



God loves you because of who He is and because of what Christ has done. Whether you are depressed, suicidal, underweight, overweight, good-looking, ugly, dumb, smart, popular, socially rejected, happily married, divorced, funny, dull—you have won the heart of God because you are human...

Grace. If this stuff ever gets old, we might as well throw away our Bibles... To hear former streetwalkers talk about grace and how Jesus values them despite their past is better than ten thousand church services. I can't think of a better mirror to Jesus' pursuit of me.

We are all sinners, addicted to the muck and sludge of our own depravity; we are victims beaten down by other people's depravity. We are therefore walking magnets for God's scandalous grace.

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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 89:1-4

I will sing of your steadfast love, O LORD, forever;  
with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness  
to all generations.

I declare that your steadfast love is established forever;  
your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

You said, “I have made a covenant with my chosen one,  
I have sworn to my servant David:

‘I will establish your descendants forever,  
and build your throne for all generations.’”

Praise the Lord!

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.*

**Our Father, forgive us for thinking small thoughts of you  
and for ignoring your immensity and greatness.**

**Lord Jesus, forgive us when we forget that you rule  
the nations and our small lives.**

**Holy Spirit, we offend you in minimizing your power  
and squandering your gifts.**

**We confess that our blindness to your glory has resulted in shallow  
confession,**

**unconvinced conviction, and only mild repentance.**

**Have mercy upon us.**

**In Jesus’ name. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND RECEIVING OF GRACE

*You did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear,  
but you have received a spirit of adoption.*

*When we cry, “Abba! Father!” it is that very Spirit  
bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God,  
and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ.*

*In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen*

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Romans 8:15-17

# Renewing

**Come Alive (Dry Bones)** — *Lauren Daigle | 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*

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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.

**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

How priceless, Your unending love  
How priceless, Your unending love

ANNOUNCEMENTS, STUDENT DISMISSAL & GREETING

*Please stand and introduce yourself to one another.*

*Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you.*

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Romans 15:7

## QUOTES

*In a nutshell, in the Bible from Genesis 3 to Revelation 22 tells the story of a God reckless with desire to get his family back. —Philip Yancey*

*“We need to see Jesus—to meet his blazing eyes of heart-searching holiness, to wake up at the trumpet blast of his voice, to respond to his jealous demand for exclusive and passionate loyalty. Shocked insensible by the impact of his splendor, we need then to hear his words of compassionate comfort, quelling our fears and quickening our hopes.”—Dennis Johnson*

*“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*

## NOTES:

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It has been the practice of the church for thousands of years to have portions of the Bible read during worship services. We do this because we are people who need to be shaped by all of God’s word.

MESSAGE SERIES: REVELATION

**Text: Revelation 19:6-10**

**Title: The Wedding**

**Speaker: Dave Sellers**

Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying out,

“Hallelujah!

For the Lord our God  
the Almighty reigns.

Let us rejoice and exult  
and give him the glory,  
for the marriage of the Lamb has come,  
and his Bride has made herself ready;  
it was granted her to clothe herself  
with fine linen, bright and pure”—

for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.

And the angel said to me, “Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.” And he said to me, “These are the true words of God.” Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, “You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers who hold to the testimony of Jesus. Worship God.” For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

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.crossound.org/give](http://www.crossound.org/give) • Stock: [contact\\_bookkeeper@crossound.org](mailto:contact_bookkeeper@crossound.org)
- Mail: Cross Sound Church PO Box 11748 or 600 Ericksen Ave NE #210, Bainbridge Is., WA 98110



*Remember the words the Lord Jesus himself said:  
“It is more blessed to give than to receive.”  
— Acts 20:35*

**Lead Me To The Cross** — *Brooke Ligertwood*

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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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”).

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 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.

# Sending

**Blessed Be Your Name** — *Matt Redman*

Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful  
Where Your streams of abundance flow, blessed be Your name  
And blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place  
Though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be Your name

Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise  
And when the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say

*Blessed be the name of the Lord*  
*Blessed be Your name*  
*Blessed be the name of the Lord*  
*Blessed be Your glorious name*

Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me  
When the world's all as it should be, blessed be Your name  
And blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering  
Though there's pain in the offering, blessed be Your name

Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise  
And when the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say

*Chorus*

You give and take away, You give and take away  
My heart will choose to say, Lord, blessed be Your name

*Chorus x 2*

You give and take away, You give and take away  
My heart will choose to say, Lord, blessed be Your name

BENEDICTION

*Go into the world: dance, laugh, sing, and create.*  
*We go with the assurance of God's blessing.*  
*Go into the world: risk, explore, discover, and love.*  
*We go with the assurance of God's grace.*  
*Go into the world: believe, hope, struggle, and remember.*  
*We go with the assurance of God's love.*  
*Thanks be to God!*

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The benediction, different from good wishes or even a prayer, is a pronouncement of God's blessing. God sends us out in peace, giving us his presence as we go to be blessing-bearers to the world.

# Announcements

## **CSC Golf Tournament Fundraiser is back! October 7 at Meadowmeer Golf Club**

All proceeds benefit the Ensenada Homebuilding Trip. The format will be a four-person scramble. Details to come - stay tuned!

**Men's Ministry** email Dave Sellers at [dave@crosssound.org](mailto:dave@crosssound.org) 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](https://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](mailto: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 [ashley@crosssound.org](mailto:ashley@crosssound.org)

- WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Join us at Egleddale 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. [bit.ly/CSCSummerStudy](https://bit.ly/CSCSummerStudy)
- 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](https://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](https://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](https://bit.ly/CSCSummerConcert2023)



**Annual Ensenada Homebuilding Trip 2023** Only a few spots left!

Interested? Sign up here! [bit.ly/ensenada2023](https://bit.ly/ensenada2023) or QR code>>

Questions? please contact Stu Childers at [stuart@seattlepump.com](mailto:stuart@seattlepump.com).

**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](mailto:jimorsuemac@hotmail.com).

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If you have any announcements that you would like included in the bulletin, please email [Kristin@crosssound.org](mailto: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): \_\_\_\_\_

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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.*