



We are not our problems.
We are not our wounds. We are
not our sins. We are persons
of radical worth and unveiled
beauty. If we face ourselves fully
we will be broken by what we
see, by the selfishness and fear
and rage and lust that cover our
spiritual beauty like tarnish on
silver. But the silver is there.
Something brilliant and intact
gleans through the stains of our
brokenness.



Larry Crabb

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 — Isaiah 35:3-6

Strengthen the feeble hands,
 steady the knees that give way;
say to those with fearful hearts,
 “Be strong, do not fear;
your God will come,
 he will come with vengeance;
with divine retribution
 he will come to save you.”

Then will the eyes of the blind be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped.
Then will the lame leap like a deer,
 and the mute tongue shout for joy.
Water will gush forth in the wilderness
 and streams in the desert.

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.

Almighty God,
in raising Jesus from the dead
you have given us the sure sign of your power
to deliver us from sin and death
and to renew the whole creation.
We confess that we still fall into sin.
Forgive our lack of faith.
Have mercy on our weakness.
Raise us from the death of sin
that we may live with Christ
in the joy of His resurrection,
now and forever. Amen.

Renewing

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND RECEIVING OF GRACE

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ— by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus. — Ephesians 2:4-7

We Will Feast in the House of Zion — *Sandra McCracken*

*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.

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!

Every vow we've broken and betrayed, You are the faithful One;
And from the garden to the grave, Bind us together, bring shalom.

Blessed Be Your Name — *Matt Redman*

Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow, blessed be Your name
And blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be Your name

Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise
And when the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say

*Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your glorious name*

Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be, blessed be Your name
And blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering, blessed be Your name

You give and take away, You give and take away
My heart will choose to say, Lord, blessed be Your name

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.

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

HONORING SENIORS

STUDENT DISMISSAL & ANNOUNCEMENTS

QUOTES:

On the cross Jesus wins through losing, triumphs through defeat, achieves power through weakness, comes to wealth through giving all away. — Tim Keller

Deny your weakness, and you will never realize God's strength in you. — Joni Eareckson Tada

We are called to be fruitful-not successful, not productive, not accomplished. Success comes from strength, stress and human effort. Fruitfulness comes from vulnerability and the admission of our own weakness. — Henri Nouwen

The demands of following Christ will cost you everything. But you gain far more than you give up. You give up dirt for diamonds. — Steve Lawson

NOTES:

MESSAGE SERIES: RESURRECTION! WHAT NOW?

Series: Resurrection! What Now? Text: Luke 24:13-35

Title: Strength

Speaker: Dave Sellers

So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited. ⁸ Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. ⁹ But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. ¹⁰ For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic* Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen. *universal

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.

OFFERING — Romans 12:1 (MSG)

So here's what I want you to do, God helping you:
Take your everyday, ordinary life—
your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—
and place it before God as an offering.
Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him.

You Make Beautiful Things —*Gungor*

All this pain, I wonder if I'll ever find my way
I wonder if my life could really change, At all

All this earth, Could all that is lost ever be found?
Could a garden come up from this ground, At all?

You make beautiful things
You make beautiful things out of the dust
You make beautiful things
You make beautiful things out of us

All around, Hope is springing up from this old ground
Out of chaos life is being found, In You

You make beautiful things
You make beautiful things out of the dust
You make beautiful things
You make beautiful things out of us

You make me new
You are making me new

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:

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Gracious God,

Thank you for how your power is made known in weakness.

Thank you that the way up is down,

**That the way to be powerful is to love and serve
and take the low position as Jesus does.**

[Silent Prayer]

For this, O Lord, we pray,

Lord, hear our prayer.

Compassionate Son,

**We're overwhelmed with grief for the parents, families
and friends of those killed at Uvalde Elementary school.**

**We ask you to bring comfort and unity,
hope and healing, to that community.**

**We long for the day when all that's wrong
and evil in the world will be made right.**

[Silent Prayer]

For this, O Lord, we pray,

Lord, hear our prayer.

Seeking Spirit,

we pray for those who do not yet believe,

Open ears to hear your voice, and open hearts to receive you.

We pray for those bowed down with pain, fear, or sickness.

Bring Christ, the living Word, to them and offer comfort and hope.

[Silent Prayer]

For this, O Lord, we pray,

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray together...

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.

Sending

COMMUNION — *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").*

All Must Be Well — *Indelible Grace*

Through the love of God our Savior, All will be well
Free and changeless is His favor, All is well
Precious is the blood that healed us
Perfect is the grace that sealed us
Strong the hand stretched forth to shield us
All must be well

Though we pass through tribulation, All will be well
Ours is such a full salvation, All is well
Happy still in God confiding
Fruitful if in Christ abiding
Steadfast through the Spirit's guiding
All must be well

We expect a bright tomorrow; All will be well
Faith can sing through days of sorrow, All is well
On our Father's love relying
Jesus every need supplying
Yes in living or in dying
All must be well

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BENEDICTION — Numbers 6:24-27

The LORD bless you and keep you;
The LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
The LORD lift up his face toward you and give you peace.

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

Position Available: Children's Ministry part-time position If you love God, love children and would like to be part of a team providing oversight and leadership for kids from nursery-6th grade, *please email dave@crosssound.org* for details/description.

Women's Ministry: Spring Bible Study: Join us April 25—June 6

- MONDAY EVENING GROUP (6:45pm at CS Office) will be reading *Life Without Lack* by Dallas Willard, and in-depth study on Psalm 23.
- WEDNESDAY MORNING GROUP (9:15am at CS Office) has 3 book choices:
 - *Life Without Lack* by Dallas Willard, an in-depth study on Psalm 23
 - *The Mothers and Daughters of the Bible Speak* by Shannon Bream
 - *Find Your People* by Jennie Allen

Youth Ministry Summer Event Schedule has been published! Grab a flyer from the check-in table, or go to <https://www.crosssound.org/youth-ministry> for details regarding High School and Junior High activities.

Sign Up For Kids Camp! We are excited to partner with New Life this Summer, July 11-15, 9am-12pm, rising K-5th grade. <http://www.bainbridgekidscamp.com/>

Ensenada is November 19-25! Going to Ensenada is a great way to honor our faith in Christ, and give back to people who have very little. We will build 2-3 houses this year, depending on the amount of people that sign up. There's plenty to do, a job for everyone, and all are welcome (kids, too)! Sign up to learn more: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805094FAFA623AAF94-ensenada>

Prayer Groups (Church Office: 600 Ericksen Ave. Ste #210 BI, 98110)

- HEALING PRAYER: 3RD WEDNESDAYS @ 6:30PM Please join CSC's Session if you would like prayers for healing (physical, emotional, spiritual, relational)
- PRAYER TEAM: TUESDAYS @9AM Support your church family through prayer.

Men's Ministry BIBLE STUDY Friday mornings, via Zoom. *Email Roger at irbarbers@gmail.com for Zoom link*

- MEN'S CYCLING GROUP 4th saturday of the month. Women also welcome! Just show up at 8am the BHS Flagpole, weather permitting, and have fun!

GriefShare Program will return this Fall Thank you to the congregation for the overwhelming support of this program. We are happy to announce that Cross Sound will repeat the entire 13-week program beginning on Thursday, Sep 8. The class will meet each Thursday morning (except for Thanksgiving week) and ends on Thursday, Dec 8. Registration will open for the fall session in August. All of us will experience grief at one point or another. This class will help you face new challenges and move toward rebuilding your life. *If you have additional questions, please contact us at info@crosssound.org*

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.