



The more I considered
Christianity, the more
I found that while
it had established a rule
and an order,
the chief aim of that order
was to give room for
good things to run wild.

G.K. Chesterton

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2021
Order of Worship
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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 100

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

Worship the LORD with gladness;
come before Him with joyful songs.

Know that the LORD is God.

It is He who made us, and we are His;
we are His people, the sheep of His pasture.

Enter His gates with thanksgiving
and His courts with praise;
give thanks to Him and praise His name.

For the LORD is good and His love endures forever;
His faithfulness continues through all generations.

CONFESSION OF SIN

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

Lord Jesus,

**You've given to us your love, favor, kindness and forgiveness
by adopting us as your daughters and sons.**

You call us to be:

**God-trusting
neighbor-loving
risk-taking
life-giving.**

Forgive us for the times when we have resisted your call.

Forgive us when our lives are

**God-denying
tight fisted
neighbor-scorning
risk-avoiding
life-taking.**

Forgive us and purify our hearts, O Lord.

Bring us into the wide open spaces of those who love generously.

Renewing

RECEIVING OF GRACE

God did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all,
how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?

In Christ, God has forgiven our sins.

God has paid our debt.

Nothing can separate us from the love of God,
which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

Your Labor is Not in Vain — *Wendell Kimbrough/Paul Zach/Isaac Wardell*

Your labor is not in vain

though the ground underneath you is cursed and stained

Your planting and reaping are never the same

But your labor is not in vain.

Your labor is not unknown

though the rocks they cry out and the sea it may groan.

The place of your toil may not seem like a home

but your labor is not unknown.

For I am with you, I am with you.

I am with you, I am with you

For I have called you,

called you by name

Your labor is not in vain.

The vineyards you plant will bear fruit

the fields will sing out and rejoice with the truth,

for all that is old will at last be made new:

the vineyards you plant will bear fruit.

The houses you labored to build

will finally with laughter and joy be filled.

The serpent that hurts and destroys shall be killed

and all that is broken be healed.

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.

Steadfast — *Sandra McCracken*

I will build my house, Whether storm or drought
On the rock that does not move, I will set my hope
On Your love O Lord, And Your faithfulness will prove

You are steadfast, steadfast

By the word You spoke, All the starry host
Are called out by name each night, In Your watchful care
I will rest secure, As You lead us lead us with Your light

I will not trust, In the strength of kings
On Your promise I will stand, I will shout for joy
I will raise my voice, Hallelujah to the Lamb!

In the moment of emptiness, All was fulfilled
In the hour of darkness, Your light was revealed
In the presence of death, Your life was affirmed
In the absence of holiness, You are still God

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

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

GIVING THANKS — Psalm 89:1-2, 13-15 (MSG)

Your love, GOD, is my song, and I'll sing it!
I'm forever telling everyone how faithful you are.
**I'll never quit telling the story of your love—
how you built the cosmos
and guaranteed everything in it.**
Your love has always been our lives' foundation,
your fidelity has been the roof over our world.

Blessed are the people who know the passwords of praise,
who shout on parade in the bright presence of GOD.
**Delighted, they dance all day long; they know
who you are, what you do—they can't keep it quiet!**
Your vibrant beauty has gotten inside us—
you've been so good to us! We're walking on air!
**All we are and have we owe to GOD,
Holy God of Israel, our King!**

STUDENT DISMISSAL

With the exception of the nursery, all students begin in the worship service. Upon dismissal students gather in room 231 for large group, then on to individual classes: Nursery Rm 234, PreK-2nd Rm 232, 3rd-6th Rm 231

Message

Text: Psalm 118:1, Mark 4:30-32

Title: Surprising Goodness

Speaker: Paul Schuler

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;
His love endures forever. — Psalm 118:1

Again he said, “What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? ³¹ It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds on earth. ³² Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds can perch in its shade.” — Mark 4:30-32

NOTES

OFFERING — Matthew 10:8

Freely you have received, freely give.

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!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We thank you, Father, for your faithfulness to us for the past 25 years!
We thank you that we're part of this one Church of yours
in every part of the world, bearing love, joy, peace, patience
and the other fruit of you, Holy Spirit as you make all things new.
For this, O Lord, we pray;
Lord, hear our prayer.

We ask, Jesus, that you would bring restoration to the world and our cities
that surpasses our wildest hopes and expectations.
Please be very real to our family, friends, neighbors and co-workers
and use us in the process by the way we live and the words we use.
For this, O Lord, we pray;
Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray, Holy Spirit, for all those in positions of power:
may they bear authority in God's strength and humility,
serving the needs of their people, especially the poor and weak.
Restrain evil and injustice and fill the earth with your righteousness and peace.
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

How Great Thou Art — *Stuart K. Hine*

Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder
Thy power throughout the universe displayed

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art.
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

And when I think, that God, His son not sparing
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin.

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration
And then proclaim, My God how great Thou art!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

May God Himself, the God of all redemption,
strengthen you with His grace, and keep you secure in every adversity,
as you await the return of our Lord Jesus Christ;
and the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen**

COMMUNION

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

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died;
Christ has risen:
Christ will come again.
Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.
Therefore, let us keep the feast.

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

All Church Luncheon TODAY! In honor of our 25th anniversary, we will be gathering in celebration, directly following worship service. Join us!

CS Kids Halloween Join us at Wyatt House from 4:00-4:30 pm on Oct. 31st 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!

School of Discipleship Class 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 Ministry — HANG OUT AT TREEHOUSE CAFE It’s been too long! We’ve got the back room reserved *next Thursday, 10/21 at 5:30 pm* for pool, darts, and connecting together. Come and go at your leisure; we’ll order pizza as needed. Invite friends if you are so inclined. Looking forward to spending time together!

FRIDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY 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.

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: _____
Second time visitor _____ Ministry Please add me to:
Regular attendee _____ Email list
_____ 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.