

“Jesus says, “You are the light of the world.” I like even more what Jesus doesn’t say. He does not say, “One day, if you are more perfect and try really hard, you’ll be light.” He doesn’t say “If you play by the rules, cross your T’s and dot your I’s, then maybe you’ll become light.” No. He says, straight out, “You are light.” It is the truth of who you are, waiting only for you to discover it. So, for God’s sake, don’t move. No need to contort yourself to be anything other than who you are.”

— Gregory Boyle, *Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless*



# 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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**[crosssound.org](http://crosssound.org)** or call our office: **(206) 842-6898**

# 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

**God With Us**—*Mercy Me*

Who are we – that you would be mindful of us?

What do You see – that's worth looking our way?

We are free – in ways that we never should be.

Sweet release – from the grip of these chains.

Bridge 1

Like hinges straining from the weight,

My heart no longer can keep from singing.

Chorus

All that is within me cries for You alone; be glorified!

Emmanuel, God with us.

My heart sings a brand new song:

The debt is paid, these chains are gone.

Emmanuel, God with us.

Lord, You know – our hearts don't deserve Your glory;

Still You show – a love we cannot afford. (Bridge 1 & Chorus)

Such a tiny offering compared to Calvary;

Nevertheless, we lay it at Your feet. (Chorus)

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Arise, shine, for your light has come,

and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

For behold, darkness shall cover the earth,

and thick darkness the peoples;

but the Lord will arise upon you,

and his glory will be seen upon you.

And nations shall come to your light,

and kings to the brightness of your rising.

Lift up your eyes all around, and see;

they all gather together, they come to you;

your sons shall come from afar,

and your daughters shall be carried on the hip.

Then you shall see and be radiant;

your heart shall thrill and exult,

because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you,

the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

—Isaiah 60:1-5

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

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# Renewing

## CONFESSIONS OF SIN

*(Confession happens within the context of relationship, both with God and with each other as we acknowledge our need for forgiveness. Jesus promises that He freely forgives sins removing all of our past regrets. You are invited to personalize your confession as we pray silently).*

**Judge of all the earth,**  
**we confess that we often boast in our own achievements,**  
**instead of trusting the achievements of your son.**  
**We use your commandments as an excuse to condemn others,**  
**rather than loving others as we have been loved.**  
**Forgive us, and help us to walk in the Spirit by faith.**

**Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND RECEIVING OF GRACE

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ  
forgive us our sins in his death,  
justify us in his resurrection,  
and send his Spirit to give us new life.

Amen.

**Amen.**

## **When I Survey the Wondrous Cross**—Isaac Watts, 1707

When I survey the wondrous cross  
On which the Prince of glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss  
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast  
Save in the death of Christ, my God!  
All the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet,  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down.  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were a present far too small.  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

**Indescribable** —*Chris Tomlin*

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

**Mighty to Save**— *Hillsong*

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

Shine your light and let the whole world see, we're singing  
For the glory of the risen King, Jesus  
Shine your light and let the whole world see, we're singing  
For the glory of the risen King

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*The largest book in the Bible is primarily a book of poems set to music to sing God's praises. This is all part of God's design to surround His presence with singing. Expressing gratitude to God expresses dependence upon God and is an antidote for cynicism, criticism, and bitterness.*

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## GIVING THANKS

“Yes, indeed—God is my salvation.

I trust, I won't be afraid.

God—yes God!—is my strength and song,  
best of all, my salvation!”

Joyfully you'll pull up buckets of water  
from the wells of salvation.

And as you do it, you'll say,  
“Give thanks to God.

Call out his name.

Ask him anything!

Shout to the nations, tell them what he's done,  
spread the news of his great reputation!

— Is. 12:2-4 (The Message)

## MESSAGE

**Text: Act 9:18-31**

**Title: Surprised by Story**

**Speaker: Jay Stoms**

And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized;<sup>19</sup> and taking food, he was strengthened.

For some days he was with the disciples at Damascus.<sup>20</sup> And immediately he proclaimed Jesus in the synagogues, saying, “He is the Son of God.”<sup>21</sup> And all who heard him were amazed and said, “Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem of those who called upon this name? And has he not come here for this purpose, to bring them bound before the chief priests?”<sup>22</sup> But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Christ.

