



Don't ask yourself
what the world needs.
Ask yourself what makes
you come alive, and go
do that, because what
the world needs is people
who have come alive.

Gil Bailie

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 126 (The Message)

It seemed like a dream, too good to be true,
when GOD returned Zion's exiles.
We laughed, we sang,
we couldn't believe our good fortune.
We were the talk of the nations—
"GOD was wonderful to them!"
GOD was wonderful to us;
we are one happy people.
And now, GOD, do it again—
bring rains to our drought-stricken lives
So those who planted their crops in despair
will shout hurrahs at the harvest,
So those who went off with heavy hearts
will come home laughing, with armloads of blessing.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Make confession to God the Lord, and let everyone acknowledge with me his/her sin and iniquity.

**God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world,
to reveal your love for all people.
We confess that our sin and pride
hide the brightness of your light.
We turn away from those in need;
we ignore the spiritual complacency in our own lives;
and we do not seek peace with those at odds with us.
In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin;
renew us with your Spirit,
that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory,
shining in the face of Jesus Christ.**

Renewing

RECEIVING OF GRACE

May God the Father,
who raised Jesus gloriously from the dead,
raise us up with him,
forgive us our sins,
and give us the confidence that we are his loved children,
together with his only Son.

Amen.

In The Secret

In the secret, in the quiet place
In the stillness You are there
In the secret, in the quiet hour I wait, only for You
'Cause I want to know You more

I want to know You, I want to hear Your voice
I want to know You more
I want to touch You, I want to see Your face
I want to know You more

I am reaching for the highest goal
That I might receive the prize
Pressing onward, pushing every hindrance aside, out of my way
'Cause I want to know You more

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

Everlasting God — *Chris Tomlin*

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord

Our God, You reign forever
Our hope, our strong deliverer

You are the Everlasting God, the Everlasting God
You do not faint, you won't grow weary
You're the defender of the weak
You comfort those in need
You lift us up on wings like eagles

LAMENTING — Psalm 38: 9-12,15

All my longings lie open before you, O Lord;
my sighing is not hidden from you.

**My heart pounds, my strength fails me;
even the light has gone from my eyes.**

My friends and companions avoid me because of my wounds;
my neighbors stay far away.

**Those who seek my life set their traps,
those who would harm me talk of my ruin;**
all day long they plot deception.

**I wait for you, O LORD;
you will answer, O Lord my God.**

GREETING & STUDENT DISMISSAL

QUOTES:

There are mysteries you can solve by taking thought. . . . There are other mysteries that do not conceal a truth to think your way to, but whose truth is itself the mystery. The mystery of your self, for example. The more you try to fathom it, the more fathomless it is revealed to be. No matter how much of your self you are able to objectify and examine, the quintessential, living part of your self will always elude you, that is, the part that is conducting the examination. Thus you do not solve the mystery, you live the mystery. And you do that not by fully knowing yourself, but by fully being yourself.

To say that God is a mystery is to say that you can never nail him down. Even on Christ the nails proved ultimately ineffective.—Frederick Beuchner

The first holy truth in God 101 is that men and women of true faith have always had to accept the mystery of God's identity and love and ways. I hate that, but it's the truth.—Ann Lamont

People think of science as rolling back the mystery of God. I look at science as slowly creeping toward the mystery of God.—Allen Hamilton

Message

Series: A New Beginning: What Now?

Text: Deuteronomy 29:29

Title: Mystery

Speaker: Dave Sellers

The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but the things that are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law.

NOTES:

OFFERING — Matthew 6:19-20 (The Message)

Don't hoard treasure down here where it gets eaten by moths and corroded by rust or—worse!—stolen by burglars.²⁰ Stockpile treasure in heaven, where it's safe from moth and rust and burglars.

Call Him Good (Psalm 104) — *Sandra McCracken*

Call Him good, my soul

I am here to declare my affection for You

Call Him good, my soul

You who are wrapped in glory

Dressed in greatness

For covering, You choose light

Your clothes, sunset and moonrise

For a tent, You stretch out the heavens

For a roof, You pitch the sky

Call Him good, my soul

You who made the earth

And You made its frame stable forever

You who made the earth

And you wrapped it in a gown of waters

The offering is a way for members and friends of Cross Sound Church to support the worship and work of the church, its mission and ministry. If you are our guest today, please feel no obligation to give. If you prefer to give online, go to www.crosssound.org/give

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God of Mystery,
hope of all the ends of the earth,
we pray that the world may know Jesus Christ as the Prince of Peace.
Let your kingdom come.
For this, O Lord, we pray;
Lord, hear our prayer.

