

SUNDAY, APRIL 15 2018  
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

“You may  
go through  
difficulty,  
hardship, or  
trial, but as  
long as you are  
anchored to  
Jesus, you will  
have hope.”

— Charles Stanley



Order of Worship  
[www.crosssound.org](http://www.crosssound.org)

# 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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**[crosssound.org](http://crosssound.org)** or call our office: **(206) 842-6898**

# Gathering

*Please join in song when ready*

## **Gloria Patri**

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

## **All Creatures of Our God and King**

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!

## PREPARATION

Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Do you not know?  
Have you not heard?  
The Lord is the everlasting God,  
the Creator of the ends of the earth.  
He will not grow tired or weary,  
and his understanding no one can fathom.  
He gives strength to the weary  
and increases the power of the weak.  
Even youths grow tired and weary,  
and young men stumble and fall;  
but those who hope in the Lord  
will renew their strength.  
They will soar on wings like eagles;  
they will run and not grow weary,  
they will walk and not be faint.  
—Isaiah 40:28-31

# Renewing

## CONFESSIONS 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).*

**Heavenly Father,**

**At the beginning of this new week, we thank you that we get to begin it, together, with you.**

**You have loved us, pursued us, and saved us through the gift of your Son, and in your wondrous grace.**

**Yet Father, we confess that we are a forgetful people.**

**We lose sight of your glory and your grace.**

**We still turn away from your good ways.**

**We still turn away from you.**

**We place our desires, our hope, and our trust in countless things, when we ought to daily place them upon you.**

**Forgive us Father,**

**and set our eyes, hearts, and affections upon Jesus our Savior, our Joy, our All in All.**

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

**Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND RECEIVING OF GRACE

Jesus Christ gave his life to free us from every kind of sin, to cleanse us, and to make us his very own people.

—Titus 2:14

So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus...Nothing can ever separate us from God's love.

—Romans 8:1 & 38

Rejoice, and be at Peace!

Amen.

**Amen.**

## **Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus**

O soul, are you weary and troubled?

No light in the darkness you see?

There's light for a look at the Savior,

And life more abundant and free!

His Word shall not fail you - He promised;

Believe Him, and all will be well:

Then go to a world that is dying,

His perfect salvation to tell!

Turn your eyes upon Jesus,

Look full in His wonderful face,

And the things of earth will grow strangely dim,

In the light of His glory and grace.

### **Continue To Love Me**

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

### **Everlasting God**

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord  
We will wait upon the Lord  
We will wait upon the Lord

Our God, You reign forever  
Our hope, our strong deliverer

You are the Everlasting God, the Everlasting God  
You do not faint, you won't grow weary  
You're the defender of the weak  
You comfort those in need  
You lift us up on wings like eagles

### **GIVING THANKS**

**Sing praises to God, sing praises;  
Sing praises to our King, sing praises!  
We thank you, O God!**

**We give you thanks, O Lord, with all our hearts;  
We will sing your praises.  
We bow as we worship.**

**We praise your name for your unfailing love.**

—From Psalm 47, 75, & 138

### **GREETING**

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

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

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*The largest book in the Bible is primarily a book of poems set to music to sing God's praises. This is all part of God's design to surround His presence with singing. Expressing gratitude to God expresses dependence upon God and is an antidote for cynicism, criticism, and bitterness.*

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## MESSAGE

**Series: Outrageous Hope**

**Text: 1 Peter 1:6-12**

**Title: Hope in Suffering – Joy Inexpressible**

**Speaker: Dave O’Connell**

In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials,<sup>7</sup> so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.<sup>8</sup> Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory,<sup>9</sup> obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

<sup>10</sup>Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied about the grace that was to be yours searched and inquired carefully,<sup>11</sup> inquiring what person or time the Spirit of Christ in them was indicating when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glories.<sup>12</sup> It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in the things that have now been announced to you through those who preached the good news to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven, things into which angels long to look.

## OFFERING

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.

