



The biggest
human temptation
is to settle
for too little.

—

Thomas Merton

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.

Renewing

Christ, the Sure and Steady Anchor — *Matt Boswell*

Christ, the sure and steady anchor, in the fury of the storm;
when the winds of doubt blow through me, and my sails have all been torn.
In the suffering, in the sorrow, when my sinking hopes are few,
I will hold fast to the anchor, it shall never be removed.

Christ the sure and steady anchor, while the tempest rages on;
when temptation claims the battle, and it seems the night has won.
Deeper still, then, goes the anchor, though I justly stand accused;
I will hold fast to the anchor, it shall never be removed.

Christ the sure and steady anchor, through the floods of unbelief;
hopeless somehow, o my soul now, lift your eyes to Calvary!
This my ballast of assurance, see His love forever proved;
I will hold fast to the anchor, it shall never be removed.

Christ the sure and steady anchor, as we face the wave of death;
when these trials give way to glory, as we draw our final breath.
We will cross that great horizon, clouds behind and life secure;
and the calm will be the better, for the storms that we endure.
Christ the shore of our salvation, ever faithful, ever true;
we will hold fast to the anchor, it shall never be removed.

Jesus Paid It All — *Words: Elvina M. Hall, 1865; Music: John T. Grape, 1865*

I hear the Savior say, "Thy strength indeed is small,
Child of weakness, watch and pray, Find in Me thine all in all.
*Jesus paid it all, All to Him I owe,
Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.*

Lord, now indeed I find, Thy pow'r, and Thine alone,
Can change the leper's spots, And melt the heart of stone.
Jesus paid it all, All to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.

For nothing good have I, Whereby Thy grace to claim;
I'll wash my garments white, In the blood of Calv'ry's Lamb.
Jesus paid it all, All to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.

And when before the throne, I stand in Him complete;
"Jesus died my soul to save," My lips shall still repeat.
Jesus paid it all, All to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God — *Public Domain. Words and music: Martin Luther.*

A mighty fortress is our God, A bulwark never failing;
Our helper He, amid the flood, Of mortal ills prevailing;
For still our ancient foe, doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and power are great, and, armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, Our striving would be losing
Were not the right man on our side, The man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He;
Lord Sabbaoth, His name, From age to age the same,
And He must win the battle.

And tho' this world, with devils filled, Should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed, His truth to triumph through us:
The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure,
One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers, No thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours, Through Him Who with us sideth;
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still,
His kingdom is forever.

PRAYER OF LAMENT

Lord, we cry out before you today about the injustice, pain and sadness in our world. We think of those impacted by the war in Ukraine. We know that every person is made by you and is of infinite value to you, yet many are experiencing fear, suffering and death. You Lord are the great provider, you see the needs of those impacted by war and you love them, weep with them and are with them. Comfort them Lord as they struggle; give them new hope this morning. Guide those who seek refuge to places where they can find help and rest, and move the hearts of nations to welcome them. Lord you promise a time where there will be no more war, no fear, or pain, or sorrow, or suffering. Build your kingdom here, come Lord Jesus.

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.

GREETING & STUDENT DISMISSAL

QUOTES:

'It takes an entire community to reflect the one Messiah.' — Kelly M Kopic

'...one of the main things our neighbors who don't know Jesus need is simply to trust a Christian.' — Justin Whitmel Earley

'Beauty is a divine megaphone to rouse a disenchanted world.' — Paul M Gould

'...a crucified saviour who willingly embraces weakness in the incarnation and on the cross can only be properly passed on by servants who willingly accept weakness and vulnerability.' — Julian Hardyman

NOTES:

Message

Series: Why Church?

Text: Ezekiel 47:1-12

Title: Dripping, Flowing, Flooding

Speaker: Dave Sellers

Then he brought me back to the door of the temple, and behold, water was issuing from below the threshold of the temple toward the east (for the temple faced east). The water was flowing down from below the south end of the threshold of the temple, south of the altar. ² Then he brought me out by way of the north gate and led me around on the outside to the outer gate that faces toward the east; and behold, the water was trickling out on the south side.

Going on eastward with a measuring line in his hand, the man measured a thousand cubits, and then led me through the water, and it was ankle-deep. ⁴ Again he measured a thousand, and led me through the water, and it was knee-deep. Again he measured a thousand, and led me through the water, and it was waist-deep. ⁵ Again he measured a thousand, and it was a river that I could not pass through, for the water had risen. It was deep enough to swim in, a river that could not be passed through. ⁶ And he said to me, “Son of man, have you seen this?”

