



God's grace has a
drenching about it.
A wildness about it.

—

Max Lucado

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 5:7,11 and 7:17

By your great love,
I can come into your house;
**Let all who take refuge in you be glad;
let them ever sing for joy.**

I will give thanks to the Lord
because of his righteousness;
**I will sing the praises of the name
of the Lord Most High.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

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.

Heavenly Father,

**We so regularly lose sight of you.
We fail to live in light of your goodness and love.
And our attitudes, words, and deeds show it.**

**Lord, forgive us again!
And thank you for Jesus!
Thank you for the one who died for our every sin.**

**Lord, renew our joy in Him, our love for Him, and
our resolve to wholeheartedly follow Him, we pray.
Amen**

Renewing

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND RECEIVING OF GRACE

For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his love for those who fear him;
as far as the east is from the west,
so far has he removed our transgressions from us.
— Psalm 103:11-12

Friends, hear some of the sweetest words you will
ever hear, this side of eternity:
In Jesus Christ,
You are Forgiven!
Rejoice and be at Peace!
Amen.

Your Love, O Lord

Your love, Oh Lord, reaches to the heavens
Your faithfulness stretches to the sky
Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains
And Your justice flows like the ocean's tides

And I will lift my voice to worship You, my King
And I will find my strength in the shadow of Your wings

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.

Continue to Love Me — *Michelle Patterson*

Continue to love me, with that same love
Righteous and unchanging
Continue to love me, with that same love
Priceless and unfailing

Your love, it reaches to the sky
Your righteousness, a mountain high
How priceless, Your unending love
Both high and low among men
Take cover under Your wings
How priceless, Your unending love

How priceless, Your unending love
How priceless, Your unending love

Sing to the King

Sing to the King Who is coming to reign
Glory to Jesus, the Lamb that was slain
Life and salvation His empire shall bring
And joy to the nations when Jesus is King

Come, let us sing a song
A song declaring we belong to Jesus
He is all we need
Lift up a heart of praise
Sing now with voices raised to Jesus
Sing to the King

For His returning we watch and we pray
We will be ready the dawn of that day
We'll join in singing with all the redeemed
'Cause Satan is vanquished and Jesus is King

MISSION UPDATE FROM CUBA

ANNOUNCEMENTS, STUDENT DISMISSAL & GREETING

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

Love one another deeply from the heart.
— 1 Peter 1:22

SONG OF PREPARATION

Speak, O Lord — *Getty/Townend*
Speak, O Lord, as we come to You
To receive the food of Your holy word
Take Your Truth, plant it deep in us
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory

Teach us, Lord, full obedience
Holy reverence, true humility
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority
Words of power that can never fail
Let their Truth prevail over unbelief

MESSAGE SERIES: SURPRISING JOY

SERIES: Surprising Joy

TITLE: An Invitation to Feast

TEXT: Philippians 4:8-9

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! ⁵ Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. ⁹ Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

NOTES:

OFFERING — 2nd Corinthians 9:7

Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

When grace happens, generosity happens. — Max Lucado

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!

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. There are different ways to financially give, via:

- Offering basket: place Check or Cash in a Giving Envelope on Sunday mornings
- Mail: Cross Sound Church PO Box 11748 or 600 Ericksen Ave #210, Bainbridge Is., WA 98110
- Cross Sound app: look up "Church Center" on the App Store and follow the prompts
- Online: <https://www.crosssound.org/give> • Stock: contact bookkeeper@crosssound.org

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Heavenly Father,

By grace, you have brought us into your kingdom.

In love, you have adopted us into your family.

In Jesus, you will never, ever let us go.

Teach us to daily celebrate and rejoice in these things,

And to let our joy in you be our strength!

[Silent Prayer: Invite Him to help you to grow in rejoicing]

For this, O Lord, we pray:

Lord, hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus,

You taught us not to worry, but to rest in your care.

Lord, teach us to turn our cares into prayers.

Teach us to bring you our praise and thanks,

Not only on good days, but in the hardest of days,

So that we might know your perfect, guarding peace.

[Silent Prayer: Invite Him to help grow you in prayer & peace]

For this, O Lord, we pray:

Lord, hear our prayer.

Holy Spirit,

We live in a charged, angry, and divided world.

Work in our hearts and in our life together as a church,

So that we might reflect the gentleness of Christ!

Help us to be strong in Him, and in the truth,

But in a way that is caring, winsome, and loving too.

