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Cover photo by Marit Krueger.
This is a photo of the Miwani Estate Primary School Girl's Choir preparing a Kenyan Religious song for an all-country competition to which they were invited. I was struck, as I both listened and watched them sing, by their complete concentration and absorption into the song - so much so that I, too, was transported by their song.
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Welcome to Cross Sound Church. This page includes some of the elements of today's worship. It's designed to give you scriptures, prayers, and thoughts for further reflection during your week.

Gathering

Hosanna (Praise is Rising)

Praise is rising, eyes are turning to You
We turn to You
Hope is stirring, hearts are yearning for You
We long for You

'Cause when we see You,
We find strength to face the day
And in Your presence
All our fears are washed away, washed away.

Hosanna! Hosanna
You are the God who saves us
Worthy of all our praises
Hosanna! Hosanna!
Come have Your way among us.
We welcome You here, Lord Jesus!

Hear the sound of hearts returning to You
We turn to You
In Your kingdom broken lives are made new
You make all things new

Call to Worship

My heart is steadfast, O God;
I will sing and make music with all my soul.
Awake, harp and lyre!
I will awaken the dawn.
I will praise you, O LORD, among the nations;
I will sing of you among the peoples.
For great is your love, higher than the heavens;
your faithfulness reaches to the skies.
Be exalted, O God, above the heavens,
and let your glory be over all the earth.

— Psalm 108:1-5

Renewing

Confession of Sin

Lord God, we have sinned against you;
we have done evil in your sight.
We are sorry and repent.
Have mercy on us according to your love.
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us
from our sin.
Renew a right spirit within us
and restore us to the joy of your salvation.

Words of Comfort and Assurance of Pardon

May the Father of mercy
cleanse us from all unrighteousness
by the blood of Jesus his Son,
our Savior and Advocate,
that we may walk in his light
and have fellowship with one another.

^{All} Amen

Mighty to Save

Everyone needs compassion, a love that's never failing
 Let mercy fall on us
 Everyone needs forgiveness, the kindness of a Savior
 The hope of nations

Savior, He can move the mountains
 Our God is mighty to save
 He is mighty to save
 Forever, author of salvation
 He rose and conquered the grave
 Jesus conquered the grave

So take us as You find us, all our fears and failures
 Fill our lives again
 We give our lives to follow everything we believe in
 Now we surrender

Hallelujah! Let the whole world see, we're singing
 For the glory of the risen King, Jesus
 Hallelujah! Let the whole world see, we're singing
 For the glory of the risen King

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
 Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.
 Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
 God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
 Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
 Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
 Which wert, and art, and evermore shall be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
 Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,
 Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
 Perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
 All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth and sky and
 sea.
 Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
 God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Indescribable

From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea
 Creation's revealing Your majesty
 From the colors of fall to the fragrance of spring
 Every creature unique in the song that it sings
 All exclaiming

Indescribable, uncontainable,
 You placed the stars in the sky
 and You know them by name
 You are amazing, God
 All powerful, untamable,
 Awestruck we fall to our knees as we humbly proclaim
 You are amazing, God

Who has told every lightning bolt where it should go
 Or seen heavenly storehouses laden with snow
 Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light
 Yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of night
 None can fathom

Incomparable, unchangeable
 You see the depths of my heart
 and You love me the same
 You are amazing, God
 You are amazing, God

Giving Thanks

**"Where, O death, is your victory?
 Where, O death, is your sting?" The sting of death
 is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks
 be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord
 Jesus Christ.**

— I Corinthians 15:55-57

Series: First**Message: Godly Grooves**

**Scripture: Deuteronomy 26:12-15,
1 Corinthians 15:57-16:3**

¹²When you have finished setting aside a tenth of all your produce in the third year, the year of the tithe, you shall give it to the Levite, the alien, the fatherless and the widow, so that they may eat in your towns and be satisfied. ¹³ Then say to the LORD your God: "I have removed from my house the sacred portion and have given it to the Levite, the alien, the fatherless and the widow, according to all you commanded. I have not turned aside from your commands nor have I forgotten any of them. ¹⁴ I have not eaten any of the sacred portion while I was in mourning, nor have I removed any of it while I was unclean, nor have I offered any of it to the dead. I have obeyed the LORD my God; I have done everything you commanded me. ¹⁵ Look down from heaven, your holy dwelling place, and bless your people Israel and the land you have given us as you promised on oath to our forefathers, a land flowing with milk and honey."