Lord of Mystery
May all who are without hope be brought near you.
May your one Church throughout the world and here on Bainbridge
be a safe place of welcome and restoration.
For this, O Lord, we pray;
Lord, hear our prayer.

Spirit of Mystery,
May we be generous in giving,
faithful in serving, bold in proclaiming, and radical in loving,
while you stretch out your hand to save those in danger, need, and distress.
For this, O Lord, we pray;
Lord, hear our prayer.

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, and the power,
and the glory forever and ever, Amen.

Sending

Revelation Song — *Stuart K. Hine*

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain.
Holy, holy is He.
Sing a new song to Him who sits on
Heaven's Mercy Seat.

*Holy, Holy, Holy is The Lord, God Almighty.
Who was and is and is to come.
With all creation I sing, "Praise to The King of Kings,
You are my everything. And I will adore You".*

Clothed in rainbows, of living color.
Flashes of lightening, rolls of thunder.
Blessing and honor, strength and glory and power be,
To You, the only wise King.

Chorus

Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder,
At the mention of Your Name.
Jesus, Your Name is power, breath and living water.
Such a marvelous mystery.

Chorus

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

May Christ make his home in you
as you find your home in his love;
and the blessing of God almighty,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be among you, and remain with you always
Amen. **Amen**

COMMUNION — 1Peter 1:17-18

Please join us immediately after the Benediction at the Theater entrance to celebrate the Lord's Supper.

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.

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

Surviving the Holidays: Grief Recovery Group An invitation to anyone grieving a recent or past death of a child, spouse, family member or friend. This is not a Bible Study, but a 2-hour class, including video and discussion time. Meet at the church office (600 Ericksen Ave NE, Suite 210) on Thursday 11/18 and/or 12/9 from 10am—12:30pm. *RSVP to leaders Sue MacFarlane (206) 714-5986 or Maree Zawowsky (206) 715-9803 or email info@crosssound.org*

CS Kids Halloween - TODAY! Join us at Wyatt House from 4:00-4:30 pm *today* for an outdoor costume parade! Residents will be outside ready to wave at our kids as they walk by, and goodie bags will be handed out. This is a perfect way to love on this community before or after you enjoy the downtown festivities that day!

Socks & 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 to the homeless this winter. Donations can be dropped at our office (600 Ericksen Ave. N.E.) in a bin outside the office door or at church. *The drive ends November 28nd.* Thank you!

All Church Potluck and Ensenada Send-Off: Sunday, November 14! Join us directly after service. Please bring a pot of chili and/or cornbread to share!

School of Discipleship You are invited to the class series “Gospel in Life” by Tim Keller. In this class we explore the wonderful contours of the gospel, and discuss how it is lived out in all of life — first in our hearts, then in community, and out into the world. The class will include an excellent 10-15 minute teaching video from Tim Keller, along with scripture reading, group discussion, and prayer. We'll also have some coffee and food there for you to enjoy too!

Men's Bible study — Friday mornings, via Zoom. As a church, we want to be supportive of each other via Small Groups, Bible Study, worship, and friendships. *Email Roger at irbarbers@gmail.com for Zoom link*

Women's Bible study — Fall 2021 Join us for this fall's study, *Elijah: Faith and Fire* by Priscilla Shirer. Choose either Tuesday evenings, 6:45- 8:15 pm, or Wednesday mornings, 9:15-11:15 am. We will learn together what it was like for Elijah to be a part of God's greater plan, and how he was a person just like us. Cross Sound office: 600 Ericksen Ave NE, Suite 210. Masks required.

If you need support, would like prayer, have a question, or are suffering COVID-19 Hardship contact: info@crosssound.org Find info about COVID-19 at: www.doh.wa.gov/Emergencies/Coronavirus?

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”).

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.