



Some say they watch
happily ever after
stories to escape
reality. But what if
these were the stories
that helped us most to
enter reality?

—
Scott Sauls

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

CALL TO WORSHIP — Portions of Psalm 86

Among the gods there is none like you, Lord;
no deeds can compare with yours.
I will praise you, Lord my God, with all my heart;
I will glorify your name forever.
For great is your love toward me;
you have delivered me from the depths

CONFESSION OF SIN — based on Psalm 51:10-11

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.

Most holy and merciful Father,

**We acknowledge and confess before you our sinful nature,
our shortcomings, and offenses.**

**You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from
your way, in wasting your gifts, and in forgetting your love.**

Forgive us, dear Father.

**In your love, speak afresh to us the gospel of your grace, and
remind us that Jesus bore our every sin upon the cross.**

**Set our eyes upon Him who is all-together beautiful and good,
and then allow us to follow him with great intention and joy.**

**We ask these things in His glorious name,
Amen.**

Renewing

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND RECEIVING OF GRACE

Blessed is the one

*whose transgressions are forgiven,
whose sins are covered.*

Blessed is the one

*whose sin the Lord does not count
against them.*

I acknowledged my sin to you

and did not cover up my iniquity.

I said, "I will confess

my transgressions to the Lord."

And you forgave

the guilt of my sin. — Psalm 32:1-2,5

Know this joy this morning:

If you are in Christ,

You are loved,

You are forgiven,

You are His.

Celebrate and be at peace.

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.

(chorus)

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.

(chorus)

I Cry Out (Good to Me) — Craig Musseau

I cry out, for Your hand of mercy to heal me.
I am weak, and I need your love to free me.
Oh Lord, my rock. My strength in weakness.
Come rescue me, Oh Lord.

You are my hope and Your promise never fails me.
And my desire is to follow you forever.
For you are good, for you are good
For you are good to me.
For you are good, for you are good
For you are good to me

ANNOUNCEMENTS, STUDENT DISMISSAL & GREETING

Please stand and introduce yourself to one another.

Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you. — Romans 15:7

You were cleansed from your sins when you obeyed the truth, so now you must show sincere love to each other as brothers and sisters. Love each other deeply with all your heart. — 1Peter 1:22

MESSAGE SERIES: REVELATION

Title: A New Heaven & New Earth

Text: Revelation 21:1-5

Speaker: Dave O'Connell

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. ⁴ He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

⁵ And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also, he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

NOTES:

OFFERING — *Offering is a way for members and friends to support the worship and work of the church, its 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 Is., WA 98110



ring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,” says the LORD Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.”

— Malachi 3:10

What A Beautiful Name — *Ben Fielding & Brooke Ligertwood*

You were the Word at the beginning
One with God the Lord Most High
Your hidden glory in creation
Now revealed in You, our Christ

*What a beautiful Name it is, What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ, my King
What a beautiful name it is, Nothing compares to this
What a beautiful Name it is, The Name of Jesus*

You wanted heaven opened to us
So Jesus, You brought heaven down
My sin was great, Your love was greater
What could separate us now?

What a wonderful name it is...

Death could not hold You
The veil tore before You
You silence the boast of sin and grave
The heavens are roaring
The praise of Your glory
For You are raised to life again
You have no rival, You have no equal
Now and forever, God You reign
Yours is the kingdom, Yours is the glory
Yours is the Name above all names

What a powerful Name it is...

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”).

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, which 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,
The power, and the glory, For ever.
Amen.

COMMUNION

*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.*
— 1Peter 1:17-18

*“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my
yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will
find rest for your souls.”*
— Matthew 11:28-29

Sending

We Will Feast in the House of Zion — Sandra McCracken, 2015

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.

(Chorus)

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!

(Chorus)

Every vow we’ve broken and betrayed, you are the faithful One;

And from the garden to the grave, bind us together, bring shalom.

(Chorus)

BENEDICTION — Revelation 1:5b-6

*All glory to him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by
shedding his blood for us. He has made us a Kingdom
of priests for God his Father. All glory and power
to him forever and ever! Amen*

Announcements


Another Suquamish Community Kitchen opportunity is coming up! We are serving dinner on September 6th. If you would like to help in some way, register at bit.ly/suquamishkitchen. There are many opportunities and *none* include running the entire show :-). If you can't help this time, but would like to be part of the group, you can request to be added and receive emails at bit.ly/suquamishkitchen

CSC Golf Tournament Fundraiser is back! October 7 at Meadowmeer Golf Club. All proceeds benefit the Ensenada Homebuilding Trip. Details to come - stay tuned!

The Coffee Oasis is looking for snacks for lunches and after school. Please drop off at the church office by Monday August 28th. They are also looking for volunteers for their back to school bash on Wednesday August 23rd. If you have any questions contact Rachel Long at rlong4@icloud.com.

Shoe Collection for Cuba Our Missions Team is collecting shoes...please consider donating a NEW pair of kids' shoes (sizes 13-5 1/2). Sneakers and sturdy sandals (No flip flops or Crocs please). Shannon Roa will be announcing details soon-stay tuned! Thank you!

Men's Ministry email Dave Sellers at dave@crosssound.org with questions

- MEN'S RETREAT SEPT 15 - 17, 2023 AT FORT WORDEN: SAVE THE DATE! This year's speaker is Dr. Dan Jarrell, Former pastor of ChangePoint in Anchorage, AK (largest church in Alaska), focused on the theme: "Living Dangerously for God." *How we become the type of men that are effective tools in the hands of our King?* SIGN UP TODAY! Follow QR >  Or follow this link: bit.ly/CSCMensRetreat2023 (The first 26 men to sign up will get private rooms, after that they will be in semi private room or bunk room.)
- BIBLE STUDY Fridays at 6:30am via Zoom. Email brian@crosssound.org for info
- MEN'S BREAKFAST Second Saturday of the month. 8am at the Church Office.

Women's Ministry Questions? email Ashley Devynyns at ashley@crosssound.org

- SOUND OF SUMMER CONCERT, AUGUST 30 AT 6:30PM: Bring a blanket, lawn chair and a snack to share as we gather at Battle Point for the final Sound of Summer concert! More info at: bit.ly/CSCSummerConcert2023

GriefShare returns Thursdays starting September 7. A support group for people experiencing grief after death of a loved one. Weekly video seminars are offered, featuring some of the nation's foremost experts on grief recovery, along with small group discussion time. GriefShare is a Christ-centered ministry, now an 11-week Program designed to help you rebuild your life. It is open to new participants at any time during the cycle. We know it hurts, and we want to help. For info call Sue MacFarlane 206-714-5986 or jimorsuemac@hotmail.com.

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.