—Deuteronomy 26:12-15

⁵⁷ But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁵⁸ Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

¹Now about the collection for God's people: Do what I told the Galatian churches to do. ²On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made. ³Then, when I arrive, I will give letters of introduction to the men you approve and send them with your gift to Jerusalem. ⁴If it seems advisable for me to go also, they will accompany me.

—1 Corinthians 15:57-16:3

Quotes:

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"You are not oiling the wheels of a machine that's about to roll over a cliff. You are not restoring a great painting that's shortly going to be thrown on the fire. You are not planting roses in a garden that's about to be dug up for a building site. You are — strange though it may seem — almost as hard to believe as the resurrection itself — accomplishing something that will become in due course part of God's new world." — N.T. Wright

"By all normal mathematical and economic calculations, a man who gives 10% of his income to god is 10% poorer. Yahweh say that the man who honors Him with His wealth is, on the contrary, far wealthier as a result...true knowledge and trust in Yahweh is expressed when we honor Him with our wealth."— Peter Leithart

Prayers of the People

We pray for the church, your forgiven people:
may we extend your saving welcome to all people,
knowing that we ourselves required your healing.
Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,

^{All} **Set up your kingdom in our midst.**

We pray for this community of faith: may we increasingly become faithful givers telling the story of your victory through our words and deeds. Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,

^{All} **Set up your kingdom in our midst.**

We pray for those who suffer from illness or distress,
whether in mind or body or situation:
may they know your power to renew and heal.

Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,

^{All} **Set up your kingdom in our midst.**

And for what else should we pray?

*Please add your own prayers at this time, ending with,
"For this, O Lord, we pray" and all responding,
"Lord, hear our prayer."*

Communion

Communion, also called the Lord's Supper, is the family meal of Christians. We invite all followers of Jesus Christ to participate. If you are not a follower of Jesus or are not prepared to share in the meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer. We hope this time is helpful to you as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ and with his people, the church.

Amazing Grace (It Covers Me)

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
Amazing love, now flowing down
From hands and feet that were nailed to a tree
As grace flows down and covers me

It covers me
It covers me
It covers me
It covers me

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

How deep the Father's love for us
How vast beyond all measure
That He would give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure

How great the pain of searing loss
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the chosen One
Bring many sons to glory

Behold the Man upon a cross
My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers

It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything
No gifts, no powers, no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection

Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom

Offering

My soul finds rest in God alone; my salvation comes from him. He alone is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will never be shaken.

— Psalm 62:1,2

The heart of the gospel is the overwhelming generosity of God to us in Christ. We are "blessed to be a blessing." If you, or anyone you are aware of, is in need of assistance with housing, rent, utilities, medical bills, etc. We as a church would love to try to help. Contact any one of the deacons, pastors or staff listed in the bulletin.

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.

Hear our prayer, hear our prayer
When we leave our burdens in Your care
For this, today, oh Lord we watch and pray
Gracious Father, hear our prayer

Are we weak and heavy laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge,
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do your friends despise, forsake you?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In His arms He'll take and shield you;
you will find a solace there.

GUIDE TO WORSHIP

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
take it to the Lord in prayer.

Benediction

May the love of the Lord Jesus draw you to himself,
the power of the Lord Jesus strengthen
you in his service,
the joy of the Lord Jesus fill your hearts;
and the blessing of God almighty,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
be among you, and remain with you always.

PRAYERS FOR REFLECTION

Prayer of Belief

Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life.
Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of follow-
ing 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 under-
standing 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 the 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 NEEDS

Haiti

Dean Goodwin (surgery)

Tony Jacobellis (recovery)

Chuck and Amy Getter

Community Groups

Penny Daniels (recovery)

Alice Bundrant

Hannah Hunt (Brain Cancer)

Gene Shawley (Cancer - Chemo.)

