



If there is no laughter, Jesus
has gone somewhere else.
If there is no joy and freedom,
it's not a church;
it is simply of crowd of
melancholy people basking
in a religious neurosis.
If there is no celebration,
there is no real worship.

—

Steve Brown

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

I Lift My Eyes Up — *B. Doerksen*

I lift my eyes up
Up to the mountains
Where does my help come from?
My help comes from You
Maker of heaven
Creator of the earth

Oh, how I need you Lord
You are my only hope
You are my only prayer
So I will wait for You
To come and rescue me
Come and give me life

CALL TO WORSHIP — Isaiah 40:28-29

O Israel, how can you say the LORD does not see your troubles? How can you say God refuses to hear your case? Have you never heard or understood? Don't you know that the LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of all the earth? He never grows faint or weary. No one can measure the depths of his understanding. He gives power to those who are tired and worn out; he offers strength to the weak.

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.

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Renewing

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND RECEIVING OF GRACE — 1 John 1: 5-7

This is the message we have heard from God and proclaim to you,
that God is light and in God there is no darkness at all.
If we walk in the light, as God is in the light,
we have fellowship with one another,
and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen!

Amen

Down To The River To Pray — arrangement by Eric Bright

As I went down in the river to pray
Studyin' about that good ole way
And who shall wear the starry crown
Good Lord show me the way

*Oh sisters let's go down, Let's go down come on down
Oh sisters let's go down, Down in the river to pray*

As I went down in the river to pray
Studyin' about that good ole way
And who shall wear the robe and crown
Good Lord show me the way

*Oh brothers let's go down, Let's go down come on down
Oh brothers let's go down, Down in the river to pray*

As I went down in the river to pray
Studyin' about that good ole way
And who shall wear the starry crown
Good Lord show me the way

*Oh sinners let's go down, Let's go down come on down
Oh sinners let's go down, Down in the river to pray*

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.

Resurrecting — *Elevation Worship*

The head that once was crowned with thorns, Is crowned with glory now
The Savior knelt to wash our feet, Now at His feet we bow

The One who wore our sin and shame, Now robed in majesty
The radiance of perfect love, Now shines for all to see

Your name, Your name, Is victory. All praise, will rise, To Christ, our king (x2)

The fear that held us now gives way, To Him who is our peace
His final breath upon the cross, Is now alive in me

Your name, Your name, Is victory. All praise, will rise, To Christ, our king (x2)

Bridge:

By Your spirit I will rise, From the ashes of defeat
The resurrected King, is resurrecting me
In Your name I come alive, To declare Your victory
The resurrected King, is resurrecting me
By Your spirit I will rise, From the ashes of defeat
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The resurrected King, is resurrecting me
By Your spirit I will rise, From the ashes of defeat
The resurrected King, is resurrecting me
In Your name I come alive, To declare Your victory
The resurrected king, is resurrecting me...
He's resurrecting me
Our God is good

The tomb where soldiers watched in vain, Was borrowed for three days
His body there would not remain, Our God has robbed the grave...
Our God has robbed the grave

Your name, Your name, Is victory. All praise, will rise, To Christ, our king (x2)

Bridge

ANNOUNCEMENTS, STUDENT DISMISSAL & GREETING

Please stand and introduce yourself to one another.

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

QUOTES:

'The God of the Sahara must be vast, boundless, and expansive. The God of quarks must have an unimaginable eye for detail. The God of wombats must have a sense of humor. Everything in creation has theological implications, and one of the joys of being human is figuring out what they are.' — Andrew Wilson

'...the best explanation for why we make architecture and jokes, sculptures and gardens, stories and mythical creatures is because we bear the image of God who is the master creator, comedian, and storyteller.' — Paul M Gould

'The path of return to God lies through creation itself...Cultural apologetics involves cultivating spiritual perception, recognizing that creation itself offers glimpses of the divine. Even more, creation ushers us into God's presence as we learn to see God in and through all that he lovingly has made.' — Paul M Gould

MESSAGE SERIES: GENESIS

Text: Genesis 1:1-5

Title: Light

Speaker: Dave Sellers

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. ² The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴ And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

NOTES:

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.

COMMUNION

“My body is like this bread. It will break,” Jesus told them. “This cup of wine is like my blood. It will pour out.” “But this is how God will rescue the whole world. My life will break and God’s broken world will mend. My heart will tear apart - and your hearts will heal. Just as the passover lamb died, so now I will die instead of you. My blood will wash away all of your sins. And you’ll be clean on the inside - in your hearts.” — Sally Lloyd-Jones, *The Jesus Storybook Bible*

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, 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”).

Sing Hallelujah to the Lord — *Maranatha Singers*

Sing Hallelujah to the Lord
Sing Hallelujah to the Lord
Sing Hallelujah, sing Hallelujah
Sing Hallelujah to the Lord

Jesus is risen from the dead
Jesus is risen from the dead
Jesus is risen, Jesus is risen
Jesus is risen from the dead

Jesus is reigning in my heart
Jesus is reigning in my heart
Jesus is reigning, Jesus is reigning
Jesus is reigning in my heart

Sing Hallelujah to the Lord
Sing Hallelujah to the Lord
Sing Hallelujah, sing Hallelujah
Sing Hallelujah to the Lord

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

There's Honey In The Rock — *Brooke Ligertwood and Brandon Lake*

*There's honey in the rock, Water in the stone
Manna on the ground, No matter where I go
I don't need to worry, Now that I know
Everything I need You've got, There's honey in the rock*

Praying for a miracle, Thirsty for the Living Well
Only You can satisfy
Sweetness at the mercy seat, Now I've tasted it's not hard to see
Only You can satisfy

There's honey in the rock, There's honey in the rock (repeat)

Freedom where the Spirit is, Bounty in the wilderness
You will always satisfy

*There's honey in the rock, Water in the stone
Manna on the ground, No matter where I go
I don't need to worry, Now that I know
Everything I need You've got...
There's honey in the rock, Purpose in Your plan
Power in the blood, Healing in Your hands
Started flowing when You said it is done
Everything You did's enough, Jesus who you are is enough*

I keep looking - I keep finding
You keep giving - Keep providing
I have all that I need - You are all that I need
I keep praying - You keep moving
I keep praising - You keep proving
I have all that I need - You are all that I need
I have all that I need - You are all that I need

There's honey in the rock, There's honey in the rock (repeat)

Oh how sweet, How sweet it is to trust in You Jesus (repeat)

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.

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

Sunday School Teachers - Lunch Training Today! Volunteers, please join us in the 100 Building directly following service for a lunch and learn. Thank you!

Small Groups - Clipboard Sign Up! 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 in joining a small group this Fall, please sign up on the clipboard! (*indicate which group and/or meeting time works best and the small group leader will follow up with you!*)

Cuba Missions Trip Meeting TODAY If you are interested in supporting, joining, or learning more about the Feb 16-22 Cuba missions trip, there will be an informational meeting in the library directly after service today!

Men's Retreat Sept 15-17 at Fort Worden: Last chance to sign up!

This year's speaker is Dr. Dan Jarrell, Former pastor of ChangePoint in Anchorage, AK (largest church in Alaska), focused on the theme: "Living Dangerously for God." *How we become the type of men that are effective tools in the hands of our King?* SIGN UP TODAY! Follow QR > Or follow this link: bit.ly/CSCMensRetreat2023



Men's Bible Study Fellowship (BSF) Begins Thursday, September 14 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



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



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.