

SUNDAY, MAY 9, 2021
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

“Grace is something you can never get but can only be given. There’s no way to earn it or deserve it or bring it about anymore that you can deserve the taste of raspberries and cream or earn good looks. A good night’s sleep is grace and so are good dreams. Most tears are grace. The smell of rain is grace. Somebody loving you is grace.”

— Frederick Buechner



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

PASTORS:

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To learn more about the staff, our Elders, Deacons, International Ministers and Community Group Leaders, visit crosssound.org or call our office: (206) 842-6898

Text in bold is read by the entire congregation. Plain text is read by the worship leader only.

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

CONFESSION 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)

**Our God, in raising Jesus from the dead
you have given us the ultimate sign of your power and love
to deliver us from our brokenness and death
and to make all things new.**

We confess that we still have doubts and fears.

We question your existence.

We continue to live mostly for ourselves

Forgive us. Have mercy on us.

**Raise us from the death of sin that we may live with Jesus
in the joy of his resurrection, now and forever.**

Renewing

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND RECEIVING OF GRACE

“Come now, let us reason together,”
says the LORD.

“Though your sins are like scarlet,
they shall be as white as snow;
though they are red as crimson,
they shall be like wool.

— *Isaiah 1:18*

Hosanna (Praise is Rising) — *Paul Baloche*

Praise is rising, eyes are turning to You, We turn to You
Hosanna is stirring, hearts are yearning for You, We long for You

'Cause when we see You, We find strength to face the day
And in Your presence, All our fears are washed away, washed away.

*Hosanna! Hosanna, You are the God who saves us, Worthy of all our praises
Hosanna! Hosanna! Come have Your way among us. We welcome You here, Lord Jesus!*

Hear the sound of hearts returning to You, We turn to You
In Your kingdom broken lives are made new, You make all things new

Rising Sun — *All Sons and Daughters*

Praise Him all you sinners, Sing oh sing you weary
Oh praise Him all you children of God
We lift high His glory, Shown throughout our stories
We praise Him as the children of God

*Our Great Redeemer, Glorious Savior
Your name is higher than the rising sun
Light of the morning, You shine forever
Your name is higher than the rising sun
Your name is higher than the rising sun*

Praise His name forever, Speak it loud and clear now
Oh praise Him all you children of God

*Our Great Redeemer, Glorious Savior
Your name is higher than the rising sun
Light of the morning, You shine forever
Your name is higher than the rising sun
Your name is higher than the rising sun*

Hallelujah name above all
Simply to speak Your name is praise
Hallelujah I will always forever
We lift your name in praise

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.

GIVING THANKS

Praise be to you, Lord,
from everlasting to everlasting.
Yours, Lord, is the greatness and the power
and the glory and the majesty and the splendor,
for everything in heaven and earth is yours.
Yours, Lord, is the kingdom;
you are exalted as head over all.
In your hands are strength and power
to exalt and give strength to all.
Now, our God, we give you thanks,
and praise your glorious name. — 1st Chronicles 29

SONG — Zach Fleury

Message

Text: Ephesians 1:15-21

Title: That You May Love

Series: Church Without Walls

Speaker: Dave O'Connell

For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, ¹⁶ I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. ¹⁷ I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. ¹⁸ I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, ¹⁹ and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength ²⁰ he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, ²¹ far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come.

NOTES:

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 & PRAYER

THE LORD'S SUPPER

I Stand Amazed (How Marvelous) — *Charles Hutchinson Gabriel*

I stand amazed in the presence, Of Jesus, the Nazarene
And wonder how He could love me, A sinner condemned unclean

For me it was in the garden, He prayed, "Not My will, but Thine"
He had no tears for His own griefs, But shed drops of blood for mine

*How marvelous, how wonderful, And my song shall ever be
How marvelous, how wonderful, Is my Savior's love for me*

He took my sins and my sorrows, He made them His very own
He bore the burden to Calvary, And suffered and died alone

When with the ransomed in glory, His face I at last shall see
'Twill be my joy through the ages, To sing of His love for me

OFFERING — *There will be offering baskets positioned at the exits if you would like to drop off a tithe or offering off before leaving today.*

BENEDICTION

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

Ensenada 2021! Saturday, Nov. 20th – Friday, Nov. 26th. Families, singles and youth are all encouraged to go. The number of homes we will build will depend on how many people sign up - so let us know if you're interested! Sign-up now for more info: <https://crosssound.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/787698>
Or email mail Stu Childers at Stuart@seattlePump.com

Children's Ministry REGISTRATION FOR CROSS SOUND CAMP AT ISLAND LAKE CAMP IN POULSBO IS NOW OPEN! August 16th—20th, 10am—4pm. (The camp is taking every Covid precaution this Summer. All activities will be outdoors, all attendees will be wearing masks, and we will not be providing transportation from Bainbridge to Island Lake this Summer). Please reach out to Laura O'Connell at lauraoc@crosssound.org if you have any questions.

Open to all current Kindergarten-8th grade students (we'd love for older students to sign up as counselors!) We hope you can join us! Register here: <https://crosssound.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/791284>

Women's Ministry BIBLE STUDY HAS BEGUN! *The Emotionally Healthy Woman: Eight Things You Have to Quit to Change Your Life*. Email kerri@crosssound.org for more details and to sign up!

Men's Retreat As a church, we want to be supportive of each other via Community Groups, Men's Bible Study, small groups, worship, and friendships. If you want to connect, please email, text or call Dave Sellers (206) 334.5205.
- MEN'S RETREAT: Save the date! Sept.17-19, 2021 @ Ft. Worden
- FRIDAY AM BIBLE STUDY: email irbarbers@gmail.com for Zoom link

Community Groups This ten-week session runs 4/11 through 6/19. Email Roger Barbers at irbarbers@gmail.com, indicating the group or week day you prefer.
Dave & Carrie Sellers - Tuesday (Bainbridge, Kid Friendly)
Mark & Cheryl Harrison - Thursday (Poulsbo)
Bob Cordell & Bill Parrott - Thursday (Poulsbo, Kid Friendly)
Dave & Laura O'Connell - Thursday (Bainbridge, Kid Friendly)
Linda Gordon & Roger Barber - Saturday (Bainbridge)
Patrick & Jenny Kilby - Sunday, noon (Bainbridge, Kid Friendly)
Jeff & Ann Ogard - Sunday (Poulsbo)

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

Financial Update: Last week's total \$14,532 Actual Income to Date \$913,813.63
Budgeted Income to Date \$872,886.40 Annual Budget (7/19-6/20): \$1,019,623

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: _____

If you have prayer requests or prayers of thanksgiving that you would like to share please email Kristin@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.

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.