



If there is no laughter, Jesus
has gone somewhere else.

If there is no joy and freedom,
it is not a church: it is simply
a 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

CALL TO WORSHIP — Psalm 103:1-2, 20-22

Praise the LORD, O my soul;
all my inmost being, praise his holy name. Praise the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits.
Praise the LORD, you his angels,
you mighty ones who do his bidding,
who obey his word.
Praise the LORD, all his heavenly hosts, you his servants who do his will.
Praise the LORD, all his works everywhere in his dominion.
Praise the LORD, O my soul.

Renewing

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.

**Father, we are sorry for the many times we have turned
our backs on you and chosen to satisfy our own selfish desires.
For the times we have hurt the members of our families.
For the times we were too weak to stand up for what was right
and allowed others to suffer because of our cowardice.
For the times we refused to forgive others.
Father, we have sinned. Forgive us, we pray.
Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND RECEIVING OF GRACE

Hear the good news:
This saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance,
that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.
He himself bore our sins
in his body on the cross,
that we might be dead to sin,
and alive to all that is good.

I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

—based on 1 Timothy 1:15; 1 Peter 2:24

Text in bold is read by the entire congregation. Plain text is read by the worship leader only.

Desert Song — Hillsong

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

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. “

Battle Belongs — Phil Wickham

When all I see is the battle, You see my victory
When all I see is the mountain, You see a mountain moved
And as I walk through the shadow, Your love surrounds me
There's nothing to fear now. For I am safe with You

*So when I fight I'll fight on my knees, With my hands lifted high
Oh God the battle belongs to You. And every fear I lay at Your feet
I'll sing through the night. Oh God the battle belongs to You*

And if You are for me, Who can be against me
For Jesus there's nothing. Impossible for You
When all I see are the ashes. You see the beauty
When all I see is a cross, God You see the empty tomb

Chorus

Almighty Fortress You go before us. Nothing can stand against
The power of our God You shine in the shadow. You win every battle
Nothing can stand against, The power of our God
Almighty Fortress You go before us. Nothing can stand against
The power of our God You shine in the shadow. You win every battle
Nothing can stand against, The power of our God

Chorus

The Passion — Hillsong

The passion of our Savior, The mercy of our God
The cross that leaves question, Of the measure of His love

*Our chains are gone, Our debt is paid, The cross has over thrown the grave
For Jesus' blood that sets us free, Means death to death And life for me*

The Innocent judged guilty, While the guilty one walks free
Death would be His portion, And our portion liberty

Chorus

I give my whole life, To honor this love, By the Lamb who was slain I'm forgiven
The sinner's Savior, Crown Him forever, For the Lamb who was slain He is risen
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The sinner's Savior, Crown Him forever, For the Lamb who was slain He is risen

Chorus

MEXICO CITY HIGHLIGHTS — Larry and Martina Moores

SASHA SMITH (Summer Intern)

ANNOUNCEMENTS, STUDENT DISMISSAL & GREETING

Please stand and introduce yourself to one another.

NOTES:

‘We need not, and cannot, add to what Jesus has done. We do not need, and are not able, to do anything more to have a cleansed conscience. Imagine going into a famous art gallery with a child’s paintbrush and paints in your coat pocket. You stand before some great work of art by Rubens or Michaelangelo, quietly get out your paintbrush and - when the attendants are not watching - start adding your own touches of paint. When challenged, you say, “Well, it’s a lovely painting. But I thought it had a few parts missing. So I was touching it up. I hope that’s OK.” No, it is not OK. You are ruining it! In the same way, I cannot add anything to Jesus’ completed work of redemption on the cross, without taking away from its value.’

— Christopher Ash

‘The occasion to have a safe and thoughtful discussion with someone who genuinely loves you and disagrees with you passionately is a rare and precious gift.’

— Gregg A Ten Elshof

‘The only reason the love of parents, the love of a spouse, the love of children, and the love of friends are precious is because they in some way resemble God’s love. All human love derives from God and is meant to direct us back to God.’

— Dorothy Day

Text: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Title: When in Doubt: Choose Love

Speaker: Dave Sellers

Now concerning food offered to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” This “knowledge” puffs up, but love builds up. ² If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. ³ But if anyone loves God, he is known by God.

