



We never know how
good we can look, how
delightful we can feel,
or how strong we can be
until we hear ourselves
addressed by God in love.

Eugene Peterson

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 115:1-3:9-11

Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to your name give glory,
 for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness!
Why should the nations say,
 “Where is their God?”
Our God is in the heavens;
 He does all that he pleases.

O Israel, trust in the LORD!
 He is their help and their shield.
O house of Aaron, trust in the LORD!
 He is their help and their shield.
You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD!
 He is their help and their shield.

CONFESSION OF SIN

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

Lord Jesus,
You are our humble and exalted King,
we come to you weighed down from sin,
and confess to you our unfaithfulness and duplicity.
We hold high the priorities of the world
instead of living fully as the daughters and sons you delight in.
Forgive us and clean up these new hearts you’ve given us,
that we may do justly, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.

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.**

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

In the morning when I rise,
In the morning when I rise,
In the morning 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.

Come Alive (Dry Bones) — By Lauren Daigle and Michael Farren
Through the eyes of man it seems, There's so much we have lost
As we look down the road, Where all the prodigals have walked
And one by one the enemy, Has whispered lies and led them off as slaves

But I know that You are God, Yours is the victory
We know there is more to come, That we may not yet see
So with the faith You've given us, We step into the valley unafraid

We call out the dry bones, "Come alive, come alive!"
We call out to dead hearts, "Come alive, come alive!"
Up out of the ashes, Let us see an army rise.
We call out to dry bones, "Come alive!"

God of endless mercy, God of unrelenting love
Rescue every daughter, Bring us back the wayward sons
And by Your Spirit breathe upon them, Show the world that You alone can save

So breathe, oh breath of God, Now breathe, oh breath of God
Breathe, oh breath of God, Now breathe

Mighty To Save

Everyone needs compassion, a love that's never failing,
Let mercy fall on us
Everyone needs forgiveness, the kindness of a Savior,
The hope of nations

*Savior, He can move the mountains, Our God is mighty to save
He is mighty to save
Forever, author of salvation, He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave*

So take us as You find us, all our fears and failures,
Fill our lives again
We give our lives to follow everything we believe in,
Now we surrender

Hallelujah! Let the whole world see, we're singing
For the glory of the risen King, Jesus
Hallelujah! Let the whole world see, we're singing
For the glory of the risen King

It has been the practice of the church for thousands of years to have portions of the Bible read during worship services. We do this because we are people who need to be shaped by all of God's word.

STUDENT DISMISSAL

LAMENTING — Psalm 22:1-6

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?

O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer,
and by night, but I find no rest.

Yet you are holy,
enthroned on the praises of Israel.

In you our fathers trusted;
they trusted, and you delivered them.

To you they cried and were rescued;
in you they trusted and were not put to shame.

GREG NANCE

QUOTES

'Unless Christians are taught that God's work and human work are compatible, they often believe that in any given thought or action either God is at work or humans are, but never both. This dualistic approach can create confusion and even despair as Christians wrestle with sanctification, discipleship and mission. Many Christians believe that any use of their own mind or strength to accomplish a task means they have not worked in the Lord's strength. As a result, these believers have little vision for living life as God's agents, working for his kingdom and for his glory in their vocations, families, witness and relationship with God.

But the God-given ability to imitate makes humans participants in God's own mission. Thinking rightly about both our roles as participants in God's mission on the one hand and God's role in our efforts on the other encourages us and feeds our fruitfulness. We discover that this message produces postures of restful reliance and radical effort. It simultaneously leads to security and striving, quiet confidence and courageous action.
—Jason B Hood

We trust that the God who specializes in bringing good out of evil will make something beautiful out of our efforts to love God and our neighbors in creation. Indeed, God often brings good out of our failures, and even our sins. For in the aftermath, we sometimes learn humility, and faith, and other vital lessons we would learn no other way.
—John G Stackhouse, Jr.

Message

Series: A New Beginning: What Now?

Text: Genesis 50:15-20

Title: Sovereignty

Speaker: Dave Sellers

When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him."¹⁶ So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died:¹⁷ 'Say to Joseph, "Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.'" And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him.¹⁸ His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants."¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God?²⁰ As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today.

NOTES

OFFERING — Romans 12:1

I urge you, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God — this is your spiritual worship.

All Creatures Of Our God and King — *Words: Francis of Assisi, c. 1225;*
Music: Peter von Brachel, 1623

All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing
Alleluia, Alleluia
Thou burning sun with golden beam
Thou silver moon with softer gleam
Oh praise Him! Oh praise Him!
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong
Ye clouds that sail in heaven along
Oh praise Him, Alleluia!
Thou rising moon in praise rejoice
Ye lights of evening find a voice
Oh praise Him! Oh praise Him!
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

And all ye men of tender heart
Forgiving others take your part
O, sing ye, Alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear
Praise God and on Him cast you care
Oh praise Him! Oh praise Him!
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless
And worship Him in humbleness
Oh praise Him, Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son
And praise the Spirit, Three in One!
Oh praise Him! Oh praise Him!
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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

Sovereign God,
your love cost your only Son,
empower us to to follow him in the way of the resurrection:
Fill our hearts, open our eyes, and move our hands
in love and hope toward you and our neighbor.
For this, O Lord, we pray;
Lord, hear our prayer.

Sovereign Lord,
We pray for the restoration of the world
in the midst of broken and strained relationships.
Give us repentance and forgiveness;
increase in us a deep awareness that your love includes all peoples.
For this, O Lord, we pray;
Lord, hear our prayer.

Sovereign Spirit,
We thank you for the freedom you've given to us.
May we use that freedom to honor you and to care for and about those
inside and outside of the Church.
Shake us, renew us and fill us with your presence.
That our lives would reflect Jesus.
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

Come Thou Fount — *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 debtorm, 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.

SENDING — Anna Swanson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

May our powerful and good Father,
give you grace and strength
to live as heirs to his Kingdom
and the beloved children of God;
and the blessing of God almighty,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
be among you, and remain with you always.

Amen

Announcements

School of Discipleship As of TODAY, October 3, from 9-9:45am each Sunday, we'd like to invite you to join CSC's School of Discipleship as we go through a seven-week class called "Gospel in Life" by Tim Keller. In this class we will 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!

"Helping Hands" Church Event Implementation Team - Volunteers needed!

We are in the process of planning monthly or seasonal events, similar to our recent luncheon and picnic, and need helpers to carry out a few simple tasks on a regular basis (i.e. picking up food, gathering table settings, etc). If you're interested in participating or learning more, email Kristin: kristin@crosssound.org or sign up on the clipboard at the Community Cart in the entry way!

CS Kids We are excited to be welcoming our kids back into our Sunday School classrooms! With the exception of nursery, all students will start in our main worship service. Upon dismissal we will gather in Room 231 for our large group time, and then students will be dismissed to individual classes (upstairs in the same building as worship service). We are following CDC guidelines, and requiring all kids ages 2 and older to wear a mask. Please feel free to contact Laura O'Connell (lauraoc@crosssound.org), Bill Parrott (lcparrott@msn.com), or Ashley Devenyns (ashley@crosssound.org) if you have any questions.

- NURSERY (NEWBORN TO 3 YEARS OLD) - ROOM 234
- PREK-2ND GRADE - ROOM 232
- 3RD-6TH GRADE - ROOM 231

Men's Ministry — Join us for Bible study on Friday Mornings 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.

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.