



A common vision  
can unite people  
of very different  
temperaments.

—

Tim Keller

# 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 — Psalm 149:1-4

Praise the LORD!

Sing to the LORD a new song,

his praise in the assembly of the godly!

Let Israel be glad in his Maker;

let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!

Let them praise his name with dancing,

making melody to him with tambourine and lyre!

For the LORD takes pleasure in his people;

he adorns the humble with salvation.

# Renewing

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.*

**God of laughter, God of joy, God of life,**

**we come to you as a people needing good news.**

**We have been so dead to miracles**

**that we miss how you're working among us.**

**We have preoccupied ourselves with the trivial  
and have overlooked the goodness you offer us.**

**We have been so concerned with making a living  
that we have missed the life you set among us.**

**Forgive us, gracious God.**

**in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

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.

— based on Romans 8:34, 2 Corinthians 5:17

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**Text in bold** is read by the entire congregation. Plain text is read by the worship leader only.

**Jesus Anthem / Great Are you Lord** — Phil Wickham

So many reasons, too many to count.  
To say that I love You, to worship You now.  
Your love is perfect, and Your heart is kind.  
I'm Yours forever, forever You're mine.

*Jesus, the anthem of my heart, Jesus the anchor of my soul,  
I'm overwhelmed by all You are, Oh, how I love You*

You call me beloved, and I call you friend.  
Your grace says I'm worthy, You welcome me in.  
Now all that I long for, and all that I need,  
Is to be in Your presence, Forever I fall at Your feet

*Chorus (x2) Jesus, the anthem of my heart, Jesus the anchor of my soul...*

Bridge 1 (x2)  
Faithful to the end - God You are always good.  
Where do I begin - There's so many reasons to love You  
Your promise never breaks - Your beauty never fades,  
What else can I say - There's so many reasons to love you

*Chorus (x2) Jesus, the anthem of my heart, Jesus the anchor of my soul...*

Bridge 2:  
All the earth will shout Your praise, Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing,  
Great are You, Lord  
All the earth will shout Your praise, Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing,  
Great are You, Lord  
All the earth will shout Your praise, Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing,  
Great are You, Lord

End:  
It's Your breath in our lungs, So we pour out our praise, We pour out our praise  
It's Your breath in our lungs, So we pour out our praise to You only  
It's Your breath in our lungs, So we pour out our praise, We pour out our praise  
It's Your breath in our lungs So we pour out our praise to You only

Great are you Lord, Great are you Lord, Great are you Lord, Great are you Lord

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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.

**I Lift My Eyes Up** — B. Doerksen

I lift my eyes up, Up to the mountains, Where does my help come from?  
My help comes from You, Maker of heaven, Creator of the earth

I lift my eyes up, Up to the mountains, Where does my help come from?  
My help comes from You, Maker of heaven, Creator of the earth

*Oh, how I need you Lord, You are my only hope, You are my only prayer  
So I will wait for You, To come and rescue me, Come and give me life  
Oh, how I need you Lord, You are my only hope, You are my only prayer  
So I will wait for You, To come and rescue me, Come and give me life*

I lift my eyes up, Up to the mountains, Where does my help come from?

**Gratitude** — Brandon Lake

All my words fall short, I got nothing new,  
How could I express, All my gratitude  
I could sing these songs, As I often do,  
But every song must end, And You never do

*(Chorus) So I throw up my hands, And praise You again and again,  
'Cause all that I have is a Hallelujah, Hallelujah  
And I know its not much But Ive nothing else fit for a King  
Except for a heart singing Hallelujah Hallelujah*

I've got one response, I've got just one move,  
With my arms stretched wide, I will worship You

*(Chorus) So I throw up my hands, And praise You again and again...:*

Bridge:

So come on my soul, oh, don't you get shy on me,  
Lift up your song, 'cause you've got a lion  
Inside of those lungs, Get up and praise the Lord  
Oh come on my soul, oh, don't you get shy on me,  
Lift up your song, 'cause you've got a lion  
Inside of those lungs, Get up and praise the Lord  
Come on my soul, oh, don't you get shy on me,  
Lift up your song, 'cause you've got a lion  
Inside of those lungs, Get up and praise the Lord

*(Chorus) So I throw up my hands, And praise You again and again...:*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS, STUDENT DISMISSAL & GREETING

*Please stand and introduce yourself to one another.*

QUOTES:

It's a terrible thing to see and have no vision. – Helen Keller

“Failed plans should not be interpreted as a failed vision. Visions don't change, they are only refined. Plans rarely stay the same, and are scrapped or adjusted as needed. Be stubborn about the vision, but flexible with your plan.”– John Maxwell

“Only those who have been brave enough to ride their own monsters of anger and greed, jealousy and narcissism, fear and violence all the way down to the bottom will find a truer energy with which to lead.”– Ruth Haley Barton

SERMON SERIES: LET THERE BE LIGHT!

**Text: Ephesians 2:8-9, 1 Corinthians 1:10, Revelations 21: 5**

**Title: Where Do We Go From Here? Part 3**

**Speaker: Dave Sellers**

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—<sup>9</sup> not by works, so that no one can boast.

—Ephesians 2:8-9

Now, dear brothers and sisters, I appeal to you by the authority of the Lord Jesus Christ to stop arguing among yourselves. Let there be real harmony so there won't be divisions in the church. I plead with you to be of one mind, united in thought and purpose. —1 Corinthians 1:10

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the old heaven and the old earth had disappeared. And the sea was also gone. <sup>2</sup> And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven like a beautiful bride prepared for her husband.

I heard a loud shout from the throne, saying, “Look, the home of God is now among his people! He will live with them, and they will be his people. God himself will be with them. <sup>4</sup> He will remove all of their sorrows, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. For the old world and its evils are gone forever.”

