

“I want neither a terrorist spirituality that keeps me in a perpetual state of fright about being in right relationship with my heavenly Father nor a sappy spirituality that portrays God as such a benign teddy bear that there is no aberrant behavior or desire of mine that he will not condone. I want a relationship with the Abba of Jesus, who is infinitely compassionate with my brokenness and at the same time an awesome, incomprehensible, and unwieldy Mystery. ”

— Brennan Manning



# 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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**[crosssound.org](http://crosssound.org)** or call our office: **(206) 842-6898**

# 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

**Arise O God And Shine**—*Words by William Hurn,*

*Music by Chris Miner*

Arise, O God, and shine in all Thy saving might,  
And prosper each design to spread Thy glorious light;  
Let healing streams of mercy flow that all the earth  
Thy truth may know.

Bring distant nations near to sing Thy glorious praise;  
Let every people hear and learn Thy holy ways.  
Reign, mighty God, assert Thy cause, and govern by  
Thy righteous laws.

Put forth Thy glorious power, that everyone may see  
And earth present her store in converts born to Thee.  
God, our own God, His Church will bless and fill the  
world with righteousness.

To God, the only Wise, the one immortal King,  
Let hallelujahs rise from every living thing;  
Let all that breathe on every coast praise Father,  
Son and Holy Ghost.

## CALL TO WORSHIP

But now thus says the Lord,  
he who created you, O Jacob,

he who formed you, O Israel:

“Fear not, for I have redeemed you;

I have called you by name, you are mine.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;  
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;  
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,  
and the flame shall not consume you.

For I am the Lord your God,  
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

I give Egypt as your ransom,  
Cush and Seba in exchange for you.

—Isaiah 43:1-3

# Renewing

## CONFESSIONS OF SIN

*(Confession happens within the context of relationship, both with God and with each other as we acknowledge our need for forgiveness. Jesus promises that He freely forgives sins removing all of our past regrets. You are invited to personalize your confession as we pray silently).*

**Father,**

**We have run from your love. We have marred your image in us, sinning against heaven and against you. We are not worthy to be called your children. We turn to you again. Have mercy on us, because we know you let go of heaven to run and hold us in your arms. We who were content eating slop now look forward to the heavenly banquet through Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND RECEIVING OF GRACE

May God who loved the world so much  
that he sent his Son to be our Savior  
forgive you your sins  
and make you holy to serve him in the world,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing**—Robert Robinson (1757)

Come, thou Fount of every blessing,  
Tune my heart to sing thy grace  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing  
Call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet  
Sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,  
Mount of thy redeeming love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer  
Here by thy great help I've come  
And I hope, by thy good pleasure,  
Safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
Wandering from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger,  
Interposed His precious blood.

O, to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,  
Bind my wandering heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
Prone to leave the God I love;  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,  
Seal it for thy courts above.

**We Will Feast in the House of Zion** —*Sandra McCracken*

Chorus

We will feast in the house of Zion.  
We will sing with our hearts restored.  
“He has done great things,” we will say together.  
We will feast, and weep no more.

We will not be burned by the fire;  
He is the Lord our God.  
We are not consumed by the flood -  
Upheld, protected, gathered up.

In the dark of night before the dawn,  
My soul be not afraid;  
For the promised morning, Oh how long!  
O God of Jacob, be my strength!

Every vow we’ve broken and betrayed,  
You are the faithful One;  
And from the garden to the grave,  
Bind us together, bring shalom.

**Ever Be**— *Kalley Heiligenthal*

Your love is devoted, like a ring of solid gold  
Like a vow that is tested, like a covenant of old  
And Your love is enduring through the winter rain  
And beyond the horizon with mercy for today

Faithful You have been and faithful You will be  
You pledge yourself to me  
And that’s why I sing

Your praise will ever be on my lips, ever be on my lips  
Your praise will ever be on my lips, ever be on my lips

You father the orphan, Your kindness makes us whole  
You shoulder our weakness, and Your strength becomes our own  
Now You’re making me like You, clothing me in white  
Bringing beauty from ashes, for You will have your bride

Free of all her guilt and rid of all her shame  
And known by her true name  
And it’s why I sing

Your praise will ever be on my lips, ever be on my lips  
Your praise will ever be on my lips, ever be on my lips

You will be praised, You will be praised  
With angels and saints we sing, “Worthy are You, Lord!”  
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*The largest book in the Bible is primarily a book of poems set to music to sing God’s praises. This is all part of God’s design to surround His presence with singing. Expressing gratitude to God expresses dependence upon God and is an antidote for cynicism, criticism, and bitterness.*

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## GIVING THANKS

“Behold, God is my salvation;  
I will trust, and will not be afraid;  
for the Lord God is my strength and my song,  
and he has become my salvation.”

With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.  
And you will say in that day:  
“Give thanks to the Lord,  
call upon his name,  
make known his deeds among the peoples,  
proclaim that his name is exalted.

“Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously;  
let this be made known in all the earth.  
Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion,  
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.”  
— Psalm 107: 1-2,7-8,14-15

## MESSAGE

**Series: Big Faith**

**Text: James 5:19-20**

**Title: Rescue**

**Speaker: Dave Sellers**

My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, <sup>20</sup>let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

## QUOTES

‘Everyone worries, everyone feels at least a little bit doomed basically all the time, even the richest, most successful, most secure among us live in perpetually anxious states of barely hanging on. Desperation’s just part of being human, so when relief comes in whatever form, as knights in shining armor, say, or digitized eagles swooping down on the slopes of Mordor, or the U.S. cavalry charging out of yonder blue, that’s a powerful trigger in the human psyche. Validation, redemption, life snatched from the jaws of death, all very powerful stuff. Powerful.’

—Ben Fountain

‘Deeper than Marx’s claim that workers “have nothing to lose but their chains” is the Christian promise that we have “nothing to lose but our sin.” Nothing that is truly human is lost in redemption. Death in baptism is to self, not of self. He came that we “may have life, and have it more abundantly” (John 10:10) and that your “joy may be full” (John 16:24).’

—C FitzSimmons Allison

‘People tend to make two mistakes when they think about the redeemed life. The first is to underestimate the sin that remains in us; it’s still there and it can still hurt us. The second is underestimate the strength of God’s grace; God is determined to make us new.

As a result, all Christians need to say two things. We admit that we are redeemed sinners. But we also say boldly and joyously that we are redeemed sinners.’

—Cornelius Plantinga Jr.

## OFFERING

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.

—Psalm 96:8-9

### **The Passion**—*Hillsong*

The passion of our Saviour  
The mercy of our God  
The cross that leaves no question  
Of the measure of His love

Chorus:

Our chains are gone  
Our debt is paid  
The cross has overthrown 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

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

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Father, many times, human leaders of your church  
have become like the older brother of the prodigal.  
Protect us from pride and self-righteousness.  
May we always rejoice as the wayward come home  
and be ready to admit when we've strayed.  
Lord, hear our prayer.

Lord, as we have run from you,  
we have not only marred your image in us  
but have brought destruction on the world.  
Help us to repent of destructive authority.  
Help us rejoice in the beauty of your world  
and be stewards of the corners of it we can change.  
For this, O Lord, we pray:  
Lord, hear our prayer.

Father, you came to earth and partook of our sorrows.  
You know what it is like to depend  
on the goodwill of others for your daily survival.  
Please comfort those who are in need:  
of shelter, of food, of money, or those  
who are suffering from poverty of relationships.  
Let us see their need with new eyes  
and step into their lives as you did into ours.  
For this, O Lord, we pray:  
Lord, hear our prayer.



Now gathering our prayers into one, let us pray boldly as our Savior has taught us:

**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 for ever. Amen**

## COMMUNION

Lord Jesus,

Your perfect life, your death and your resurrection are the source of all blessing in this life and the life to come. As I eat this bread and drink this cup, renew me in the joy and glory of knowing and serving you. I come to this table on the basis of your merit only and not my own. As you have completely and fully offered yourself for me, I now completely and fully offer myself to you as living sacrifice. Amen

## PRAYERS FOR REFLECTION

Prayer of those struggling with the truth:

*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 turn me 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.*

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*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 a follower of Jesus or are not prepared to share in the meal, we encourage you instead to spend this time in prayer ("Prayers for Reflection"). We hope this time is helpful to you as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ and with his people, the church.*

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**Remembrance** —*Hillsong*

I take the bread of life  
Broken for all my sin  
Your body crucified  
To make me whole again

I will recall the cup  
Poured out in sacrifice  
To trade this sinner's end  
For Your new covenant

Hallelujah  
I'll live my life in remembrance  
Hallelujah  
Your promise I won't forget

I'll walk salvation's road  
With fear and trembling  
Your way borne as my own  
As Christ is formed in me

Hallelujah  
I'll live my life in remembrance  
Hallelujah  
Your promise I won't forget

If ever I should lose my way  
If ever I deny Your grace  
Remind me of the price You paid  
Hallelujah  
I'll live in remembrance

You've been so, so good to me  
You've been so, so good to me  
Oh to think where I would be  
If not for You  
If not for You

As far as heights reach from the depths  
As far as east is from the west  
So far Your grace has carried me  
Until I see You face to face  
Until at last I've won my race  
Remind me You're not finished yet

Hallelujah  
Hallelujah  
Hallelujah  
I'll live in remembrance

# Sending

## **All Must Be Well**— *Indelible Grace*

Through the love of God our Savior, All will be well  
Free and changeless is His favor, All is well  
Precious is the blood that healed us  
Perfect is the grace that sealed us  
Strong the hand stretched forth to shield us  
All must be well

Though we pass through tribulation, All will be well  
Ours is such a full salvation, All is well  
Happy still in God confiding  
Fruitful if in Christ abiding  
Steadfast through the Spirit's guiding  
All must be well

We expect a bright tomorrow; All will be well  
Faith can sing through days of sorrow, All is well  
On our Father's love relying  
Jesus every need supplying  
Yes in living or in dying  
All must be well

On our Father's love relying  
Jesus every need supplying  
Yes in living or in dying  
All must be well

## **BENEDICTION**

May the God of hope fill you with all joy  
and peace in believing,  
so that by the power of the Holy Spirit  
you may abound in hope.

