



‘God is the comic shepherd who gets more of a kick out of the lost sheep once he finds it again than out of the ninety and nine who had the good sense not to get lost in the first place. God is the eccentric host who, when the country-club crowd all turn out to have other things more important to do than come live it up with him, goes out into the skid rows and soup kitchens and charity wards and brings home a freak show. The man with no legs who sells shoelaces at the corner. The old woman in the moth-eaten fur coat who makes her daily rounds of the garbage cans. The old wino with his pint in a brown paper bag.

The pusher, the whore, the village idiot who stands at the blinker light waving his hands as the cars go by. They are seated at the damask-laid table in the great hall. The candles are all lit and the champagne glasses filled. At a sign from the host, the musicians in their gallery strike up “Amazing Grace.” If you have to explain it, don’t bother.’

Frederick Buechner

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

CALL TO WORSHIP — Psalm 104:24, 27-33

O LORD, how manifold are your works!
In wisdom have you made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.

These all look to you,
to give them their food in due season.
When you give it to them, they gather it up;
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.
When you hide your face, they are dismayed;
when you take away their breath, they die
and return to their dust.
When you send forth your Spirit, they are created,
and you renew the face of the ground.

May the glory of the LORD endure forever;
may the LORD rejoice in his works,
who looks on the earth and it trembles,
who touches the mountains and they smoke!
I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

CONFESSION OF SIN — Psalm 79:9

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

“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.
Indeed, 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! — John 3:16-17, NRSV

Amen

The Lion and the Lamb

He's coming on the clouds, kings and kingdoms will bow down
Every chain will break as broken hearts declare His praise
For who can stop the Lord Almighty?

*Our God is a Lion, the Lion of Judah
He's roaring with power and fighting our battles
And every knee will bow before Him
Our God is a Lamb, the Lamb that was slain
For the sins of the world, His blood breaks the chains
And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb
Every knee will bow before Him*

Open up the gate, make way before the King of kings
The God who comes to save is here to set the captives free
For who can stop the Lord Almighty?

Chorus

Who can stop the Lord Almighty, who can stop the Lord Almighty
Who can stop the Lord Almighty, who can stop the Lord?
Who can stop the Lord Almighty, who can stop the Lord Almighty
Who can stop the Lord Almighty, who can stop the Lord?

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.

Desert Song — Hillsong United

This is my prayer in the desert,
when all that's within me feels dry
This is my prayer in my hunger and need,
my God is the God who provides
This is my prayer in the fire, in weakness or trial or pain
There is a faith proved of more worth than gold,
so refine me Lord through the flame

*I will bring praise, I will bring praise,
No weapon formed against me shall remain
I will rejoice, I will declare,
God is my victory and He is here*

This is my prayer in the battle,
when triumph is still on its way
I am a conqueror and co-heir with Christ,
so firm on His promise I'll stand

Chorus

All of my life, in every season, You are still God
I have a reason to sing, I have a reason to worship
All of my life, in every season, You are still God
I have a reason to sing, I have a reason to worship
All of my life, in every season, You are still God
I have a reason to sing, I have a reason to worship
All of my life, in every season, You are still God
I have a reason to sing, I have a reason to worship

Chorus

This is my prayer in the harvest,
when favor and providence flow
I know I'm filled to be emptied again,
the seed I've received I will sow.

Oceans (Where Feet May Fail) — Hillsong United

You call me out upon the waters, the great unknown where feet may fail
And there I find You in the mystery, In oceans deep, My faith will stand

*And I will call upon Your name,
And keep my eyes above the waves, when oceans rise
My soul will rest in your embrace,
For I am Yours and You are mine*

Your grace abounds in deepest waters, Your sovereign hand will be my guide
Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me, You've never failed and you won't start now

Chorus

Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders
Let me walk upon the waters Wherever You would call me
Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander
And my faith will be made stronger In the presence of my Savior (repeat)

Chorus

ANNOUNCEMENTS, STUDENT DISMISSAL & GREETING

Please stand and introduce yourself to one another.

QUOTES:

'Look, in short, at practically anything - the coot's feet, the mantis's face, a banana, the human ear - and see that not only did the creator create everything, but that he is apt to create anything. He'll stop at nothing.' — Annie Dillard

'Our lives are lived well only when they are lived on the terms of their creation, with God loving and us being loved, with God making and us being made, with God revealing and us understanding, with God commanding and us responding. Being a Christian means accepting the terms of creation, accepting God as our maker and redeemer, and growing day by day into an increasingly glorious creature in Christ, developing joy, experiencing love, maturing in peace. By the grace of Christ we experience the marvel of being made in the image of God. If we reject this way, the only alternative is to attempt the hopelessly fourth-rate, embarrassingly awkward imitation of God made in the image of men and women like us.' — Eugene H Peterson

'The creation then is not temporary, because God has joined the "dust of the earth" in human nature to his own nature, in the person of Jesus.' — Russell Moore

MESSAGE SERIES: GENESIS

Text: Genesis 2:4-17

Title: The Breath of Life

Speaker: Dave Sellers

These are the generations
of the heavens and the earth when they were created,
in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens.