When many days had passed, the Jews plotted to kill him,<sup>24</sup> but their plot became known to Saul. They were watching the gates day and night in order to kill him,<sup>25</sup> but his disciples took him by night and let him down through an opening in the wall, lowering him in a basket.

And when he had come to Jerusalem, he attempted to join the disciples. And they were all afraid of him, for they did not believe that he was a disciple.<sup>27</sup> But Barnabas took him and brought him to the apostles and declared to them how on the road he had seen the Lord, who spoke to him, and how at Damascus he had preached boldly in the name of Jesus.<sup>28</sup> So he went in and out among them at Jerusalem, preaching boldly in the name of the Lord.<sup>29</sup> And he spoke and disputed against the Hellenists. But they were seeking to kill him.<sup>30</sup> And when the brothers learned this, they brought him down to Caesarea and sent him off to Tarsus.

So the church throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria had peace and was being built up. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it multiplied.

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*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.*

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## QUOTES

“As I read the Bible I find in it a quite unique interpretation of universal history, and therefore, a unique understanding of the human person as a responsible actor in history. You Christian missionaries have talked of the Bible as if it were simply another book of religion.”

—Badrinath (Hindu scholar)

“Scripture is “an immense, sprawling, capacious narrative.””

—Eugene Peterson

## OFFERING

What shall I return to the LORD  
for all his bounty to me?  
I will give what I have promised  
in the presence of all God's people.

—Psalm 116:12,14

**We Are Not Overcome**—*Isaac Wardell/Robert Heiskell*

Flesh will fail, bones will break;  
Thieves will steal, the earth will shake.  
Night will fall, the light will fade;  
The Lord will give and take away.

Put no trust in the earth,  
In the sod you stand upon.  
Flowers fade into dust;  
The Lord will make a place for us.

Chorus

Because of His great love  
We are not overcome!  
Because of His great love  
We are not overcome!

Have no fear for your life;  
Turn your cheek, turn your cheek.  
Bear the yoke of love and death;  
The Lord will give all life and breath.

Chorus

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Holy Spirit,  
let us hear the words of the Father  
spoken over us everyday: “beloved child” .  
And lead us out to serve you  
just as our older brother, Jesus Christ,  
was led by your Spirit.  
For this, O Lord, we pray:  
Lord, hear our prayer.

Lord Christ, great conqueror of death,  
give grace to us and to our neighbors as we struggle  
with addictions and destructive behavior  
that seem impossible to escape.  
Grant healing through your Spirit  
and support for your people  
who share the need for your mercy in our weakness.  
For this, O Lord, we pray:  
Lord, hear our prayer.

Risen Jesus, Firstborn from the dead,  
the earth is yours and everything in it,  
yet you have called us as keepers of your world.  
As you, our king, raise us into your risen life,  
grant that we would be generous, compassionate, and wise  
toward all that you have placed in our care.  
For this, O Lord, we pray:  
Lord, hear our prayer.

Gracious God,  
unite our hearts to Christ  
who was not beaten by our great enemy, death.  
Give us courage when our days are hard  
because we have hope in your love.  
For this, O Lord, we pray:  
Lord, hear our prayer.

Now gathering our prayers into one, let us pray boldly as our  
Savior has taught us:

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 for ever. Amen



## COMMUNION

Lord Jesus,

Your perfect life, your death and your resurrection are the source of all blessing in this life and the life to come. As I eat this bread and drink this cup, renew me in the joy and glory of knowing and serving you. I come to this table on the basis of your merit only and not my own. As you have completely and fully offered yourself for me, I now completely and fully offer myself to you as living sacrifice. Amen

## PRAYERS FOR REFLECTION

Prayer of those struggling with the truth:

*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 turn me 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.*

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*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 a follower of Jesus or are not prepared to share in the meal, we encourage you instead to spend this time in prayer ("Prayers for Reflection"). We hope this time is helpful to you as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ and with his people, the church.*

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**Come All Ye Pining, Hungry, Poor** —*Steele, Murphy*

Lord, we adore Thy boundless grace -  
The heights and depths unknown  
Of pardon, life, and joy, and peace  
In Thy beloved Son.

Come, all ye pining, hungry poor;  
The Savior's bounty taste.  
Behold a never-failing store  
For every willing guest.

O wondrous gifts of love divine,  
Dear Source of every good -  
Jesus, in Thee what glories shine,  
How rich Thy flowing blood.