—2 Corinthians 8:9

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

—2 Corinthians 9:7

### **Heal Me, O Lord**

Heal me, O Lord, that I might truly be healed

Save me, that I might truly be saved

For You are the only One who can change my ways

Heal me, O Lord, for You are my praise

Lead me, O Lord, that I might follow your ways

Guide me, that I might truly be safe

For You are my only Hope in the darkest of days

Lead me, O Lord, for You are my praise

Hide me, O Lord, that I might rest in Your grace

Let all your foes be put to shame

For You are my sure defense; I will not be dismayed

Hide me, O Lord, for You are my praise

Lead me, O Lord . . . Heal me, O Lord, for You are my praise

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*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.*

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## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Heavenly Father,

Teach our hearts to greatly rejoice! Imprint upon our hearts the profound truths, promises, joys, and hopes of the gospel, so that daily we might be staggered by the riches that are ours in Jesus. Help us to daily walk with Him, to depend on Him, and to find true freedom and fullness in life as we live as His people.

For this, O Lord, we pray:  
Lord, hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus,

We thank you that you know our trials through and through, and you sympathize with our every weakness because you walked in our skin and shoes. Our trials are real and painful — you never dismiss these things. Yet in the midst of them, you stand as our great refuge, our great hope, and our great God. Thank you! Lead us into inexpressible joy as we look to you.

For this, O Lord, we pray:  
Lord, hear our prayer.

Holy Spirit,

Continue to work in us, our community, our country, and our world. Bring light where there is darkness. Healing where there is brokenness. Hope where there is hopelessness. Comfort where there is sorrow. Life where there is death. Give your worldwide people, across all nations a renewed passion and strength in Jesus – to be instruments of blessing to all who you place in our path.

For this, O Lord, we pray:  
Lord, hear our prayer.

And for what else should we pray?

Please add your own prayers at this time, ending with, “For this, O Lord, we pray” and all responding, “**Lord, hear our prayer.**”

Now gathering our prayers into one, let us pray boldly as our Savior has taught us:

**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 for ever. Amen.**

## COMMUNION

The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve,  
And to give his life as a ransom for many.  
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

### **'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus**

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus  
Just to take Him at His word  
Just to rest upon His promise  
Just to know, "Thus saith the Lord!"

Jesus, Jesus how I trust Him  
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er  
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus  
O for grace to trust Him more

O how sweet to trust in Jesus  
Just to trust His cleansing blood  
Just in simple faith to plunge me  
'Neath the healing, cleansing flood

Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus  
Just from sin and self to cease  
Just from Jesus simply taking  
Life and rest, and joy and peace

I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee  
Precious Jesus, Savior, Friend  
And I know that Thou art with me  
Will be with me to the end

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*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 a follower of Jesus or are not prepared to share in the meal, we encourage you instead to spend this time in prayer ("Prayers for Reflection"). We hope this time is helpful to you as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ and with his people, the church.*

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# Sending

## **The Love of the Father**

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

Chorus:

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

Chorus (x2)

Bridge:

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

Chorus (x2)

## **EASTER STORY**

### **BENEDICTION**

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen  
—2 Corinthians 13:14

<sup>All</sup> **Amen**

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*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.*

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# Announcements

**Congregational Meeting: Sunday, April 22** immediately after worship. Join us as we talk and dream together about a Ministry Center.

**New Spring Women's Book Study** Please consider joining us as we begin a new study every Wed from 9:00 - 11:30 a.m., beginning Apr. 11 - June. We will be studying together several different books and discussing them in small, book club style format. Childcare is provided. Contact Carrie at carriesellers206@gmail.com

## **Video Series & Class: Jesus Among Secular Gods**

In some segments of society, the Christian worldview has been dismissed, or simply mocked as unintelligent. But is it? Is the Christian faith rational and reasonable? Do the popular philosophies of the day provide a coherent and thoughtful worldview? Join us for a 6-week study with world-renowned thinkers Ravi Zacharias & Vince Vitale (fresh from their sit down presentation at Google) as we explore the claims of Christianity and also consider topics such as atheism, pluralism, humanism, scientism, and hedonism. Begins at 9 am, April 15th, in the BHS Library.

