



Nothing but grace
makes a person
so humble and,
at the same time,
so glad.

Charles Spurgeon

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 — Psalm 34:1-3

I will praise the Lord at all times.
I will constantly speak his praises.
I will boast only in the Lord;
let all who are helpless take heart.
Come, let us tell of the Lord's greatness;
let us exalt his name together.

CONFESSION OF SIN

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

Heavenly Father, and God of all Grace,
Open our hearts so that we are able to admit to you the fullness of our lives
— that which is beautiful and good, and that which is hurtful and hateful.
We confess that we do not follow Jesus in all that we do.
We love with condition.
We judge and condemn.
We cast the first stone, and keep the logs in our own eyes.

We care for ourselves, but not for others.
We lose sight of your goodness and glory,
And we turn away from you.

Forgive us, we pray.

In your grace lift us up and enable us to walk closely and joyfully with Jesus
— so that we might love our world out of our fullness in Him.

We ask these things in His name,
Amen.

Renewing

RECEIVING OF GRACE

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name! — From Psalm 103

Friends in Christ, know this:
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Alleluia! **Amen.**

Sweet Comfort — *Sandra McCracken*

Whatever my God ordains is right, His holy will abides
I will be still whatever he does, And follow where he guides

*Sweet comfort, sweet comfort, Yet shall fill my heart
Sweet comfort, sweet comfort, Sorrow shall depart*

Whatever my God ordains is right, He makes my feet to stand
Though sorrow, need, or death be mine, He holds me in his hand

Chorus

This bitter cup, I take it, My fainting heart restored
So here I stand, unshaken, I trust upon the Lord

Chorus

He is my God though dark my road, He holds me, I shall not fall
Whatever my God ordains as right, To him I leave it all

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.

10,000 Reasons — *Matt Redman*
Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

Chorus

You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger
Your name is great, and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

Chorus

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

What a Beautiful Name — *Ben Fielding & Brooke Ligertwood*

You were the Word at the beginning, One with God the Lord Most High
Your hidden glory in creation, Now revealed in You, our Christ

*What a beautiful Name it is, What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ, my King
What a beautiful name it is, Nothing compares to this
What a beautiful Name it is, The Name of Jesus*

You wanted heaven opened to us, So Jesus, You brought heaven down
My sin was great, Your love was greater, What could separate us now?

What a wonderful name it is...

Death could not hold You, The veil tore before You
You silence the boast of sin and grave
The heavens are roaring, The praise of Your glory
For You are raised to life again
You have no rival, You have no equal
Now and forever, God You reign
Yours is the kingdom, Yours is the glory
Yours is the Name above all names

What a powerful Name it is...

LAMENTING — Psalm 44:23-26

Awake, Lord! Why do you sleep?
Rouse yourself! Do not reject us forever.
Why do you hide your face
and forget our misery and oppression?
We are brought down to the dust;
our bodies cling to the ground.
Rise up and help us;
rescue us because of your unfailing love.

GREETING

Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you. — Romans 15:7
Love one another deeply from the heart. — 1Peter 1:22

ANNOUNCEMENTS & STUDENT DISMISSAL

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

Message

Series: A New Beginning: What Now?

Title: The Great Wisdom of God

Text: Romans 11:33-36

Speaker: Dave O'Connell

Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God!
How unsearchable his judgments,
and his paths beyond tracing out!

Who has known the mind of the Lord?
Or who has been his counselor?"
Who has ever given to God,
that God should repay them?"

For from him and through him and for him are all things.
To him be the glory forever! Amen.

NOTES:

OFFERING — 1Chronicles 29:9

Then the people rejoiced because they had offered so willingly,
for they made their offering to the Lord with a whole heart.

Great Is Thy Faithfulness — *Thomas Chisholm (1923); Music: William M. Runyan*

Great is thy faithfulness, oh God, my Father
There is no shadow of turning with Thee
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be

*Great is Thy faithfulness, Great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed Thy hands have provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me*

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand besides

The offering is a way for members and friends of Cross Sound Church to support the worship and work of the church, it's mission and ministry. If you are our guest today, please feel no obligation to give. If you prefer to give online, go to www.crosssound.org/give

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Heavenly Father,

**We are constantly bombarded with the “wisdom” of the world.
But we long for your heavenly wisdom, so help us to listen to you.
You are wise beyond imagination, and you are oh, so good.
So, teach us to look to you, trust you, and depend on you in all things.
For this, O Lord, we pray;
Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus,

**We ask, Jesus, that you would bring restoration to the world and our cities
that surpasses our wildest hopes and expectations.
Please be very real to our family, friends, neighbors and co-workers
and use us in the process by the way we live and the words we use.
For this, O Lord, we pray;
Lord, hear our prayer.**

Holy Spirit,

**In the joyful moments of life, enable us to be grateful to Jesus.
In the trials of life, enable us to trust and depend on Jesus.
In the wearying days, renew our strength in Jesus.
In the many places we live, make us instruments of His great love.
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

All Must Be Well — *Indelible Grace*

Through the love of God our Savior, All will be well
Free and changeless is His favor, All is well
Precious is the blood that healed us
Perfect is the grace that sealed us
Strong the hand stretched forth to shield us
All must be well

Though we pass through tribulation, All will be well
Ours is such a full salvation, All is well
Happy still in God confiding
Fruitful if in Christ abiding
Steadfast through the Spirit's guiding
All must be well

We expect a bright tomorrow; All will be well
Faith can sing through days of sorrow, All is well
On our Father's love relying
Jesus every need supplying
Yes in living or in dying
All must be well

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BENEDICTION — Romans 15:13a

May the God of hope fill you completely with joy and peace as you trust in him.
Amen. **Amen**

COMMUNION — 1Peter 1:17-18

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

For you know that it was not with perishable things
such as silver or gold that you were redeemed,
but with the precious blood of Christ.

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

All Church Luncheon and Ensenada Send-Off: Sunday, November 14! Join us directly after service for a chili and cornbread potluck!

Church Event Implementation Team - Volunteers needed! We are in the process of planning monthly or seasonal events, like our church luncheon last 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!

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!

School of Discipleship You are invited to the class series "Gospel in Life" by Tim Keller. In this class we 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!

Men's Ministry — FRIDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY 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.

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").

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.