Here shall your numerous wants receive  
A free, a full supply;  
He has unmeasured bliss to give  
And joys that never die.

**Holy, Holy, Holy**— *Reginald Heber (1783-1826);*  
*Music: John Bacchus Dykes (1861)*

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!

# Sending

## BENEDICTION

In the love of the God of life:  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
be among you, and remain with you always.  
Amen.

<sup>All</sup> **Amen**

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*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.*

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# Announcements

**Calling all golfers!** The TENTH Annual CSC Golf Tournament will be held on August 26 at Meadowmeer Country Club. Check-in starts at 2:00 and the shot gun start will be at 2:45. The format is a four person, nine hole scramble which is open to all ages and abilities. Please plan to stay for dinner and awards after the tournament. Cost is only \$70 per player which covers the cost of golf and dinner with profits going to the Ensenada home building mission. In order to have an adequate number of tee times and be able to assign teams we're asking that all players sign up no later Friday August 24. You may sign up by emailing Sally Frease at [sfrease@comcast.net](mailto:sfrease@comcast.net). The more the merrier so be sure and invite your friends and golfing buddies to join us for this great cause and fun afternoon. Hope to see a record number of you on the links that day!  
Regina Gurtler and Sally Frease

**Women's Picnic with a Purpose:** Mark your calendars now and plan to come on Sunday, August 19, for our kickoff to fall and a chance to soak up the latter days of summer. We will meet at Barb Ames' home for delicious food, sunshine, time to connect, and an opportunity to partner with Helpline House in their "Project Backpack". Noon-3 pm; 10566 Country Club Ln NE. See flyer on clipboard for more details. Questions? [kerri@crosssound.org](mailto:kerri@crosssound.org), 402-770-5636, text or call

## **All Church Summer Read – The Art of Neighboring**

When Jesus was asked to sum up everything into one command, he said to love God with everything we have and to love our neighbors as ourselves. What would happen if every follower of Jesus took the Great Commandment literally? Is it possible that the solution to our society's biggest issues has been right under our noses for the past two thousand years? Join the whole church in reading the book "The Art of Neighboring" this month, and then in September, we are going to continue to explore this book together. You can purchase a book for \$10 after service on the book cart at the top of the Commons.

## **Men's Retreat - Sept. 21-23 @ Fort Worden**

Sign up TODAY for the summer men's retreat. Friday check-in starts at 4pm. Friday night BBQ at 6pm, speaker throughout the weekend, and plenty of free time to go into Port Townsend for lunch or visit the café on campus, fish the sound, hike the trails or beach, golf, play Bocci Ball or tennis, hang out or just relax. The cost of the retreat is \$194 for a private room and \$158 for a bunk in the bunk room. There are scholarships available. For more info Contact Roger Barber [irbarbers@gmail.com](mailto:irbarbers@gmail.com)

**Mens Homebuilding trip to Ensenada Nov. 30-Dec.3:** Begin thinking about and praying about a men's trip to Ensenada. Trip will be open to 10 men ages 15 and up. If you are interested please contact Tom Crane [Tom@TILZ.com](mailto:Tom@TILZ.com)

# CS Kids and Youth Group

**Small Beginnings Nursery** (new-2yrs) Room #234

Contact: Laura O'Connell, Laura@crosssound.org Children are invited to be dropped off at this class before the church service begins.

**Cross Sound Kids:**

Children will attend the worship portion of the service and then be sent to their classrooms as a whole Sunday school group.

Contact: Laura O'Connell, oconnells1908@yahoo.com or Katie Fixter, kfixter5@gmail.com

**Little Kids (3-5yrs)** Room #232

**Kindergarten- 4th grade** Room #229

**Fifth & Sixth grades** Room #222

**Junior High,** Bainbridge High School Library

**Senior High,** Bainbridge High School Library

NOTES:

# 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   
Second time visitor   
Regular attendee

Interested in more info for:  
\_\_\_\_\_ Ministry

Please add me to:  
Email list  Mailing list

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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*If you have prayer requests or prayers of thanksgiving that you would like to share please email [Penny@crosssound.org](mailto:Penny@crosssound.org) or indicate on the prayer request page and drop it in the offering basket. Our prayer team prays for these requests throughout the week.*

