



Jesus didn't shy away
from sinners, so why
should the Church? And
don't tell me the Church
welcomes sinners.

I know better. It welcomes
only sinners who repent
and then never seriously
need forgiveness again.

Robert Farrar Capon

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

Gloria Patri — Words: Gloria Patri, 2nd Century, Music: Karl Digerness, 2009
Glory be to the Father As it was in the beginning
Glory be to the Son Shall be forever
Glory be to the Spirit, Three in One Amen, Amen, Amen

CALL TO WORSHIP — Isaiah 40:28-31

Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The LORD is the everlasting God,
 the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He does not faint or grow weary;
 his understanding is unsearchable.
He gives power to the faint,
 and to him who has no might he increases strength.
Even youths shall faint and be weary,
 and young men shall fall exhausted;
but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength;
 they shall mount up with wings like eagles;
they shall run and not be weary;
 they shall walk and not faint.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Make confession to God the Lord, and let everyone acknowledge with me his/her sin and iniquity.

Lord Jesus,
We find it difficult to wait for you.
As we look back on the cross, we know you are a promise-keeping
God who is kinder and more loving than we can imagine.
You have saved us from sin, you are saving us from ourselves
and you promise us a beautiful future. But want our desires satisfied now.
We demand excellent health, financial security, peaceful relationships
and satisfying careers; perfect spouses, children, parents, and friends;
a perfect church, and freedom from weakness and on-going sins.
We demand heaven now, and we struggle with anger
and bitterness towards you when we suffer.
We try fix our lives and escape our pain,
creatively avoiding you, Jesus. Forgive us.

Renewing

RECEIVING OF GRACE — Micah 7:18-19

Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity
and passing over transgression
for the remnant of his inheritance?
He does not retain his anger forever,
because he delights in steadfast love.
He will again have compassion on us;
he will tread our iniquities underfoot.
You will cast all our sins
into the depths of the sea. **Amen.**

Treasure — *Kawika and Jenny Haglund*

You know the grace of our Lord
That though He was rich
Yet for your sake, became poor

Treasure the Lord above all else
Look to the cross, how He treasured you

Emptied Himself, became nothing
The nature of a servant
Humbled Himself to death

I Cry Out — *Craig Musseau*

I cry out, for Your hand of mercy to heal me.
I am weak, and I need your love to free me.
Oh Lord, my rock. My strength in weakness.
Come rescue me, Oh Lord.

You are my hope and Your promise never fails me.
And my desire is to follow you forever.
For you are good, for you are good
For you are good to me.
For you are good, for you are good
For you are good to me

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.

Lion And The Lamb — *Leeland Mooring, Brenton Brown, Brian Johnson*

He's coming on the clouds
Kings and kingdoms will bow down
Every chain will break
As broken hearts declare His praise
For who can stop the Lord Almighty

Our God is the Lion, the Lion of Judah
He's roaring with power
And fighting our battles
And every knee will bow before Him
Our God is the Lamb, the Lamb that was slain
For the sins of the world
His blood breaks the chains
Every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb
Every knee will bow before Him

Open up the gates
Make way before the King of kings
The God who comes to save
Is here to set the captives free
For who can stop the Lord Almighty

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STUDENT DISMISSAL

LAMENTING — Psalm 88:13-18, 89:1-4

But I, O LORD, cry to you;
in the morning my prayer comes before you.

O LORD, why do you cast my soul away?

Why do you hide your face from me?

Afflicted and close to death from my youth up,
I suffer your terrors; I am helpless.

**Your wrath has swept over me;
your dreadful assaults destroy me.**

They surround me like a flood all day long;
they close in on me together.

**You have caused my beloved and my friend to shun me;
my companions have become darkness.**

I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever;
with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.

**For I said, “Steadfast love will be built up forever;
in the heavens you will establish your faithfulness.”**

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

**‘I will establish your offspring forever,
and build your throne for all generations.’”
and awesome above all who are around him?**

NOTES

Message

Series: A New Beginning: What Now?

Title: Patience

Text: 2 Peter 3:8-9a

Speaker: Dave Sellers

But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. ⁹ The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you.

QUOTES

...I would like to be a mystic and immediately. —Flannery O'Connor

True worship doesn't put on a show or make a fuss; true worship isn't forced, isn't half-hearted, doesn't keep looking at its watch, doesn't worry what the person in the next pew is doing. True worship is open to God, adoring God, waiting for God, trusting God even in the dark. — NT Wright

'There is a kind of high comedy about our faith. There is a kind of high comedy about our seeing and not seeing, about waiting, about being human but not quite human. We wait for him to come - more than we know, each of us waits for our heart's desire - and he comes only in metaphors, in shadowy glimpses through the tall and bleeding trees; in long silences through which some words should be spoken and are spoken but never quite audibly enough for us to be sure we've heard them right: "The blood of our Lord Jesus Christ which was shed for thee preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life." Body and soul, we wait for the new life to make us everlastingly alive, new blood to flow through our dusty and sorrowing world, soft as rainwater and almost without taste but with the faintest tinge of sweetness to it. He was a fine man, our Lord and General. He was everything a man should be. He was everything we all should be and from the deepest part of ourselves yearn to be - loving, brave, just - but are not yet, not by a long shot.' — Frederick Buechner

OFFERING — 1 John 3:17-18

How does God's love abide in anyone
who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister
in need and yet refuses to help?
Dear children, let us love,
not in word or speech,
but also in truth and action.

