



Jesus came to raise the
dead. He did not come
to teach the teachable;
He did not come to
improve the improvable;
He did not come to
reform the reformable.
None of those things
work.

—
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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To learn more about the entire staff and our team of Elders, Deacons, International Ministers and Community Group Leaders, visit our website: crosssound.org call our office: (206) 842-6898 or email info@crosssound.org

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

Gathering

CALL TO WORSHIP — Psalm 47: 6-9 (MSG)

Sing songs to God, sing out!
Sing to our King, sing praise!
He's Lord over earth,
so sing your best songs to God.
God is Lord of godless nations—
sovereign, he's King of the mountain.
Princes from all over are gathered,
people of Abraham's God.
The powers of earth are God's—
he soars over all.

CONFESSION OF SIN

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.

Almighty God,
you have raised Jesus from the grave and crowned him Lord of all.
We confess that we have not bowed before him
or acknowledged his rule in our lives.
We have gone along with the way of the world
and failed to give him glory.
Forgive us and raise us from sin,
that we may be your faithful people,
obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who rules the world and is head of the church, his body.
Amen.

Renewing

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND RECEIVING OF GRACE

But God, being rich in mercy,
because of the great love with which He loved us,
even when we were dead in our trespasses,
made us alive together with Christ—
by grace you have been saved—
and raised us up with Him and seated us with Him
in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus. — Ephesians 2:4-7

My Worth is Not in What I Own — *Keith & Kristyn Getty*

My worth is not in what I own
Not in the strength of flesh and bone
But in the costly wounds of love, at the cross

My worth is not in skill or name
In win or lose, in pride or shame
But in the blood of Christ that flowed, at the cross

*I rejoice in my Redeemer
Greatest Treasure,
Wellspring of my soul
I will trust in Him, no other.
My soul is satisfied in Him alone.*

As summer flowers we fade and die
Fame, youth and beauty hurry by
But life eternal calls to us, at the cross

I will not boast in wealth or might
Or human wisdom's fleeting light
But I will boast in knowing Christ, at the cross

Two wonders here that I confess
My worth and my unworthiness
My value fixed - my ransom paid, at the cross

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.

My Hope is Built — Lyrics: Edward Mote, West Sussex, 1834
Music: William Bradbury, 1863, Arrangement: Norton Hall Band, 2016

My hope is built on nothing less, Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, But wholly lean on Jesus' name

*On Christ the solid rock I stand, All other ground is sinking sand
All other ground is sinking sand*

When darkness seems to hide His face, I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale, My anchor holds within the veil

His oath, His covenant, His blood, Support me in the whelming flood
When all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay

When He shall come with trumpet sound, Oh, may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone, Faultless to stand before the throne

Our God — Chris Tomlin
Water you turned into wine, Opened the eyes of the blind
There's no one like you, None like you

Into the darkness you shine, Out of the ashes we rise
There is no one like you, None like you

*Our God is greater, Our God is stronger
God you are higher than any other
Our God is Healer, Awesome in power
Our God, Our God*

And if our God is for us, Then who could ever stop us
And if our God is with us, Then what could stand against

*Our God is greater, Our God is stronger
God you are higher than any other
Our God is Healer, Awesome in power
Our God, Our God*

STUDENT DISMISSAL, GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

With the exception of the nursery, all students begin in the worship service. Upon dismissal students gather in room 231 for large group, then on to individual classes: Nursery Rm 234, PreK-2nd Rm 232, 3rd-6th Rm 231

QUOTES:

The practice of resurrection is an intentional, deliberate decision to believe and participate in resurrection life, life out of death, life that trumps death, life that is the last word, Jesus life. — Eugene Peterson

“According to Jesus, acknowledging our neediness opens the door to genuine and lasting happiness. Religions usually talk about what a person has to “do”, but Jesus talks about what we “can’t do”. He says that our weakness, not our power or what we bring to God, enables us to know God.” — Paul E. Miller

Q. What is our only hope in life and death?

A. That we are not our own but belong, body and soul, both in life and death, to God and our Savior Jesus Christ. — New City Catechism, #1

NOTES:

MESSAGE SERIES: RESURRECTION! WHAT NOW?

Text: Acts 1:4-11

Title: Power

Speaker: Dave Sellers

When they were together for the last time they asked, “Master, are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel now? Is this the time?”

He told them, “You don’t get to know the time. Timing is the Father’s business.⁸ What you’ll get is the Holy Spirit. And when the Holy Spirit comes on you, you will be able to be my witnesses in Jerusalem, all over Judea and Samaria, even to the ends of the world.”

These were his last words. As they watched, he was taken up and disappeared in a cloud.¹⁰ They stood there, staring into the empty sky. Suddenly two men appeared—in white robes!¹¹ They said, “You Galileans!—why do you just stand here looking up at an empty sky? This very Jesus who was taken up from among you to heaven will come as certainly—and mysteriously—as he left.”

APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic* Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen. *universal

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 — 2 CORINTHIANS 9:6-7

The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly,
and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.

