



The gospel of justification by faith is such a shocker, such an explosion, because it is an absolutely unconditional promise. It is not an “if-then” kind of statement, but “because-therefore” pronouncement: because Jesus died and rose, your sins are forgiven and you are righteous in the sight of God! It bursts in upon our little world all shut up and barricaded behind our accustomed conditional thinking as some strange comet from goodness-knows-where, something we can’t really seem to wrap our minds around, the logic of which appears closed to us. How can it be entirely unconditional? Isn’t it terrible dangerous? How can anyone say flat out, “You are righteous for Jesus’ sake? Is there not some price to be paid, something (however minuscule) to be done? After all, there can’t be such thing as a free lunch, can there?

Gerhard Forde

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 66:1-4

Shout for joy to God, all the earth;
sing the glory of his name;
give to him glorious praise!
Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds!
So great is your power that your enemies come cringing to you.
All the earth worships you
and sings praises to you;
they sing praises to 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.

**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 confess and 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

May God,
who has known you all the days of your life,
and sees you as a new creation with a clean heart,
grant you forgiveness, healing and peace
through the death and resurrection of his Son
and the life-giving power of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Give Me Jesus — *Traditional African-American Arr. by Fernando Ortega*

In the morn-ing when I rise, In the morn-ing when I rise,
In the morn-ing when I rise give me Jesus.

*Give me Jesus, give me Jesus.
You can have all this world, But give me Jesus.*

And when I am alone, Oh, and when I am alone,
And when I am alone give me Jesus.

And when I come to die, Oh, and when I come to die,
And when I come to die, give me Jesus.

You can have all this world, You can have all this world,
You can have all this world, But give me Jesus.

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.

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

Lord, I Need You — *Matt Maher*

Lord, I come, I confess
Bowing here I find my rest
Without You I fall apart
You're the One that guides my heart

*Lord, I need You, oh, I need You
Every hour I need You
My one defense, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You*

Where sin runs deep Your grace is more
Where grace is found is where You are
And where You are, Lord, I am free
Holiness is Christ in me

Chorus

Teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus, You're my hope and stay

Chorus

ANNOUNCEMENTS, STUDENT DISMISSAL & GREETING

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:

*“Half of the harm that is done in this world
Is due to people who want to feel important.
They don’t mean to do harm - but the harm does not interest them.
Or they do not see it, or they justify it
Because they are absorbed in the endless struggle
“To think well of themselves.” — TS Eliot*

“..we have all our secret sins; and if we knew ourselves, we should not judge each other harshly.” — George Eliot

“Are you verbally powerful? The Word gave you that power. Are you physically powerful? The mighty God, who breaks down strongholds and sustains the universe, gave you that power? Do you have a powerful position? It is from the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Do you have power of knowledge or skill? The Creator God, whose ways are beyond finding out, gave that power to you. Do you hold emotional power with others? That power came from the Comforter, the Wonderful Counsellor. Do you hold great financial power? If so, it is merely a small portion from the One who holds all riches. Any power that you and I hold is God’s and has been given to us by him for the sole purpose of glorifying him and blessing others. It all power is derivative, then Christians should hold it with great humility. We are creatures, no more and no less,. We follow the one who became flesh.. Jesus models for us the humility of power.” — Diane Langberg

MESSAGE SERIES: HOW PEOPLE CHANGE

Text: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Title: Boasting

Speaker: Dave Sellers

For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth.

²⁷ But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸ God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, ²⁹ so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰ And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹ so that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

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

COMMUNION

The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve,
And to give his life as a ransom for many. — Mark 10:45

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").

OFFERING — Psalm 96:8-9

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts.
Worship the LORD in holy splendor;
tremble before him, all the earth.

His Eye is On the Sparrow — Civilla D. Martin, 1905

Why should I feel discouraged, why should the shadows come
Why should my heart be lonely, and long for heaven and home
When Jesus is my portion My constant Friend is He
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me

I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me

“Let not your heart be troubled,” His tender words I hear
And resting on His goodness, I lose my doubts and fears
Though by the path He leadeth, but one step I may see
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me

I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me

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 Island WA 98110*



Sending

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Who You Say I Am — *Hillsong*

Who am I that the highest King
Would welcome me
I was lost but He brought me in
Oh His love for me
Oh His love for me

Who the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God
Yes I am

Free at last He has ransomed me
His grace runs deep
While I was a slave to sin
Jesus died for me
Yes He died for me

Who the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God, yes I am
In my Father's house
There's a place for me
I'm a child of God, yes I am

I am chosen / Not forsaken
I am who You say I am
You are for me / Not against me
I am who You say I am

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

Ensenada Trip Meeting: Today at Noon Meet Stu Childers in the library for details

Wyatt house Trick-or-Treating & Costume Parade Children are invited to parade their costumes at Wyatt House at 4pm on Halloween Day, Monday, October 31. (Masks required for adults and optional for children). A great way to bless our elder community, and then head downtown for the downtown festivities.



Wreaths + Garlands: It's that time of year again! Decorate your home this Christmas with fresh, locally made wreaths and garlands. Purchases benefit the Deacon's fund which supports the local community. Purchase now through November 13, ready for pick-up by December 1. Information at: crosssound.org/events



5th-8th Youth Ministry Event: Tonight (Sunday), Oct 30th. Join Carrie and Josh from 6:30 to 8:45 pm at the Yeomalt Cabin for dinner, decorating pumpkins, and outdoor games.

High School Youth Ministry Event: Sunday, Nov. 6th Let's go bowling! Meet us at the BHS flagpole at 12:00 pm and we will stop off for lunch on the way to Silverdale. We will be back at the BHS flagpole at 3:45 PM.

5th-8th Youth Ministry Event: Sunday, Nov. 13th. Join Cross Sound Youth as we head to Defy in Silverdale for jumping fun! We will meet at the BHS flagpole at 12:00 pm and we will stop off on the way for lunch, so bring lunch money. We will be back at the BHS flagpole at 4:15 pm.

Socks & Underwear, Socks and Underwear! Cross Sound Youth is doing its annual Warm Winter Sock & Underwear Drive. We are looking to gather 200 pairs of new warm winter socks and underwear which will be part of our gift bags for the homeless this winter. Donations can be dropped at our office (600 Ericksen Ave. N.E., B.I) in a bin outside the office door or at church. The drive ends on November 28nd. Thank you!

Women's Game Night: November 4, 7-9pm at Rachel Long's home. Sign Up: www.crosssound.org/womens-ministry or email Ashley@crosssound.org

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.