



Jesus' whole life and mission involved accepting powerlessness and reveling in this powerlessness and limitlessness of God's love. Here we see what compassion means. It is not a bending toward the underprivileged from a privileged position; it is not a reaching out from on high to those who are less fortunate below; it is not a gesture of sympathy or pity for those who fail to make it in the upward pull. On the contrary, compassion means going directly to the those people and places where suffering is most acute and building a home there.



Henri Nouwen

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 — Psalm 89:9-11

All the nations you have made shall come
and worship before you, O Lord,
and shall glorify your name.
For you are great and do wondrous things;
you alone are God.
Teach me your way, O LORD,
that I may walk in your truth;
unite my heart to fear your 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.

**Jesus, we confess that we do love all of your ways.
We prefer to live under the tyranny of our own desires
rather than the grace of your lordship.
Give us hearts that yearn for you and delight in your word.**

Amen

Renewing

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND RECEIVING OF GRACE

May Jesus, the atoning sacrifice for us,
forgive you for all your sins and cleanse you from all your regrets.
Amen.

Create in Me a Clean Heart — *Keith Green*

Create in me a clean heart, O God
And renew a right spirit within me
Create in me a clean heart, O God
And renew a right spirit within me

Cast me not away from Thy presence, O Lord
And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation
And renew a right spirit within me

Good, Good Father — *Pat Barrett, Tony Brown*

Oh, I've heard a thousand stories, Of what they think You're like
But I've heard the tender whisper, Of love in the dead of night
And You tell me, That You're pleased, And that I'm never alone

You're a good, good Father
It's who You are, It's who You are, it's who You are
And I'm loved by You
It's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am

Oh, and I've seen many searching, for answers far and wide
But I know we're all searching, For answers only You provide
'Cause You know just, what we need, Before we say a word

You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us

Oh, it's love so undeniable, I, I can hardly speak
Peace so unexplainable, I, I can hardly think

As You call me deeper still [x3]
Into love, love, love

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.

Indescribable

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

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:

We must be global Christians with a global vision because our God is a global God.
—John Stott

Missionary zeal does not grow out of intellectual beliefs, nor out theological arguments, but out of love. — Roland Allen

Live in the Kingdom of God is such a way that it provokes questions for which the gospel is the answer. — Lesslie Newbigin

“Here is what we seek: a compassion that can stand in awe at what the poor have to carry rather than stand in judgment at how they carry it.” — Gregory Boyle

MESSAGE SERIES: SURPRISING JOY

Text: Philippians 4:15-23

Title: A Farewell Blessing

Speaker: Jon Bonker

And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only. ¹⁶ Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again. ¹⁷ Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit. ¹⁸ I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. ¹⁹ And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. ²⁰ To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Greet every saint in Christ Jesus. The brothers who are with me greet you. ²² All the saints greet you, especially those of Caesar's household.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

NOTES:

APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic* Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.

*universal

OFFERING — Hebrews 13:16

Do good and share what you have,
for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Offering is a way for members and friends of Cross Sound to support the worship and work of the church, it's 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



He Will Hold Me Fast — *Ada Habershon, Matt Merker*

When I fear my faith will fail,
Christ will hold me fast;
When the tempter would prevail,
He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold
Through life's fearful path,
For my love is often cold;
He must hold me fast.

He will hold me fast,
He will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so,
He will hold me fast!

Those He saves are His delight;
Christ will hold me fast.
Precious in His holy sight,
He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost;
His promises shall last.
Bought by Him at such a cost,
He will hold me fast.

For my life He bled and died;
Christ will hold me fast.
Justice has been satisfied;
He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life,
He will hold me fast
'Til our faith is turned to sight
When He comes at last!

Sending

I Stand Amazed (How Marvelous) — *Charles Hutchinson Gabriel*

I stand amazed in the presence
Of Jesus, the Nazarene
And wonder how He could love me
A sinner condemned unclean

For me it was in the garden
He prayed, “Not My will, but Thine”
He had no tears for His own griefs
But shed drops of blood for mine

How marvelous, how wonderful
And my song shall ever be
How marvelous, how wonderful
Is my Savior’s love for me

He took my sins and my sorrows
He made them His very own
He bore the burden to Calvary
And suffered and died alone

When with the ransomed in glory
His face I at last shall see
’Twill be my joy through the ages
To sing of His love for me

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

Mark Your Calendar! Ensenada Auction Dinner is October 22! Join us at Island School as we resume our annual tradition of fundraising through dinner, entertainment and auction (both live and silent)! It is so much fun, and is for the wonderful cause of building homes for those in desperate need in Ensenada.

Sign Up Today! Golf Fundraiser at Meadowmeer Another opportunity to support our homebuilding missions trip this Fall, the event begins at 1 pm on Saturday, September 24 at Meadowmeer Golf & Country Club. Following the golf event, there will be an Awards Fiesta with a taco bar beginning around 4:30 pm. Non-golfers may register for the Awards Fiesta only to join the golfers for drinks and dinner.



Homemade Meals for High School Youth Group Believe it or not, the high school students have requested homemade meals instead of pizza! If you are willing and able to prepare a meal for 15-20 young adults, please sign up here!

13-week GriefShare Program If you have lost a spouse, child, family member or friend, you have probably found there may not be many people who can understand the pain of this loss for you. GriefShare helps you face these challenges and begin rebuilding your life. It builds hope and purpose. Group meets weekly, Thursdays Sept 8-Dec 8, 10am-12:30pm, at the Church Office. *For info and/or registration contact Sue MacFarlane 206-714-5986 or jimorsuemac@hotmail.com. Please provide name and contact info.*

Women's Bible Study has begun! This 12-week study continues through the week of December 5th (no study the week of Thanksgiving) Mondays at 6:30pm, Wednesdays at 9:15am. We're studying *Seamless - Understanding the Bible as One Complete Story* by Angie Smith. Food is coming back! Soup and Salad on Monday nights and Potluck Breakfast items on Wednesday mornings. Child care provided on Wednesday Morning. Books will be distributed at the first meeting. Have questions? Email Ashley@crosssound.org.

OCTOBER: Hike rescheduled for Saturday, October 15th

NOVEMBER: Game Night at the Home of Rachel Long on Friday, November 4th

DECEMBER: Advent Brunch at Island School on Saturday, December 3rd

Prayer Groups (Church Office: 600 Ericksen Ave. Ste #210 BI, 98110)

- HEALING PRAYER: 3RD WEDNESDAYS @ 6:30PM Please join CSC's Session if you would like prayers for healing (physical, emotional, spiritual, relational)
- PRAYER TEAM: TUESDAYS @9AM Support your church family through prayer.

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: _____
Second time visitor _____ Ministry Please add me to:
Regular attendee _____ Email list
_____ Mailing list

Name(s): _____

Children & their ages: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number(s): _____

Email(s): _____

Prayer Requests/Comments: _____

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.