



There's never in all our lives, from the day we trust Christ till the day we see Him, when God is not longing to bless us. At every moment, in every circumstance, God is doing us good. He never stops. It give Him too much pleasure. God is not waiting to bless us after our troubles end. He is blessing us right now, in and through those troubles. At this exact moment, He is giving us what He thinks is good.

Larry Crabb

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 — 1 Chronicles 29:10-13

“Blessed are you, O LORD, the God of Israel our father, forever and ever. 11 Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours. Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as head above all. 12 Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might, and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all. 13 And now we thank you, our God, and praise your glorious name.

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.

Merciful God,
you made us in your image,
with a mind to know you,
a heart to love you,
and a will to serve you.
But our knowledge is imperfect,
our love inconstant,
our obedience incomplete.
Day by day, we fail to grow into your likeness.
In your tender love, forgive us
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

Renewing

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.
God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world,
but in order that the world might be saved through him.”
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! **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

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

Who You Say I Am — Hillsong

Who am I that the highest King
Would welcome me
I was lost but He brought me in
Oh His love for me
Oh His love for me

*Who the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God
Yes I am*

Free at last He has ransomed me
His grace runs deep
While I was a slave to sin
Jesus died for me
Yes He died for me

*Who the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God, yes I am
In my Father's house
There's a place for me
I'm a child of God, yes I am*

I am chosen, Not forsaken
I am who You say I am
You are for me, Not against me
I am who You say I am

ANNOUNCEMENTS, STUDENT DISMISSAL & GREETING

SONG OF PREPARATION

Speak, O Lord — *Getty/Townend*

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You
To receive the food of Your holy word
Take Your Truth, plant it deep in us
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory

QUOTES:

Mercy is spontaneous, superabounding love which comes from an experience of the grace of God. The deeper the experience of the free grace of God, the more generous we become. — Tim Keller

'I have held many things in my hands and I have lost them all. But whatever I have placed in God's hands, that I still possess.' — Martin Luther

'I do not believe that one can settle how much we ought to give. I am afraid the only safe rule is to give more than we can spare. In other words, if our expenditure on comforts, luxuries, amusements, etc., is up to the standard common among those with the same income as our own, we are probably giving away too little. If our charities do not at all pinch or hamper us, I should say they are too small. There ought to be things we should like to do and cannot do because our charitable expenditure excludes them.' — CS Lewis

MESSAGE SERIES: THE GRACE OF GIVING

Text: 2 Corinthians 8:1-9

Title: The Grace of Giving

Speaker: Dave Sellers

We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia, ² for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. ³ For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own accord, ⁴ begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints — ⁵ and this, not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us. ⁶ Accordingly, we urged Titus that as he had started, so he should complete among you this act of grace. ⁷ But as you excel in everything — in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you — see that you excel in this act of grace also.

I say this not as a command, but to prove by the earnestness of others that your love also is genuine. ⁹ For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

NOTES:

COMMUNION

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



OFFERING — Romans 12:1

So here's what I want you to do, God helping you:

Take your everyday, ordinary life—

your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—
and place it before God as an offering.

Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him.

Take My Life and Let it Be — *Frances R. Havergal, 1874; Arranged by Paul Zach, 2021*

Take my life, and let it be,

Consecrated, Lord, to thee

Take my moments and my days

Let them flow in ceaseless praise, Let them flow in ceaseless praise

Take my silver and my gold

Not a mite would I withhold

Take my intellect and use

Ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose, Ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose

Take my will and make it thine

It shall be no longer mine

Take my heart, it is thine own

It shall be thy royal throne, It shall be thy royal throne

Take my love; my Lord, I pour

At thy feet its treasure-store

Take my self, and I will be

Ever, only, all for thee, Ever, only, all for thee

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”).

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, which 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

Your Labor is Not in Vain — *Wendell Kimbrough/Paul Zach/Isaac Wardell*

Your labor is not in vain
though the ground underneath you is cursed and stained
Your planting and reaping are never the same
But your labor is not in vain.

Your labor is not unknown
though the rocks they cry out and the sea it may groan.
The place of your toil may not seem like a home
but your labor is not unknown. (refrain)

*For I am with you, I am with you.
I am with you, I am with you
For I have called you, called you by name
Your labor is not in vain.*

The vineyards you plant will bear fruit
the fields will sing out and rejoice with the truth,
for all that is old will at last be made new:
the vineyards you plant will bear fruit. (refrain)

The houses you labored to build
will finally with laughter and joy be filled.
The serpent that hurts and destroys shall be killed
and all that is broken be healed.

BENEDICTION — Jude 24-25

Now to Him who is able
to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless
before the presence of His glory with great joy,
to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord,
be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority,
before all time and now and forever. Amen.

Announcements

School of Discipleship: Cultivating The Fruit of The Spirit A 6-week class on becoming Christ-like in both our inner and outer life. Join Katie Pearson and Dave O'Connell as we seek to cultivate love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. 9:00am till 9:45am on Sundays in the BHS Library. Now through May 21.

Men's Breakfast Second Saturday of the month: April 15 @ 8am at the Church Office

Women's Bible Study Mondays at 6:30pm (dinner) / Wednesdays at (9:15pm) (childcare). For more info, visit: bit.ly/CSwomensministry

Confirmation Class: April 30, May 7, May 14, May 21 (Baptism option Sunday June 11)
5th–8th graders are invited to learn more about what we believe and why. These (We also offer this course as a preparation for baptism for those who have not yet had that opportunity). For more information contact bobbi@crosssound.org

Upcoming Mission Trip to Mexico City We will be visiting our sister church, El Redentor, and missionaries, Victor and Teresa Cruz in Mexico City, May 18-22. We will be building relationships and serving alongside them in order to be a blessing. If you are interested in joining the trip, email Jason: jason@4longs.com

CS Kids Camp: July 10-14 An unforgettable experience for kids ages Pre-K through 5th grade! We will play games, engage in worship, make new friends - all while learning about Jesus! Sign up today! bit.ly/CSkidscamp2023 or follow this QR Code:



CS Youth Events Email Josh@crosssound.org for details.

- 5TH-8TH MIRACLE RANCH SUMMER CAMP: JUNE 23-25 Currently in 5th through 8th grade. Includes Horseback Riding, Paintball, and High ropes course!
- HS SUMMER IMMERSION SERVANT LEADERSHIP CAMP: JULY 15-22 We are partnering with Sacred Roads again and serving the Warm Springs Nation.

GriefShare (GS) Has Begun: Thursdays through May 25, 2023 from 9:45am-12pm at the CSC Office. Contact Sue MacFarlane 206-714-5986 or jimorsuemac@hotmail.com

Worship Position Available: CSC is in search of a lead musician who is passionate and gifted in leading worship and inviting other musicians to be part of the team. 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.

If you have any announcements that you would like included in the bulletin, please email Kristin@crosssound.org by Wednesday afternoons. Include basic info: Who, What, When and how to sign up!

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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.