



God doesn't want
something from us.
He simply wants us.

—
C.S. Lewis

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.

Renewing

Treasure — *Kawika and Jenny Haglund*

You know the grace of our Lord
That though He was rich
Yet for your sake, became poor

*Treasure the Lord above all else
Look to the cross, how He treasured you*

Emptied Himself, became nothing
The nature of a servant
Humbled Himself to death

Chorus

Satisfied — *Karl Digerness*

All my life long I had panted
For a drink from some cool spring
That I hoped would quench the burning
Of the thirst I felt within.

Hallelujah! He has found me
The One my soul so long has craved
Jesus satisfies all my longings
Through his blood I now am saved

Poor I was and sought for riches
Something that would satisfy.
But the dust I gathered 'round me
Only mocked my soul's sad cry

Well of water ever springing
Bread of Life so rich and free.
Untold wealth that never faileth
My Redeemer is to me.

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.

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 (x2)

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 (x2)

ANNOUNCEMENTS, STUDENT DISMISSAL & GREETING

Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you.
— Romans 15:7

Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly
love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart.
— 1Peter 1:22

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

NOTES:

MESSAGE SERIES: A MAN CALLED LOVE

Title: My Friends

Text: John 15:9-17

Speaker: Dave O'Connell

As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹ These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

¹² "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵ No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. ¹⁷ These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

COMMUNION

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

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.”

— Matthew 11:28-29

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



Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

— 2 Corinthians 9:7

Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me — *City Alight*

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer,
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken
For by my side, the Saviour He will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need, His power is displayed

To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley He will lead
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven
The future sure, the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And He was raised to overthrow the grave

To this I hold, my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

With every breath, I long to follow Jesus
For He has said that He will bring me home
And day by day I know He will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to Him
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

Sending

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, which 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.**

Great is Thy Faithfulness — *Thomas Chisholm (1923); Music: William M. Runyan*

Great is thy faithfulness, oh God, my Father
There is no shadow of turning with Thee
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be

*Great is Thy faithfulness, Great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed Thy hands have provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me*

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand besides

BENEDICTION — 2 Corinthians 13:14

May the love of the Father,
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
Be with you 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

Young Life Fundraiser Banquet: March 10 @ 6pm YL students are raising money for a Spring Mission trip to Dominican Republic, *and* for those wanting to attend YL's Club Malibu in Canada. This is their main fundraiser of the year - so please attend, and bring a friend! Live Auction Items include: getaways, Seahawks memorabilia, local art and more! Sign up at bit.ly/YLpartywithapurpose or scan this QR code!



Egg Dash Volunteer Sign Up! If you are able to assist with this year's egg dash, the Saturday before Easter, please sign up! This is a wonderful way to bless our community: bit.ly/eggdash2023 or scan the QR code:



5th-8th Miracle Ranch Summer Camp will be happening from Friday, June 23rd to Sunday, the 25th. The cost will be \$225 plus \$34 per add-on activity (Horseback Riding, Paintball, and High ropes course). Those currently in 5th grade through 8th grade are welcome to sign-up.

High School Summer Immersion Servant Leadership Camp is happening July 15- 22. We are partnering with Sacred Roads again and serving the Warm Springs Nation. If you are interested in going text or email Josh and come to the mandatory information meeting on Sunday, March 5th after church in the BHS Library.

Summer in the USA: Basque exchange program: For anyone interested in hosting a Basque high school student for the month of July. If you are interested in participating or praying for the program, email crosssound@summerintheusa.org.

Women's Bible Study Join us at the church office this week! This winter we are studying "James: Mercy Triumphs" by Beth Moore.
Monday Evening 6:30 - 8:30 - Soup and Salad Dinner provided
Wednesday Morning 9:15 - 11:15 - Breakfast Potluck & Childcare Provided
Questions? Email Ashley@CrossSound.org or visit bit.ly/crosssoundwomen

GriefShare (GS) Has Begun! Thursdays Mar 2—May 25, 2023 from 9:45am- Noon at the Church Office. Adults on Bainbridge Island and beyond who recently or in past have lost a spouse, child, family member, neighbor or friend can find comfort, hope and renewed purpose through a weekly video and discussions in a safe and comfortable environment. Confidentiality is stressed and valued. GS can be very helpful learning what is normal and how to go forward when you are stuck in grief. For info and registration contact: Sue MacFarlane. Call 206-714-5986 or Email: 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.