<sup>All</sup> **Amen**

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*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.*

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# Announcements

**Fall women's Bible study:** Isaiah has been called the "Romans of the Old Testament". Join us and find out why! Starting up on Sept 12 for Wednesday mornings: 9-11 am; childcare provided; or, Sept 18 for Tuesday evenings: 6:30-8 pm; meal provided.

Meet @ Cross Sound Church office, 600 Ericksen NE. Sign up on the clipboard, or send an email or text: [kerri@crosssound.org](mailto:kerri@crosssound.org); 402-770-5636

**Backpack Blessings:** Cannot believe its back to school time already and for Cross Sound Church that means its time for our annual Backpack Blessings. Next Sunday, September 9th, we will honor ALL our students with a backpack lanyard and blessing. This year's lanyard comes from *Psalms 28:7*, "The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and he helps me. My heart leaps for joy, and with my song I praise him." Each student will be presented with a charm to put on their backpack, reminding them that their Cross Sound family is praying for them and we will send them back to school covered by a special blessing as well.

A special thanks again to Cheri Brune, who makes each and every one of these charms with her own blessing and prayers for our students!

## All Church Read – The Art of Neighboring

When Jesus was asked to sum up everything into one command, he said to love God with everything we have and to love our neighbors as ourselves. What would happen if every follower of Jesus took the Great Commandment literally? Is it possible that the solution to our society's biggest issues has been right under our noses for the past two thousand years? Join the whole church in reading the book "The Art of Neighboring" this month, and then in September, we are going to continue to explore this book together. You can purchase a book for \$10 after service on the book cart at the top of the Commons.

## Men's Retreat - Sept. 21-23 @ Fort Worden

Sign up TODAY for the summer men's retreat. Friday check-in starts at 4pm. Friday night BBQ at 6pm, speaker throughout the weekend, and plenty of free time to go into Port Townsend for lunch or visit the café on campus, fish the sound, hike the trails or beach, golf, play Bocci Ball or tennis, hang out or just relax. The cost of the retreat is \$194 for a private room and \$158 for a bunk in the bunk room. There are scholarships available. For more info Contact Roger Barber [irbarbers@gmail.com](mailto:irbarbers@gmail.com)

## A youth discipleship program, AWANA, is starting this Fall!

Who: Kids grades K-6

What: AWANA is a ministry that encourages kids in their walk with Christ through studying God's Word, games, singing and engaging bible lessons.

When: Tuesdays 6-7:30 pm starting Tuesday, Oct. 23.

Where: Island School, off of Day Road.

Why: To spread the good news of JESUS to Bainbridge kids! And to help kids strengthen their faith.

How: To register go to [crosssound.org](http://crosssound.org). Under the Giving tab click on "Event" then choose "AWANA".

To learn more about volunteer opportunities (we need you!) email Katie Fixter at [katie@crosssound.org](mailto:katie@crosssound.org).

**Mens Homebuilding trip to Ensenada Nov. 30-Dec.3:** Begin thinking about and praying about a men's trip to Ensenada. Trip will be open to 20 men ages 15 and up. If you are interested please contact Tom Crane [Tom@TILZ.com](mailto:Tom@TILZ.com)

# Community Announcements

## **LuAnne Mast, Womens Event at Island Church**

Fri, Sep 14, 2018 6:30 PM Sat, Sep 15, 2018 1:00 PM

When: Friday evening (6:30-8:30pm) and Saturday morning (9:30am-1:00pm)

“Legal Access & Open Doors,” a special women’s event with speaker LuAnne Mast will be take place downstairs at Island Church on Friday evening (6:30-8:30pm) and Saturday morning (9:30am-1:00pm). Nursery care provided, Intercessory prayer to follow sessions, food with coffee and tea for all. Contact Sarah Anderson (sarahhornanderson@gmail.com) or Kathy Ashley (kathy\_ashley@sbcglobal.net).

## CS Kids and Youth Group

### **Small Beginnings Nursery** (new–2yrs) Room #234

Contact: Laura O’Connell, Laura@crosssound.org Children are invited to be dropped off at this class before the church service begins.

### **Cross Sound Kids:**

Children will attend the worship portion of the service and then be sent to their classrooms as a whole Sunday school group.

Contact: Laura O’Connell, oconnells1908@yahoo.com or Katie Fixter, kfixter5@gmail.com

### **Little Kids (3–5yrs)** Room #232

### **Kindergarten- 4th grade** Room #229

### **Fifth & Sixth grades** Room #222

### **Junior High,** Bainbridge High School Library

### **Senior High,** Bainbridge High School Library

NOTES:

# 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   
Second time visitor   
Regular attendee

Interested in more info for:  
\_\_\_\_\_ Ministry

Please add me to:  
Email list  Mailing list

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Children & their ages: \_\_\_\_\_

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*If you have prayer requests or prayers of thanksgiving that you would like to share please email [Penny@crosssound.org](mailto:Penny@crosssound.org) or indicate on the prayer request page and drop it in the offering basket. Our prayer team prays for these requests throughout the week.*