Repentance and Rest — *Curtis Romjue*

In repentance and rest
Is your salvation
In quietness
And trust is your strength

The Lord longs to be
Gracious to you
He rises to show
To show you compassion

*And whether you turn
To the right or to the left
Your ears will hear a voice
Behind you, saying,
"This is the way, walk in it."*

For the Lord is
A God of justice
How blessed are all those
Who long for Him

Chorus

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Patient God,

Thank you for loving the unlovable.

Thank you for welcoming the rebel.

Thank you for showering the unworthy with your goodness.

Thank you for refusing to give up on us.

Thank you for the gift and grace of your Kingdom,

Giving to us in Jesus.

For this, O Lord, we pray;

Lord, hear our prayer.

Patient Lord,

Thank you for rescuing people of every nation.

Thank you for living for us.

Thank you for suffering for us.

Thank you for dying, rising and coming back for us.

Thank you for walking with us throughout the day, every day.

For this, O Lord, we pray;

Lord, hear our prayer.

Patient Spirit,

Comfort those are overwhelmed with sadness.

**Be close to those struggling with depression,
isolation, abuse and addiction.**

**May your one Church throughout the world
be a safe and welcoming rescue mission.**

**We pray for high school students on Bainbridge
as well as those at North Kitsap—
to experience the power and freedom of grace.**

For this, O Lord, we pray;

Lord, hear our prayer.

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, and the power,

and the glory forever and ever, Amen.

Sending

How Great Thou Art — *Stuart K. Hine*

Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder
Thy power throughout the universe displayed

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art.
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

And when I think, that God, His son not sparing
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin.

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration

MISSIONS' UPDATE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

Now may the God of peace who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen. **Amen**

COMMUNION

Please join us immediately after the Benediction
at the entrance of the Theater to celebrate the Lord's Supper.

Announcements

CS Kids Halloween Join us at Wyatt House from 4:00-4:30 pm on Oct. 31st for an outdoor costume parade! Residents will be outside ready to wave at our kids as they walk by, and goodie bags will be handed out. This is a perfect way to love on this community before or after you enjoy the downtown festivities that day!

All Church Luncheon NEXT SUNDAY! Join us October 17 directly following the service (lef by Pastor Paul Schuler) for a delicious lunch, catered by Meguelitos.

Church Event Implementation Team - Volunteers needed! We are in the process of planning monthly or seasonal events, like our church luncheon next Sunday, and need helpers to carry out a few simple tasks on a regular basis (i.e. picking up food, gathering table settings, etc). If you're interested in participating or learning more, email Kristin: kristin@crosssound.org or sign up on the clipboard at the Community Cart in the entry way!

School of Discipleship As of TODAY, October 3, from 9-9:45am each Sunday, we'd like to invite you to join CSC's School of Discipleship as we go through a seven-week class called "Gospel in Life" by Tim Keller. In this class we will explore the wonderful contours of the gospel, and discuss how it is lived out in all of life — first in our hearts, then in community, and out into the world. The class will include an excellent 10-15 minute teaching video from Tim Keller, along with scripture reading, group discussion, and prayer. We'll also have some coffee and food there for you to enjoy too!

CS Kids Welcome kids! With the exception of nursery, all students will start in our main worship service. Upon dismissal we gather in Room 231 for large group time, then students are dismissed to individual classes (upstairs in the same building as worship service). We are following CDC guidelines, and requiring all kids ages 2 and older to wear a mask. Questions? Email: lauraoc@crosssound.org

- NURSERY (NEWBORN TO 3 YEARS OLD) - ROOM 234
- PREK-2ND GRADE - ROOM 232
- 3RD-6TH GRADE - ROOM 231

Men's Ministry — Join us for Bible study on Friday Mornings As a church, we want to be supportive of each other via Small Groups, Bible Study, worship, and friendships. Email Roger at irbarbers@gmail.com for Zoom link

Women's Bible study — Fall 2021 Join us for this fall's study, *Elijah: Faith and Fire* by Priscilla Shirer. Choose either Tuesday evenings, 6:45- 8:15 pm, or Wednesday mornings, 9:15-11:15 am. We will learn together what it was like for Elijah to be a part of God's greater plan, and how he was a person just like us. Cross Sound office: 600 Ericksen Ave NE, Suite 210. Masks required.

If you need support, would like prayer, have a question, or are suffering COVID-19 Hardship contact: info@crosssound.org Find info about COVID-19 at: www.doh.wa.gov/Emergencies/Coronavirus?

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: _____
Second time visitor _____ Ministry Please add me to:
Regular attendee _____ Email list
Mailing list

Name(s): _____

Children & their ages: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number(s): _____

Email(s): _____

Prayer Requests/Comments: _____

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.