Therefore, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “an idol has no real existence,” and that “there is no God but one.” ⁵ For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as indeed there are many “gods” and many “lords”—⁶ yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

However, not all possess this knowledge. But some, through former association with idols, eat food as really offered to an idol, and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. ⁸ Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. ⁹ But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. ¹⁰ For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol’s temple, will he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? ¹¹ And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. ¹² Thus, sinning against your brothers and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. ¹³ Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

COMMUNION — *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").*

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

OFFERING — *Offering is a way for members and friends 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



No Fear In Love — Steffens Gretzinger

Stir in me a love that's deep, A love that's wide, A love that's sweet
And help me Lord to never keep it to myself
And if my heart should dimly burn, And if my feet should fail to run
Call my name and I will come right back to You

There's no fear in love, There's no fear in love

Stir in me a love that's deep, A love that's wide, A love that's sweet
And help me Lord to never keep it to myself
And if my heart should dimly burn, And if my feet should fail to run
Call my name and I will come right back to You

*There's no fear in love, There's no fear in love,
There's no fear in love, There's no fear in love,*

I want to stay close to You, It's really that simple
I want to stay close to You, Just as simple as this song
I want to stay close to You, It's really that simple
I want to stay close to You, My whole life long

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, forever.
Amen.**

Sending

Graves Into Gardens — Elevation Worship, Brandon Lake

I searched the world, But it couldn't fill me,
Man's empty praise, and treasures that fade, are never enough
Then You came along, And put me back together,
And every desire, is now satisfied, Here in Your love

*Oh there's nothing better than You, There's nothing better than You
Lord there's nothing, Nothing is better than You*

I'm not afraid To show You my weakness
My failures and flaws, Lord You've seen them all, And You still call me friend
Cause the God of the mountain, Is the God of the valley
There's not a place Your mercy and grace, Won't find me again

Chorus x2

You turn mourning to dancing, You give beauty for ashes,
You turn shame into glory, You're the only one who can
You turn mourning to dancing, You give beauty for ashes,
You turn shame into glory, You're the only one who can
You turn graves into gardens You turn bones into armies,
You turn seas into highways, You're the only one who can
You're the only one who can

Chorus x2

You turn graves into gardens, You turn bones into armies,
You turn seas into highways You're the only one who can
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You turn seas into highways You're the only one who can
You're the only one who can, You're the only one who can

BENEDICTION — Matthew 28:19-20

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the name of the Father
and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you.
And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.
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

June 9: Celebrating HS Seniors We as a church will be celebrating our 2024 graduates!

June 13: Women's Ministry Picnic: Join us at Battle Point Park to celebrate summer! Meet on the north side of the jungle gym for a walk at 5 pm, or potluck picnic at 6 pm. Bring your lawn chair and dish or beverage to share. See you there!

June 21-23: Miracle Ranch 5th-8th Graders Come kick off Summer vacation and join us for a weekend of incredible FUN at Miracle Ranch in Port Orchard. Activities include gaga ball, a game room, a rodeo, a climbing wall, a snack shop, large group meetings, and the opportunity to participate in, horseback riding, high ropes, and paintball. Sign up here: bit.ly/5-8miracleranch2024 or QR code >



June 22: Day at Miracle Ranch K-4th Spend a day with us at Miracle Ranch! So many Summer-Fun activities! PreK (age 4+) also welcome with a parent. Visit the link to learn all the details and to sign up. Contact suzanne@crosssound.org for questions, or to volunteer. Student and adult volunteers needed! bit.ly/K-4miracleranch2024



June 23: Jul Nickerson's Memorial Service You are invited to celebrate the life and passing of Jul Nickerson at 2pm on June 23 at Seabold Hall, Bainbridge Island.

June 30: Annual Congregational Meeting Please plan to stay after church to vote on the proposed budget and pray for the upcoming year of ministry that God has prepared for us.

July 7: School of Discipleship Begins Our highest calling as disciples is to become love, which requires bringing the desires of our soul before Jesus and spending time with him. If you are hungry for more depth, discernment, wisdom and joy in your "with-God life", join our summer book study starting July 7th at 8:45 am in the library. Our selection is Sacred Rhythms, Arranging our Lives for Spiritual Transformation, by Ruth Haley Barton. Contact Katie for details: katiepearson@crosssound.org

July 19-21 All-Church Camping at Crescent Beach! - Crescent Beach is a beautiful private beach with tent sites just steps from the water! Tent sites costs \$35 per night (two tents allowed per site, doubling our capacity for guests). Please specify 1 or 2 nights. If you need financial aid, or require an RV or Trailer spot, email kristin@crosssound.org. 40 spots available. Sign up! It's gonna be fun!! bit.ly/CrescentBeach2024 or follow the QR code >



Annual Ensenada Homebuilding Trip Sign up! Every year for the past 25 years Cross Sound Church has sent a team to Ensenada, Mexico through YWAM's (Youth with a Mission) Homes of Hope organization, to build 16'x20' houses for families that live in very poor housing conditions. To date, we've had the opportunity to build over 45 homes. We have reserved room for 75 people to build 4 houses. We leave Sat Nov 23 and return Friday Nov 29 (the day after Thanksgiving). The cost of the trip is approx \$1,100 per person (includes roundtrip airfare, room and board, and transport from San Diego to Ensenada. CSC will raise funds for the cost of building materials. Interested in going? Sign up here (link or QR code!) >> bit.ly/CSCEnsenada2024 Questions? Contact Stu: stuart@seattlepump.com



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.