



‘Every faculty you have, your power of thinking or of moving your limbs from moment to moment, is given you by God. If you devoted every moment of your whole life exclusively to His service you could not give Him anything that was not in a sense His own already. So that when we talk of a man or woman doing anything for God or giving anything to God, I will tell you what it is really like. It is like a small child going to its father and saying, “Daddy, please give me sixpence to buy you a birthday present.” Of course, the father does, and he is pleased with the child’s present. It is all very nice and proper, but only an idiot would think that the father is sixpence to the good on the transaction.’

CS 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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As we gather to worship, please silence all mobile phones and devices for the duration of the service.

Gathering

CALL TO WORSHIP — based on Psalm 27; John 4:23

Let us worship God, our light and our salvation.
The Lord is the stronghold of our lives.
We desire to live in God's house
and to seek God in his holy temple.
We have come with shouts of joy,
to sing and to make music to the Lord.
Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.
Teach us your ways and make straight our paths
in this hour of worship and always.

CONFESSION OF SIN — Psalm 79:9

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.

**Help us, O God of our salvation,
for the glory of your name;
deliver us, and forgive our sins,
for your name's sake.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND RECEIVING OF GRACE — John 3:16-17

“God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him
may not perish but may have eternal life.
Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world
to condemn the world,
but in order that the world might be saved through him.”
If you've confessed your sins, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
Be at peace!

Amen

Renewing

I Lift My Eyes Up

I lift my eyes up, to the mountains
Where does my help come from?
My help comes from You
Maker of heaven, Creator of the earth

Oh how I need you Lord
You are my only hope
You're my only prayer
So I will wait for you
To come and rescue me
Come and give me life

Lead Me To The Cross

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 lost

*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 trialed, Human
The word became flesh, Bore my sin and death, Now you're risen
Everything I once held dear, I count it all as lost

Chorus

Bridge:
To Your heart
To Your heart
Lead me to Your heart
Lead me to Your heart

Chorus

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.

The Passion

The passion of our Savior
The mercy of our God
The cross that leaves no question
Of the measure of His love

*Our chains are gone
Our debt is paid
The cross has overthrown the grave
For Jesus's blood that sets us free
Means death to death
And life for me*

The Innocent judged guilty
While the guilty one walks free
Death would be His portion
And our portion liberty

Chorus

Bridge:
I give my whole life
To honour this love
By the Lamb who was slain
I'm forgiven
The sinner's Savior
Crown Him forever
For the Lamb who was slain
He is risen

Chorus

ANNOUNCEMENTS, STUDENT DISMISSAL & GREETING

Please stand and introduce yourself to one another.

QUOTES:

'The loose communities that we find in spiritual or religious gatherings were once entirely ordinary to us, but now it seems like it is more radical to join them, a brazen challenge to the strictures of the nuclear family, the tendency to stick within tight friendship groups, the shrinking away from the awe-inspiring. Congregations are elastic, stretching to take in all kinds of people, and bringing up unexpected perspectives and insights, We need them now more than ever.'
— Katherine May

'The people you eat with are the people you belong to.'— Lauren F Winner

A household is a community of persons who may well take shelter under one roof but also and more fundamentally take shelter under one another's care and concern. They provide for one another, and they depend on one another. They mingle their assets and their liabilities, in such a way that it is hard to tell where one member's needs and another member's begins.

The household is the fundamental community of persons. Built on more than an isolated pair but encompassing few enough people that all can be deeply and persistently noticed and seen, the household is perfectly sized for the recognition we are all looking for the moment we were born.'— Andy Crouch

MESSAGE

Guest Speaker

NOTES:

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.

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



The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it,
the world, and those who live in it.— Psalm 24:1

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”).

Revelation Song

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
Holy, holy is He
Sing a new song to Him who sits on,
Heaven's mercy seat

*Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is and is to come
With all creation I sing praise to the King of kings
You are my everything and I will adore You*

Clothed in rainbows of living color,
Flashes of lightning rolls of thunder
Blessing and honor strength and glory and power be,
To You the only one who's King

Chorus

Filled with wonder awestruck wonder,
At the mention of Your name
Jesus Your name is power, breath and living water,
Such a marvelous mystery

Oh.... Oh, You're worthy, mystery
You are worthy

Chorus

Filled with wonder awestruck wonder
At the mention of Your name

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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,
The power, and the glory, For ever. Amen.**

Sending

Oh God

In the valley, Oh God, you're near
In the quiet, Oh God, you're near
In the shadow, Oh God, you're near
At my breaking, Oh God, you're near

*Oh God, you never leave my side
Your love will stand firm for all my life*

In my searching, Oh God, you're near
In my wandering, Oh God, you're near
When I feel alone, Oh God, you're near
At my lowest, Oh God, you're near

Height nor depth nor anything else
Could pull us apart
We are joined as one by your blood
Hope will rise as we become more
Than conquerors through
The one who loved the world

*Oh God, you never leave my side
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BENEDICTION — based on Ephesians 1:18-19

As you leave the sanctuary today,
may you know the hope to which God has called you,
experience the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints,
and trust his incomparably great power for us who believe.
Amen.

Announcements

Small Groups - Clipboard Sign Up! Small groups form support networks that provide individuals with support, inspiration, encouragement, and accountability. They are places of prayer and meaningful relationship development. If you are interested in joining a small group this Fall, please sign up on the clipboard! (*indicate which group and/or meeting time works best and the small group leader will follow up with you!*)

Cuba Missions: Shoe collection The Cuba Missions team is collecting new youth and children--sized shoes/sneakers (no sandals, slides or crocks, please) for their upcoming trip. If you are able to contribute, please drop-off at the church office!

Men's Bible Study Fellowship (BSF) Thursdays 6:30-8pm

BSF is a weekly, in-person, in-depth, interdenominational study. In a world that declares "find your own truth" - Jesus stands alone. He boldly proclaims Himself as the only source of freedom, peace, truth, security, and everlasting life with God. Join us as we focus on the life of Jesus seen through the eyes of the Apostle John. in the back meeting room of the Church Office (600 Ericksen Ave NE #210, Bainbridge). Go to: bit.ly/joinBSF or follow QR Code for info and sign up. Questions? Contact Teague Parker at newpark@centurytel.net



CSC Golf Tournament Fundraiser is back! October 7 at Meadowmeer Golf Club. All proceeds benefit the Ensenada Homebuilding Trip. Sign up at: bit.ly/EnsenadaGolf2023, or follow this QR code >>



GriefShare has begun: Thursday mornings at the church office GriefShare is a Christ-centered, 11-week Program designed to help you rebuild your life. Weekly video seminars are offered, featuring some of the nation's foremost experts on grief recovery, along with small group discussion time. It is open to new participants at any time during the cycle. We know it hurts, and we want to help. *For info 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): _____

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.