When no bush of the field was yet in the land and no small plant of the field had yet sprung up—for the LORD God had not caused it to rain on the land, and there was no man to work the ground,⁶ and a mist was going up from the land and was watering the whole face of the ground—⁷ then the LORD God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature.⁸ And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed.⁹ And out of the ground the LORD God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

A river flowed out of Eden to water the garden, and there it divided and became four rivers.¹¹ The name of the first is the Pishon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold.¹² And the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there.¹³ The name of the second river is the Gihon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Cush.¹⁴ And the name of the third river is the Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it.¹⁶ And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, “You may surely eat of every tree of the garden,¹⁷ but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”

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 — *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



Generous God, you have given us life,
a place to live in,
and people to be in community with.
Open our eyes to each other
especially the poor, the oppressed, the lonely.
Make us humble enough to help and comfort others,
so that your love and justice and peace may be experienced.
We make bold to consecrate ourselves and our gifts
to you and to the service of others,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

COMMUNION

‘If baptism is like a wedding, then communion is like a kiss.
It’s the reaffirmation of love. Christ comes close to reassure us of his love.
He comes close to kiss us.’ — Tim Chester

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”).

Lord of Lords — Hillsong United

Beholding your beauty is all that I long for
To worship You Jesus is my sole desire
For this very heart you have shaped for your pleasure
purposed to lift your name higher

Here in surrender in pure adoration
I enter your courts with an offering of praise
I am Your servant come to bring you glory
As is fit for the work of your hands

*Now unto the Lamb who sits on the throne
Be glory and honor and praise
All of creation resounds with the song
Worship and praise him the Lord of lords*

Spirit now living and dwelling within me
Keep my eyes fixed ever on Jesus' face
Let not the things of this world ever sway me
I'll run 'till I finish the race.

Chorus

Holy Lord, You Are Holy, Jesus Christ is the Lord (x3)

Chorus

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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,
The power, and the glory, For ever. Amen.**

Sending

The Love of The Father — James Ferguson & Rich Thompson

Lift up your voices and lift up your praise

Join with the heavens declaring the wonders Of His faithfulness forever

Sing of the victory, the hope of the world

The Savior has risen, the Spirit has come To bring us into love forever

We are the people of God

With the freedom of hope in our hearts

How great is the love of the Father

Lifted from darkness and into the light

The sons and daughters are loved at a price,

Our God has made us His forever

Chorus

This is the song of the redeemed

The ransomed and the free

Given life at such a price

This is love, this is love

And when the Father calls us home

And we see Him on the throne

Hear the voices sing as one

This is love, this is love

Chorus

BENEDICTION — Ephesians 3:20-21

Now to him who by the power at work within us
is able to accomplish abundantly far more
than all we can ask or imagine,
to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus
to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.
Amen.

Announcements

Oct 1: Jack Foster's Baptism Join us on Sunday, October 1st at 2pm at Driftwood Key Clubhouse: 37608 Vista Key Dr NE, Hansville (98340). What a beautiful opportunity to live out community as we together celebrate Jack's baptism!

Oct 7: CSC Golf Tournament Fundraiser! Join us at the Meadowmeer Golf Club. All proceeds benefit the Ensenada Homebuilding Trip. Sign up at: bit.ly/EnsenadaGolf2023, or follow this QR code >>



Oct 21: Women's Hike Hike the Falls View Canyon on Sturday, October 21 in Quilcene and enjoy lunch afterwards.

Dec 9: Women's Advent Brunch - Save the Date for Saturday, Dec 9 at Island School. *Questions?* Email Ashley@CrossSound.org or visit bit.ly/crosssoundwomen

Women's Bible Study is studying "God of Creation: Genesis 1-11" by Jen Wilkin.

- Monday Evening 6:30 - 8:30 - Soup and Salad Dinner provided
- Wednesday Morning 9:30 - 11:30 - Breakfast Potluck & Childcare Provided

Sign up for Small Groups form support networks that provide individuals with support, inspiration, encouragement, and accountability. They are places of prayer and meaningful relationship development. *If you are interested email dave@crosssound.org.*

Cuba Missions: Shoe collection The Cuba Missions team is collecting new youth and children--sized shoes/sneakers (no sandals, slides or crocks, please) for their upcoming trip. If you are able to contribute, please drop-off at the church office!

Men's Bible Study Fellowship (BSF) Thursdays 6:30-8pm

BSF is a weekly, in-person, in-depth, interdenominational study. In a world that declares "find your own truth" - Jesus stands alone. He boldly proclaims Himself as the only source of freedom, peace, truth, security, and everlasting life with God. Join us as we focus on the life of Jesus seen through the eyes of the Apostle John. in the back meeting room of the Church Office (600 Ericksen Ave NE #210, Bainbridge). Go to: bit.ly/joinBSF or follow QR Code for info and sign up. Questions? Contact Teague Parker at newpark@centurytel.net



GriefShare has begun: Thursday mornings at the church office GriefShare is a Christ-centered, 11-week Program designed to help you rebuild your life. Weekly video seminars are offered, featuring some of the nation's foremost experts on grief recovery, along with small group discussion time. It is open to new participants at any time during the cycle. We know it hurts, and we want to help. *For info call Sue MacFarlane 206-714-5986 or jimorsuemac@hotmail.com.*

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!

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: Please add me to:
Second time visitor () _____ Ministry () Email list ()
Regular attendee () 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.