[Silent Prayer: Invite him to help you to be gentle in a specific role or relationship where it is most needed.]

For this, O Lord, we pray:

Lord, hear our prayer.

Lord God, our Triune God,

We thank you for your invitation this morning;

Your invitation to feast our minds upon good things.

Lord, you know how often we allow self-condemning,

unhealthy, and even sinful thoughts to preoccupy us.

Help carve new grooves of life into our thinking we pray.

[Silent Prayer: Invite him to help you with your thinking & living.]

For this, O Lord, we pray:

Lord, hear our prayer.

Sending

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.
Amen.

Lord of Lords — *Hillsong United*

Beholding Your beauty is all that I long for, To worship You, Jesus, is my sole desire
For this very heart You have shaped for Your pleasure, Purposed to lift Your Name higher

Here in surrender, in pure adoration, I enter Your courts with an offering of praise
I am Your servant, come to bring You glory, As is fit for the work of Your hands

*Now unto the Lamb Who sits on the throne, Be glory and honor and praise
All of creation resounds with the song, Worship and praise Him, the Lord of lords*

Spirit now living and dwelling within me, Keep my eyes fixed ever on Jesus' face
Let not the things of this world ever sway me, I'll run 'til I finish the race

*Now unto the Lamb Who sits on the throne, Be glory and honor and praise
All of eternity echoes the song, Worship and praise Him, the Lord of lords*

Holy Lord, You are holy. Jesus Christ is the Lord

*Now unto the Lamb Who sits on the throne, Be glory and honor and praise
Call all the sinners to join in the song, Worship and praise Him, the Lord of lords*

COMMUNION

Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. — John 6:35

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

BENEDICTION

May the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
Be upon you, both now and forevermore. Amen.

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

13-week GriefShare Program Begins Sep 8 GriefShare returns weekly Thursdays Sept 8-Dec 8 Church Office 10 am-12:30 pm. If you have lost a spouse, child, family member or friend, you have probably found there may not be many people who can't understand the pain of this loss for you. It can affect your outlook on life, your health, cause confusion, raise questions about your mental health and about things you have never faced. It could have happened years ago or recently. GriefShare groups meet weekly to help you face these challenges and begin rebuilding your life. Our 2021 pilot program was very helpful in learning what is normal and how to deal with where you feel stuck. It builds hope and purpose. Confidentiality is stressed and valued. *For info and/or registration contact Sue MacFarlane 206-714-5986 or jimorsuemac@hotmail.com. Please provide name and contact info.*

Community Group Fall Sign Ups TODAY! This 11-week Fall Session runs from 9/4 thru 11/19. Sign up in-person at church today or next Sunday or email Roger at irbarbers@gmail.com. Please indicate a group or evening of the week preference:

| Leader | Evening |
|--|--------------------------------------|
| Dave Sellers | Tuesday (BI) (Kid Friendly) |
| Mark & Cheryl Harrison | Thursday (Poulsbo) |
| Bob Cordell & Bill Parrott | Thursday (Poulsbo) (Kid Friendly) |
| Linda Gordon & Roger Barber | Saturday (BI) |
| Patrick Kilby | Sunday afternoon (BI) (Kid Friendly) |
| Dave O'Connell | Thursday (BI) (Kid Friendly) |
| Fred & Robbin Kroger and Tom & Linda Hittle (Full) | Sunday (BI) |

Women's Ministry: See insert for Schedule of events! email Ashley@crosssound.org

Men's Retreat: September 16-18 @ Fort Worden This year's focus is *Man's Journey towards Maturity*, looking at seven Hebrew words that express seven different aspects of what a mature man looks like. You are invited to to fish the sound, hike the trails or beach, play golf or tennis, hang out, relax and study scripture. *Sign up!* <https://crosssound.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1342195>

Ensenada Fundraiser: Golf at Meadowmeer We are continuing our annual tradition on September 24. Mark your calendar and stay tuned for details!

Ensenada is November 19-25! Building homes for those in desperate need. PLEASE NOTE, we've reached max capacity at 60 people, but you may still sign up! *If you are interested in learning more, or taking a spot if one opens, sign up online:* <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805094FAFA623AAF94-ensenada>

If you need support, would like prayer, have a question, or are suffering COVID-19 Hardship contact: info@crosssound.org Find info about COVID-19 at: www.doh.wa.gov/Emergencies/Coronavirus?

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.