The Blain Family (Peace and Comfort)

The Chadwick Family

Jobs

Our Youth

Missions

Our Military

Families in Crisis

(If you have prayer requests or prayers of thanksgiving that you
would like to share on this page please email Penny@crosssound.org
or fill out a Welcome card and drop it on the offering basket.

Our Prayer teams will be praying for these things as well.)

Cross Sound Announcements

Join us after service today!

The Chiapas team will be serving authentic "Cruz Family" burritos as a fundraiser for our San Pedrito Family. We will also be making a family banner to send to our village. Please plan to stick around and support our team as you enjoy a time of food and fellowship.

Learn about issues of homeless and street-involved youth!

New Horizons Ministries (NHM) is a Christian, interdenominational, non-profit agency that serves Seattle's street youth. We are holding our training Sat. Jan. 23 and 30 from 8:30-5:00. Training topics will include Street Culture, Prostitution, Chemical Abuse, Relational Counseling, and Spiritual Formation. Whether you are interested in volunteering with NHM or simply want to learn more about youth involved in street culture, this is a great place to start! Registration fee is \$75, and partial scholarships are available. Contact Joy Eckwood for more information: 206.374.0866 x 119 or joye@nhmin.org.

BENEFIT FOR HAITI

Island to Island Caribbean Night Sun. Jan. 31, 6-8:30pm
Music, Dance, Dessert, Kid activities
Come to an all island sponsored event to benefit Haiti through World Vision, Partners in Health and UNICEF. Latin American music played by Grupo Meridional (with Gwen Franz on viola).
Insights on Haitian relief effort by Dean Hirsh and Jay Inslee.

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Women's Sending-Off Party for Anna Schuler:

Women & girls of all ages, please join us on Wed. Jan. 27, 6:30pm at the Crowley residence for a night of food, fellowship and celebration as we send Anna Schuler on her way to Kenya. Anna will be sharing with us about her work at the Nehemiah International Miwani Center and we will have the opportunity to bless her with financial support and prayer before she departs. An authentic Kenyan dinner will be provided! If you wish to support Anna financially, please make checks payable to Nehemiah International with a sticky note "Kenya School Outreach" attached.

Coming in March! During our School of Discipleship time we will be offering an Intro. to Cross Sound Church. This seminar explores the philosophy of ministry and basic theological beliefs of our church. This is also the prerequisite for membership. Classes will be held the first 3 weeks of March meeting at 9AM (before service).

Save the Dates!

Sunday evenings, March 7, 14 and 21 will be our next Parent Round Table Discussion dates. We are excited about this annual opportunity to gather together, share a meal and discuss how to love our kids and push them toward God. We are planning to meet in the BHS Commons from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Dinner and childcare will be provided. More details later, but mark your calendars now for this cool time together.

Interested in getting involved?

We are currently in need of new people to help with our set up/ take down schedule for both the main sanctuary and the classrooms. Please indicate interest on your yellow card or contact Penny for more information. Penny@crosssound.org

Prayer Group: Every Wednesday evening at 7pm at the Getters home, all are welcome. Call the Getters at 855-9197 for prayer requests or for more information.

Financial Update

Weekly Budget Needs: \$13,989.00

Last Week's Giving: \$7,681.00

Monthly Budget Needs: \$55,961.59

Giving for Month of January: \$34,104.73

"Worship Through Giving" *An envelope has been provided for your records and will be picked up at the end of the service.*

Get Connected at Cross Sound: Stop by the greeter table to find out what events, ministry opportunities, and small groups are available for you to participate in, or call us at 206-842-6898.



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For the next several months, we'll be using the back of the bulletin, featuring different Sunday school classes, their teachers and their helpers all in an effort to both honor them and let you know what's happening upstairs while we're in the service.

Kim Henrickson and Cindi Schuler head up our Small Beginnings Ministry, the New to Two (nursery) here at Cross Sound. Each week, babies and toddlers gather to play, learn and get lots of LOVE from the teachers and helpers. EVERYONE is welcome in the nursery to play or help hold and rock a child.