**Men of CSC - The Party is in Poulsbo! Thurs, April 19th@ Sound Brewery.** Starts at 5:30. Open to anyone who wants to come. Just show up at Sound Brewery 19815 Viking Ave NW Poulsbo, WA 98370. We will order the pizza as needed. Purchase your own beverages. Invite your friends!

**Welcome Lunch Coming up:** If you are new to CSC or would just like an opportunity to meet some of the Cross Sound leaders please consider joining us for a welcome lunch at Mark & Cheryl Harrison's home for lunch. 1237 Hawley Way NE, Bainbridge Island. Please email Penny@crosssound.org for more info or to RSVP.

## **Kids, are you ready for an ADVENTURE this summer?**

Grow in your relationship with God during Cross Sound Kids Camp at Island Lake! Enjoy swimming, rock climbing, archery, arts and crafts, low ropes course and lots of games. Best of all, campers will get to hear about God's love for them during Fireside skits/talks!

**August 13-17, M-F, 9 am - 5 pm, Cost: \$150/child.** Full or partial scholarships can be provided. Ages: Kids entering Kindergarten through 7th grade. Kids will be divided up into age-related groups. For those entering 5/6/7 grades... Extreme Adventure Activities (high ropes course, dirt bikes) are available for an additional fee. Questions? Contact Katie Fixter at kfixter5@gmail.com

## **Men's Retreat - Sept. 21-23 @ Fort Worden**

Sign ups start next week for the summer men's retreat. Friday check-in starts at 4pm. Friday night BBQ at 6pm, speaker throughout the weekend, and plenty of free time to go into Port Townsend for lunch or visit the café on campus, fish the sound, hike the trails or beach, golf, play Bocci Ball or tennis, hang out or just relax. The cost of the retreat is \$194 for a private room and \$158 for a bunk in the bunk room. There are scholarships available. For more info Contact Roger Barber irbarbers@gmail.com

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**Financial Update:** Last week's total: \$14,942.00 Annual Budget (7/17-6/18): \$977,232 Budgeted Income to Date: \$789,165 Actual Income to Date: \$795,235

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# CS Kids and Youth Group

## **Small Beginnings Nursery** (new-2yrs) Room #234

Contact: Laura O'Connell, [oconnells1908@yahoo.com](mailto:oconnells1908@yahoo.com). Children are invited to be dropped off at this class before the church service begins.

## **Cross Sound Kids:**

Children will attend the worship portion of the service and then be sent to their classrooms as a whole Sunday school group.

Contact: Laura O'Connell, [oconnells1908@yahoo.com](mailto:oconnells1908@yahoo.com) or Katie Fixter, [kfixter5@gmail.com](mailto:kfixter5@gmail.com)

## **Little Kids (3-5yrs)** Room #232

## **Kindergarten** Room #231

## **First & Second grades** Room #229

## **Third & Fourth grades** Room #225

## **Fifth & Sixth grades** Room #222

## YOUTH GROUP

## **Junior High,** Bainbridge High School Library

## **Senior High,** Bainbridge High School Library

WEDNESDAYS 6:30-8pm – H.S. CSC Youth Group at the Brouwer's home: 8874 Battle Point Dr. NE. Bainbridge Island.

THURSDAYS 6:30-8pm – Jr. High CSC Youth Group at the Cross Sound Office: 600 Ericksen Ave. NE #210.

Contact Josh Brouwer at [josh@crosssound.org](mailto:josh@crosssound.org) with any questions or to be involved.

# Connect With Us

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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

Second time visitor

Regular attendee

Interested in more info for:

\_\_\_\_\_ Ministry

Please add me to:

Email list  Mailing list

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Children & their ages: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Email(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Prayer Requests: \_\_\_\_\_

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*If you have prayer requests or prayers of thanksgiving that you would like to share please email [Penny@crosssound.org](mailto:Penny@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.*

NOTES:

PRAYERS FOR REFLECTION:

Prayer of those struggling with the truth:

*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.*