible Study is studying "God of Covenant: Genesis 12-50" by Jen Wilkin. We will meet at the church office. Starting September 9 - Monday Evenings 6:30-8:30 - Soup and Salad Dinner provided. Starting September 11 - Wednesday Mornings at 9:30 - 11:30 - Breakfast Potluck & Childcare Provided. Questions? Email Ashley@CrossSound.org or visit bit.ly/crosssoundwomen

Men's Bible Study Fellowship (BSF) is held Tuesday evenings at the CS Church Office. This years' focus is on the book of Revelation and our hope in Jesus' return. Questions? Email Tony Merritt - merritts.wa@gmail.com

October 19: Dan Allender (PhD) is speaking at our Men's Event from 8am-Noon at The Bainbridge Island Museum of Art (BIMA) on "Learning how to Talk Out Loud--the Discipline of Querying the Soul": Dan is one of the founders of the Seattle School of Theology and Psychology where he served as president from 2002-2009. He's a therapist in private practice and teaching at the Allender Center. He's the author of the Wounded Heart, Bold Love, Intimate Allies, the Healing Path, To be Told, How Children Raise Their Parents, God Loves Sex, Leading With A Limp, The Cry of the Soul, Sabbath, as well as co-authoring several books with Tremper Longman.

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.