



In my lifelong study of the Bible I have looked for an overarching theme, a summary statement of what the whole sprawling book is about. I have settled on this: “God gets his family back.” From the first book to the last the Bible tells of wayward children and the tortuous lengths to which God will go to bring them home. Indeed, the entire biblical drama ends with a huge family reunion in the book of Revelation.

Philip Yancey

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 86:9-12

All the nations you have made shall come
 and worship before you, O Lord,
 and shall glorify your name.
For you are great and do wondrous things;
 you alone are God.
Teach me your way, O LORD,
 that I may walk in your truth;
 unite my heart to fear your name.
I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,
 and I will glorify your name forever.

CONFESSION OF SIN — based on Psalm 51:10-11

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.

**Awesome and compassionate God,
you have loved us with unfailing, self-giving mercy,
but we have not loved you.
You constantly call us, but we do not listen.
You ask us to love, but we walk away from neighbors in need,
wrapped in our own concerns.
We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed.
God of grace, as you come to us in mercy,
we repent in spirit and in truth,
admit our sin, and gratefully receive your forgiveness
through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer.**

Amen.

Renewing

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND RECEIVING OF GRACE

Hear the good news!
Who is in a position to condemn?
Only Christ, and Christ died for us,
Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us,
Christ prays for us.

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.
The old life has gone; a new life has begun.
Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.

Thanks be to God. —based on Romans 8:34; 2 Corinthians 5:17

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!

*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.*

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!

Chorus

Your Labor Is Not In Vain — Wendell Kimbrough/Paul Zach/Isaac Wardell

Your labor is not in vain, though the ground underneath you is cursed and stained
Your planting and reaping are never the same, But your labor is not in vain.

Your labor is not unknown, though the rocks they cry out and the sea it may groan.
The place of your toil may not seem like a home, but your labor is not unknown.

*For I am with you, I am with you. I am with you, I am with you
For I have called you, called you by name, Your labor is not in vain.*

The vineyards you plant will bear fruit, the fields will sing out and rejoice with the truth,
for all that is old will at last be made new: , the vineyards you plant will bear fruit.

Chorus

The houses you labored to build, will finally with laughter and joy be filled.
The serpent that hurts and destroys shall be killed, and all that is broken be healed.

Chorus

What A Beautiful Name — Ben Fielding & Brooke Ligertwood

You were the Word at the beginning
One with God the Lord Most High
Your hidden glory in creation
Now revealed in You, our Christ

What a beautiful Name it is
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ, my King
What a beautiful name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

You wanted heaven opened to us
So Jesus, You brought heaven down
My sin was great, Your love was greater
What could separate us now?

What a wonderful name it is...

Death could not hold You
The veil tore before You
You silence the boast of sin and grave
The heavens are roaring
The praise of Your glory
For You are raised to life again
You have no rival, You have no equal
Now and forever, God You reign
Yours is the kingdom, Yours is the glory
Yours is the Name above all names

What a powerful Name it is...

CONFIRMATION QUESTIONS

1. Do you believe God made you to enjoy Him and to love Him because of God's love for you and God's commitment to you?
2. Do you believe that you are sinful and that God would be right to be angry with you but there's hope because God is merciful and kind and gives you a new heart?
3. Do you believe that Jesus is the Son of God who died, was buried, and rose again to take away your sin and that Jesus is the only one who makes you right with God?
4. Do you believe the Holy Spirit lives in you and gives you power to love and obey God?
5. Do you promise to be part of church and worship God because He is holy and good?
6. Do you promise to respect the leaders of the church and do your best to be a godly leader?

ANNOUNCEMENTS, STUDENT DISMISSAL & GREETING

Please stand and introduce yourself to one another.

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

Text: Revelation 7:1-4,9-17

Title: Sealed

Speaker: Dave Sellers

After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds of the earth, that no wind might blow on earth or sea or against any tree. ²Then I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, with the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm earth and sea, ³saying, "Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads." ⁴And I heard the number of the sealed, 144,000, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel:

⁹After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" ¹⁴I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

- ¹⁵ "Therefore they are before the throne of God,
and serve him day and night in his temple;
and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.
- ¹⁶ They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;
the sun shall not strike them,
nor any scorching heat.
- ¹⁷ For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of living water,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

QUOTES:

The result of St. John's theological work is a poem, "the one great poem which the first Christian age produced." If the Revelation is not read as a poem, it is simply incomprehensible. The inability {or refusal} to deal with St. John, the poet, is responsible for most of the misreading, misinterpretation, and misuse of the book.— Eugene Peterson