Then he led me back to the bank of the river. ⁷ As I went back, I saw on the bank of the river very many trees on the one side and on the other. ⁸ And he said to me, “This water flows toward the eastern region and goes down into the Arabah, and enters the sea; when the water flows into the sea, the water will become fresh. ⁹ And wherever the river goes, every living creature that swarms will live, and there will be very many fish. For this water goes there, that the waters of the sea may become fresh; so everything will live where the river goes. ¹⁰ Fishermen will stand beside the sea. From Engedi to Eneglaim it will be a place for the spreading of nets. Its fish will be of very many kinds, like the fish of the Great Sea. ¹¹ But its swamps and marshes will not become fresh; they are to be left for salt. ¹² And on the banks, on both sides of the river, there will grow all kinds of trees for food. Their leaves will not wither, nor their fruit fail, but they will bear fresh fruit every month, because the water for them flows from the sanctuary. Their fruit will be for food, and their leaves for healing.”

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.

OFFERING — Psalm 96:8-9

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name;
bring an offering, and come into His courts!
Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness;
tremble before Him, all the earth!

Living Waters — *Kristyn Getty, Ed Cash*

Are you thirsty, are you empty, Come and drink these living waters
Tired and broken, peace unspoken, Rest beside these living waters

Christ is calling, find refreshing, At the cross of living waters
Lay your life down, all the old gone, Rise up in these living waters

*There's a river that flows, With mercy and love, Bringing joy to the city of our God
There our hope is secure, Do not fear anymore, Praise the Lord of living waters*

Spirit moving, mercy washing, Healing in these living waters
Lead your children to the shore line, Life is in these living waters

Chorus

Are you thirsty, are you empty, Come and drink these living waters
Love, forgiveness, vast and boundless, Christ, He is our living waters

Chorus

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: emailTrish Maguire: bookkeeper@crosssound.org

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Generous Father,
thank you for promise to flood the world with
the grace of your Son;
pour your Spirit upon us
and give us your own heart
so we would not just be a church for ourselves.
but also for others.

(Silent Prayer)

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

Jesus, our King,
be present in places
that seem far from your redemption:
Convince us that every human being, even the most flawed,
broken and sinful is of infinite value to you. Help us to go
beyond niceties to truly love, serve and sacrifice for our neighbors.

(Silent Prayer)

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

Spirit of life,
Engage your Church throughout the world
to loving challenge those who perpetrate wrong;
We pray for peace in Ukraine and Russia;
and everywhere there is suffering
that we would love as Christ has loves us.

(Silent Prayer)

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

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.

Sending

How Marvelous — *George Matheson, 1 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

TOM CROWLEY, ROBERT CORDELL, KEITH KIRKWOOD, JEFF KRUEGER

BENEDICTION — Ephesians 3:20-21

May God,
who from the death of sin raised you to new life in Christ,
keep you from falling and see you in the presence of his glory;
and the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be among you, and remain with you always.
Amen.

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”).*

Announcements

Community Groups Spring Session Sign-up! This 9-week small group meetings begin 4/10 and end 6/18. See clipboard for group details (time and location).

IF:Gathering Online Access If you were unable to attend/view the event, please contact Kristin@crosssound.org to get login information for the recorded event.

Easter Sunday Egg Hunt at Prue's House We are continuing our annual tradition directly following service on Sunday, April 17 at noon. Details to follow.

Weeds To Flowers If you are interested in participating in this annual tradition of serving our schools by weeding and planting flower beds, *please email Kristin@crosssound.org*. This is a wonderful way to bless our community. Details to follow.

Parenting Round Table Join us for collaborative discussions around the topic of parenting toddlers through our post-high school adult-children. We'll meet 3 Sunday evenings from 5p-7p: April 24, May 3 and May 15 at the church office (600 Ericksen Ave Bl Ste.210). Dinner and childcare provided. Please RSVP at info@crosssound.org

5th-8th Grade Summer Retreat! We are kicking off Summer at Miracle Ranch in Port Orchard! June 17th-19th, registration details will be coming soon!!

Attention Cross Sound Kids: SAVE THE DATE FOR KIDS CAMP! We are excited to partner with New Life this Summer, July 11-June 15, 9am-12pm, rising K-5th grade. You won't want to miss this! Registration details will be coming soon.

Healing Prayer: CSC's Session Please join us on the 3rd Wednesday of each month if you would like prayers for healing (physical, emotional, spiritual, relational) at 6:30pm at the Church office (600 Ericksen Ave. Ste #210 Bl, 98110). *"Is any one of you sick? He/she should call the elders of the church to pray over him/her and anoint him/her with oil in the name of the Lord."*—James 5:12

Tuesday Prayer Team Support your church family through prayer. Meets every Tuesday at 9am at the Church Office (600 Ericksen Ave. Ste #210 Bl, 98110)

Women's Ministry Contact Ashley at ashley@crosssound.org

- BIBLE STUDY Meets MONDAY evenings from 6:45 - 8:15pm or Wednesday Mornings from 9:15 - 11:15am. It's not too late to join!
- SAVE THE DATE! THE WOMEN'S RETREAT IS BACK THIS SPRING! We are looking forward to gathering together on May 7. Details to follow

GriefShare Program: Rebuilding Your Life Through the Challenges of Loss

Thursday mornings, 9:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. February 3 through April 28, 2022. Questions? *Reach out to Linda Gordon at LLGonbi@gmail.com, Sue MacFarlane or Maree Zawoysky 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.