And the one sitting on the throne said, “Look, I am making all things new!” –  
Revelation 21:1-5

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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.

A PERSONAL REFLECTION  
Dianne Stever

COMMUNION — 1Peter 1:17-18

“(Martin) Luther’s strong point was what Jesus said at the Last Supper: ‘This is my body’. He wrote the Latin in beer-froth on the table: Hoc est corpus meus.”

— N.T. WRIGHT

OFFERING — *Offering is a way for members and friends to support the worship and work of the church, its 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](http://www.crosssound.org/give) • Stock: contact [bookkeeper@crosssound.org](mailto:bookkeeper@crosssound.org)
- Mail: Cross Sound Church PO Box 11748 or 600 Ericksen Ave NE #210, Bainbridge Is., WA 98110



Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth,  
where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal;  
but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven,  
where neither moth nor rust consumes  
and where thieves do not break in and steal.

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

— Matthew 6:19-20

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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 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”).



**Good, Good Father** — Pat Barrett, Tony Brown

Oh, I've heard a thousand stories, of what they think you're like  
But I've heard the tender whisper, of love in the dead of night  
And you tell me that you're pleased and that I'm never alone

*You're a good, good Father, It's who You are, It's who You are, It's who You are,  
And I'm loved by You, It's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am*

Oh, and I've seen many searching for answers far and wide  
But I know we're all searching for answers only you provide  
'Cause You know just what we need before we say a word

*(Chorus) You're a good, good Father...*

You are perfect in all of Your ways.  
You are perfect in all of Your ways  
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us

Oh, it's love so undeniable, I, I can hardly speak  
Peace so unexplainable, I, I can hardly think  
As You call me deeper still, As You call me deeper still,  
As You call me deeper still, Into love, love, love

*(Chorus) You're a good, good Father... x2*

You are perfect in all of Your ways.  
You are perfect in all of Your ways  
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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, The power, and the glory, for ever.  
Amen.**

# Sending

**I'll Fly Away** — *Albert E. Brumley, 1929*

Some bright morning when this life is over, I'll fly away  
To that home on God's celestial shore, I'll fly away

*I'll fly away, oh glory, I'll fly away (in the morning)*  
*When I die, hallelujah, by and by, I'll fly away*

When the shadows of this life have gone, I'll fly away  
Like a bird from these prison walls I'll fly, I'll fly away

*(Chorus) I'll fly away, oh glory, I'll fly away (in the morning)...*

Oh, how glad and happy when we meet, I'll fly away  
No more cold iron shackles on my feet, I'll fly away

*(Chorus) I'll fly away, oh glory, I'll fly away (in the morning)...*

Just a few more weary days and then, I'll fly away  
To a land where joys will never end, I'll fly away

*(Chorus) I'll fly away, oh glory, I'll fly away (in the morning)... x2*

**BENEDICTION** — *Matthew 28:19-20*

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations,  
baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,  
and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you.  
And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

Amen.

**Amen.**

# Announcements

**Small Group Sign Up** Small groups are places where meaningful relationships are developed. They form support networks that provide individuals with support, inspiration, encouragement, and accountability. They are places where one can be prayed for as well as pray for others. In this environment, members experience community and are equipped for ministry. If you are interested in joining a group, or learning more, sign up on the clipboard, go to: [crosssound.org/small-groups](http://crosssound.org/small-groups) or email Dave: [dave@crosssound.org](mailto:dave@crosssound.org)

**The Cuba Team** is preparing for their upcoming trip and are collecting opaque plastic bags (grocery-style). If you have any to donate, please bring them to the Church Office! Thank you so much!

Also, there have been specific requests for supplies, household goods and activities. If you are interested in purchasing an item, please follow this link: [t.ly/matanzas](https://t.ly/matanzas) or follow this QR code >>



**School of Discipleship Tonight @ 6pm at the Church Office!** We continue to draw closer to Jesus through a program called “The Prayer Practice”. Dinner and Childcare provided! Interested? email: [katiepearson@crosssound.org](mailto:katiepearson@crosssound.org)

**Women’s Bible Study** Join us as we study “Gospel on the Ground” by Kristy McClelland. For info: [Ashley@crosssound.org](mailto:Ashley@crosssound.org) or <http://bit.ly/crosssoundwomen>  
MONDAYS 6:30-8:30pm. Soup and Salad Dinner Provided  
WEDNESDAYS 9:30-11:30am. Breakfast and Childcare Provided

**Women & Children’s Walk In The Woods** Join us Thursday mornings at 9:15am for a 3 mile walk around Gazam Lake (stroller suggested). Park at 7377 Springridge Rd NE Bainbridge Is. Questions and/or RSVP to Brooke Wellman at (425)647-8542

**Men’s Bible Study Fellowship (BSF) Thursdays 6:30-8pm at the Church Office**  
In a world that declares “find your own truth: - Jesus stands alone. He boldly proclaims Himself as the only source of freedom, peace, security, truth, and everlasting life with God. Join us as we study the Book of John! BSF is a weekly, in-person, in-depth, interdenominational study. This year, we will focus on the life of Jesus seen through the eyes of the Apostle John. For info/sign up go to: [bit.ly/joinBSF](http://bit.ly/joinBSF)  
Questions? Email Tony Merritt - [merritts.wa@gmail.com](mailto:merritts.wa@gmail.com)

**Men’s Breakfast:** Second Saturdays of the month. 8am at the Church Office. Come and be known!

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If you have any announcements that you would like included in the bulletin, please email Kristin@crosssound.org by Wednesday afternoons. Include basic info: Who, What, When and how to sign up!

# 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:      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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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.*