⁷ Each one must give as he has decided in his heart,
not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

Grace — *Niki Shepherd, Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson*

Your grace that leads this sinner home
From death to life forever
And sings the song of righteousness
By blood and not by merit

Your grace that reaches far and wide
To every tribe and nation
Has called my heart to enter in
The joy of Your salvation

*By grace I am redeemed
By grace I am restored
And now I freely walk into
The arms of Christ my Lord*

Your grace that I cannot explain
Not by my earthly wisdom
The prince of life, without a stain
Was traded for this sinner

Chorus

Let praise rise up and overflow
My song resound forever
For grace will see me welcomed home
To walk beside my Savior

The offering is a way for members and friends of Cross Sound Church to support the worship and work of the church, its mission and ministry. There are different ways to financially give, via:

- Offering basket: place Check or Cash in a Giving Envelope on Sunday mornings
- Mail: Cross Sound Church PO Box 11748 or 600 Ericksen Ave #210, Bainbridge Is., WA 98110
- Cross Sound app: look up “Church Center” on the App Store and follow the prompts
- Online: <https://www.crosssound.org/give>
- Stock: contact bookkeeper@crosssound.org

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Loving Father, it is your will that nothing shall be lost,
but rather that we be raised up from death to new life.

**May this message of joy and power extend through all the earth,
that all may know what you have prepared for those who believe,
for those who have received the Spirit as a guarantee.**

For this, O Lord, we pray,

Lord, hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus, the nations of this world are in your hand,
and while many leaders rule over us,

**we acknowledge your name alone
as our Lord and Savior.**

**May peoples and leaders cry out to you in their distress
and seek the justice and peace that flows from your life.**

For this, O Lord, we pray,

Lord, hear our prayer.

Spirit of hope,

comfort those who groan under the burden of suffering.

Grant that they may know the power of your risen life.

**Make us willing agents of your compassion
and strengthen us to minister your wholeness to others.**

For this, O Lord, we pray,

Lord, hear our prayer.

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").*

Sending

Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me — *City Alight*

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer,
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom,
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace

*To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus, For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine! Yet not I, but through Christ in me*

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken
For by my side, the Saviour He will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need, His power is displayed

*To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me, Through the deepest valley He will lead
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome! Yet not I, but through Christ in me*

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven
The future sure, the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And He was raised to overthrow the grave

*To this I hold, my sin has been defeated, Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free! Yet not I, but through Christ in me*

With every breath, I long to follow Jesus
For He has said that He will bring me home
And day by day I know He will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne

*To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus, All the glory evermore to Him
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat: Yet not I, but through Christ in me!*

BENEDICTION

May God,
who from the death of sin raised you to new life in Christ,
keep you from falling and see you in the presence of his glory;
and the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be among you, and remain with you always.

Amen.

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

Weeds To Flowers: Saturday, May 14 at Ordway Elementary: SIGN UP TODAY!

If you are interested in participating in this annual tradition of blessing our community by weeding and mulching the flower beds *email Kristin@crosssound.org.*

Parenting Round Table Continues May 15: Dinner and Childcare Provided Join us for collaborative discussions re: parenting toddlers through our post-high school adult-children. Sunday, 5-7pm at the CS Office. *Please RSVP at info@crosssound.org*

Difficult Conversation Workshop: Sign Up TODAY!

Join us on Sunday, May 22nd 6-8pm at the Church Office as Braver Angels, a non-profit organization focused on teaching people listening and speaking skills to improve difficult conversations, leads a workshop on "Helping Loved Ones Divided by Politics." Childcare provided. Free event (donations accepted), sign up <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/families-politics-western-wa-alliancebraver-angels-kitsap-county-registration-310254939877>

Women's Ministry: Spring Bible Study: Join us April 25—June 6

- MONDAY EVENING GROUP (6:45pm at CS Office) will be reading *Life Without Lack* by Dallas Willard, and in-depth study on Psalm 23.
- WEDNESDAY MORNING GROUP (9:15am at CS Office) has 3 book choices:
 - *Life Without Lack* by Dallas Willard, an in-depth study on Psalm 23
 - *The Mothers and Daughters of the Bible Speak* by Shannon Bream
 - *Find Your People* by Jennie Allen

5th-8th Grade Summer Retreat: June 17-19 in Port Orchard! Join us for a weekend of incredible FUN: horseback riding, a rodeo, swimming time at the lake, archery, climbing wall, snack shop, large group meetings, and the opportunity to participate in high ropes and paintball. Register today, online! <https://crosssound.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1190973>

Sign Up For Kids Camp! We are excited to partner with New Life this Summer, July 11-15, 9am-12pm, rising K-5th grade. <http://www.bainbridgekidscamp.com/>

Ensenada is November 19-25! Going to Ensenada is a great way to honor our faith in Christ, and give back to people who have very little. We will build 2-3 houses this year, depending on the amount of people that sign up. There's plenty to do, a job for everyone, and all are welcome (kids, too)! Sign up to learn more: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805094FAFA623AAF94-ensenada>

Prayer Groups (Church Office: 600 Ericksen Ave. Ste #210 BI, 98110)

- HEALING PRAYER: 3RD WEDNESDAYS @ 6:30PM Please join CSC's Session if you would like prayers for healing (physical, emotional, spiritual, relational)
- PRAYER TEAM: TUESDAYS @9AM Support your church family through prayer.

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.