

SUNDAY, MAY 13 2018
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

‘...it is our
hopelessness
that brings us
to church on a
Sunday, and any
preacher who,
whatever else
he speaks, does
not speak to that
hopelessness
might as well save
his breath.’

— Frederick Buechner



Order of Worship
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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 or call our office: **(206) 842-6898**

Gathering

Please join in song when ready

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father

Glory be to the Son

Glory be to the Spirit, Three in One

As it was in the beginning

Shall be forever

Amen, Amen, Amen

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Come, thou Fount of every blessing,

Tune my heart to sing thy grace

Streams of mercy, never ceasing

Call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet

Sung by flaming tongues above.

Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,

Mount of thy redeeming love.

Hitherto Thy love has blessed me
Thou hast drawn me to this place
And I know, Thy hand will lead me
Safely home by Thy good grace
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Bought me with His precious blood.

O, to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for thy courts above.

PREPARATION

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

CALL TO WORSHIP

Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice,

“Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might
and honor and glory and blessing!”

And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying,

“To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb
be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!”
And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” and the elders fell
down and worshiped.

—Revelation 5:11-14

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

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).

**Almighty and most merciful Father,
we confess that we have sinned against you in
thought, word, and deed, in what
we have done and left undone.
Have mercy upon us, O Lord.
Restore us according to your promises
declared in Christ Jesus our Lord;
to the glory of your holy Name.
Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND RECEIVING OF GRACE

May the Father of all mercies cleanse you from your sins
and restore you in his image,
to the praise and glory of his name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.
Amen.

Welcome

There's a kingdom that comes and there's a coming King
There's a day You'll return and there's a reckoning
Yours is the kingdom
Yours is the power
Yours is the glory, God, forever

You are welcome here
Have Your way, come and glorify Your name
Yes you are, You are welcome

We're a people who love to see Your presence here
In the chaos of life, God, let Your name be near
Yours is the kingdom
Yours is the power
Yours is the glory, God, forever

Open the Eyes of my Heart

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see you
I want to see you

To see you high and lifted up
Shining in the light of your glory
Pour out your power and love
As we sing holy, holy, holy

Holy, holy, holy
Holy, holy, holy
Holy, holy, holy
I want to see you

This is my Father's world,
The battle is not done
Jesus who died shall be satisfied,
And earth and heaven be one.

Ever Be

Your love is devoted like a ring of solid gold
Like a vow that is tested like a covenant of old
Your love is enduring through the winter rain
And beyond the horizon with mercy for today

Faithful You have been and faithful you will be
You pledge yourself to me and it's why I sing

Your praise will ever be on my lips, ever be on my lips
Your praise will ever be on my lips, ever be on my lips

You Father the orphan
Your kindness makes us whole
And you shoulder our weakness
And your strength becomes our own
Now you're making me like you
Clothing me in white
Bringing beauty from ashes
For You will have Your bride

Free of all her guilt and rid of all her shame
And known by her true name and it's why I sing

You will be praised You will be praised
With angels and saints we sing worthy are You Lord
(repeat)

GIVING THANKS

—Mother Day Tribute

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.

MESSAGE

Series: Extravagant Hope

Text: Galatians 5:1-6

Title: One Thing Counts

Speaker: Dave Sellers

For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

²Look: I, Paul, say to you that if you accept circumcision, Christ will be of no advantage to you. ³I testify again to every man who accepts circumcision that he is obligated to keep the whole law.

⁴You are severed from Christ, you who would be justified[a] by the law; you have fallen away from grace. ⁵For through the Spirit, by faith, we ourselves eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness. ⁶For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith working through love.

QUOTES

‘...hope is a revolutionary patience...’

—Anonymous

in Anne Lamott *Bird by Bird: Some Instructions on Writing and Life*

“Our righteousness is in Him, and our hope depends, not upon the exercise of grace in us, but upon the fullness of grace and love in Him, and upon His obedience unto death.”

—John Newton

“Hope means hoping when things are hopeless, or it is no virtue at all... As long as matters are really hopeful, hope is mere flattery or platitude; it is only when everything is hopeless that hope begins to be a strength.”

—G.K. Chesterton

OFFERING

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.

—Romans 12:1

The Solid Rock

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 veils His lovely 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Almighty Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:
raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,
that we may seek those things which are above
and be renewed in the image and glory of our Creator.
For this, O Lord, we pray:
Lord, hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus Christ,
who is seated above all power and dominion:
teach nations to walk in the way of peace
and rulers to seek after mercy and justice,
that the poor might be satisfied with good things
and wars might cease from the face of the earth.
For this, O Lord, we pray:
Lord, hear our prayer.

Most Holy Spirit of God,
who gives light and life to your people:
may your presence abide among all your people.
Give hope to all who are afflicted and weighed down with
sorrow;
heal all those who suffer in body or in soul;
and grant your righteous to all people everywhere.
For this, O Lord, we pray:
Lord, hear our prayer.