'When you are in moments of pain and shock, the things that come out of your mind and mouth are the most primal things in your being. And when Jesus was in such moments, out came the words of the Bible. Something like 10 per cent of all the things he says in the Bible are quotations of, or allusions to, the Hebrew Scriptures. When you know Scripture that well, you process all thoughts and feelings through a grid of biblical revelation. And when you have God's own assurances, summonses, promises, and revelations secured that deep inside you, its extremely difficult for Satan to get a foothold and block your assurance of your salvation. You aren't vulnerable along the front where he can best attack you.'
— Timothy Keller

The Revelation has 404 verses. In those 404 verses, there are 518 references to earlier scripture. If we are not familiar with the preceding writings, quite obviously we are not going to understand the Revelation. John has his favorite books of scripture: Ezekiel, Daniel, Zephaniah, Zechariah, Isaiah, Exodus. But there is probably not a single canonical Old Testament book to which he doesn't make at least some allusion...
— Eugene Peterson

OFFERING — *Offering is a way for members and friends to support the worship and work of the church, it's mission and ministry. There are different ways to give:*

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



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.
—Romans 12:1

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").

Great Rejoicing — *Thad Cockrell*

There's gonna be a great rejoicing
There's gonna be a great rejoicing

The troubles of this world, Will wither up and die
That river of tears made by the lonely, Someday will be dry
There's gonna be a great rejoicing

There's gonna be a great joy river
There's gonna be a great joy river

Questions of this world, Someday will be known
Who's robbing you of peace, And who's the giver
There's gonna be a great joy river

Someday you will find me, Guarded in His fortress
Open heart and singing , Such a joyful sound
Someday we will gather, In a grand reunion
Debts of this old world, Are nowhere to be found
Nowhere to be found

There's gonna be a great rejoicing
There's gonna be a great rejoicing

Sending

CURTIS, GRACE, HARPER, MALIA SEND OFF

Join us after church today at the Hillside Picnic Shelter at Fay Bainbridge Park for lunch and fellowship as we celebrate Curtis, Grace, Harper and Malia.

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 — Jude 24-25

Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling
and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy,
to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord,
be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority,
before all time and now and forever. 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

Don Bonker Memorial Service: Friday June 23 Please join the Bonker family to celebrate the life of Don Bonker. (*time TBA*) at Rolling Bay Presbyterian Church.

Annual Congregation Meeting: June 25 Please join us June 25th right after the worship service in the BHS theater. We will be presenting and taking a vote on this year's church budget (which will begin July 1st). If you have any questions, feel free to email Dave O'Connell at daveoc@crosssound.org.

CS Kids: Summer Volunteers Needed! Interested in serving in Kids Ministry? We're looking to give our regularly scheduled teachers a much deserved break during the summer months and would love to have you join us upstairs (and outdoors) as we dive into God's word with our children! CLIPBOARD

Rotary Volunteer Team Need for set-up: Wed and Thurs afternoons (approx 2 hours) prior to Rotary Event. Time TBA. Interested? Sign up on the CLIPBOARD!

CS Kids Camp: July 10-14 An unforgettable experience for kids ages Pre-K through 5th grade! We will play games, engage in worship, make new friends - all while learning about Jesus! Sign up today! bit.ly/CSkidscamp2023 or follow this QR Code >>>



CS Youth Events visit www.crosssound.org/youth-ministry for details
SIGN UPS ARE LIVE! follow this QR Code >>>

- 5TH-8TH MIRACLE RANCH SUMMER CAMP: JUNE 23-25
- HS SUMMER IMMERSION SERVANT LEADERSHIP: JULY 15-22



Annual Ensenada Homebuilding Trip 2023 Every year Cross Sound Church sends a team of people to Ensenada, Mexico to build houses for families who are living in very poor housing conditions. Over the past 20 years, we've had the opportunity to build over 40 homes. Interested? Sign up here! bit.ly/ensenada2023 or QR code>>>
Questions? please contact Stu Childers at stuart@seattlepump.com.



Women's Ministry Questions? email Ashley Devynyns at ashley@crosssound.org

- "IF" Saturdays 9-10:30am, June 17 and August 19, at the church office
- SUMMER BIBLE STUDY meets 10am Wednesdays in July at Battle Point Park

Men's Ministry email Dave Sellers at dave@crosssound.org with questions

- MEN'S RETREAT SEPTEMBER 15 - 17, 2023: SAVE THE DATE!
Men are invited to Fort Worden in Port Townsend for a weekend of fellowship, worship, studying scripture and even a little recreation. More details to follow!

Connect With Us

- BREAKFAST Second Saturday's of the month at 8am at the Church Office
- BIBLE STUDY Fridays at 6:30am at the Church Office

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: _____

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.