And for what else should we pray?
Please add your own prayers at this time, ending with,
“For this, O Lord, we pray” and all responding,
“**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

The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve,
And to give his life as a ransom for many.

—Mark 10:45

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.

—1Peter 1:17-18

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.

This I Believe (The Creed)

Our Father everlasting
The all creating One
God Almighty

Through Your Holy Spirit
Conceiving Christ the Son
Jesus our Savior

I believe in God our Father
I believe in Christ the Son
I believe in the Holy Spirit
Our God is three in one
I believe in the resurrection
That we will rise again
For I believe in the name of Jesus

Our Judge and our Defender
Suffered and crucified
Forgiveness is in You

Descended into darkness
You rose in glorious life
Forever seated high

I believe in You
I believe You rose again
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord

I believe in life eternal
I believe in the virgin birth
I believe in the saints' communion
And in Your holy Church
I believe in the resurrection
When Jesus comes again
For I believe, in the name of Jesus

You Are My King

I'm forgiven because You were forsaken
I'm accepted, You were condemned
I'm alive and well
Your spirit is within me
Because You died and rose again

Amazing love, how can it be
That You, my king, would die for me
Amazing love, I know its true
And it's my joy to honor You
In all I do, help me honor You

You are my king, You are my king
Jesus, You are my king
Jesus, You are my king

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.

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.

^{All} **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

Aloha Bowl - Immersion Hawaii Fundraiser June 3rd from 2-4pm at All Star Lanes / Silverdale. Tickets are \$20.

Graduating Seniors, Sunday, June 24th During the service, we will publicly honor and bless all our 2018 graduating high school seniors. If you are or have a graduating senior please email penny@crosssound.org and include a picture by 6/14.

Video Series & Class: Jesus Among Secular Gods In some segments of society, the Christian worldview has been dismissed, or simply mocked as unintelligent. But is it? Is the Christian faith rational and reasonable? Do the popular philosophies of the day provide a coherent and thoughtful worldview? Join us for a 6-week study with world-renowned thinkers Ravi Zacharias & Vince Vitale (fresh from their sit down presentation at Google) as we explore the claims of Christianity and also consider topics such as atheism, pluralism, humanism, scientism, and hedonism. Begins at 9 am, in the BHS Library.

Mark your calendars for our Annual Blessed to be a Blessing Pentecost Missions Fair, Sunday May 20: Please plan to join us after church for our 10th annual Pentecost Missions Fair. Cake walk, potluck and Bbq, live music, opportunities to share stories about God's glory as experienced on mission. If your group is interested in having a table at the fair please contact Penny Daniels (penny@crosssound.org) We will celebrate together and lunch will be hosted by Young Life! There will also be a cake walk to support Immersion. Please plan to bring cakes or treats!

Welcome Lunch June 3: If you are new to CSC or would just like an opportunity to meet some of the Cross Sound leaders please consider joining us for a welcome lunch at Mark & Cheryl Harrison's home for lunch. 1237 Hawley Way NE, Bainbridge Island. Please email Penny@crosssound.org for more info or to RSVP.

Kids, are you ready for an ADVENTURE this summer?

Grow in your relationship with God during Cross Sound Kids Camp at Island Lake! Enjoy swimming, rock climbing, archery, arts and crafts, low ropes course and lots of games. Best of all, campers will get to hear about God's love for them during Fireside skits/talks!

August 13-17, M-F, 9 am - 5 pm, Cost: \$150/child. Full or partial scholarships can be provided. Ages: Kids entering Kindergarten through 7th grade. Kids will be divided up into age-related groups. For those entering 5/6/7 grades... Extreme Adventure Activities (high ropes course, dirt bikes) are available for an additional fee. Questions? Contact Katie Fixter at kfixter5@gmail.com

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

CS Kids and Youth Group

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

Contact: Laura O'Connell, oconnells1908@yahoo.com. 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 Room #231

First & Second grades Room #229

Third & Fourth grades Room #225

Fifth & Sixth grades Room #222

Junior High, Bainbridge High School Library

Senior High, Bainbridge High School Library

YOUTH GROUP

WEDNESDAYS 6:30-8pm – H.S. CSC Youth Group at the Brouwer's home: 8874 Battle Point Dr. NE. Bainbridge Island.

THURSDAYS 6:30-8pm – Jr. High CSC Youth Group at the Cross Sound Office: 600 Ericksen Ave. NE #210.

Contact Josh Brouwer at josh@crosssound.org with any questions or to be involved.

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): _____

Children & their ages: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number(s): _____

Email(s): _____

Prayer Requests: _____

If you have prayer requests or prayers of thanksgiving that you would like to share please email 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.

