



The gospel is
life-permeating,
world-altering,
universe-changing
truth. It has more
facets than any
diamond. Its
depths man will
never exhaust.

—

C.J. Mahaney

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 — Portions of Psalm 66

Shout joyful praises to God, all the earth!
Sing about the glory of his name!
Tell the whole world how glorious he is.
Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds.”
Let the whole world bless our God,
And loudly sing his praises!

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.

Heavenly Father,

Forgive us for all the ways that we fail to see and respond to your beauty, your greatness, your glory, and your love. And forgive us for all the foolish and sinful ways that we hurt ourselves, hurt others, and turn away from you.

Help us to know the renewing and enlivening grace that is ours in Jesus. And in that same grace, turn our eyes to Him again, and cause that sight to stir in us a holy devotion, joy, and love.

**We ask these things in His wonderful name,
Amen.**

Renewing

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND RECEIVING OF GRACE

Everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard.
Yet God, in his grace, freely makes us right in his sight. He did this through
Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty for our sins. For God presented
Jesus as the sacrifice for sin.

So, now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus...

Nothing can ever separate us from God's love.

— Romans 3:23-25 (NLT), Romans 8:1 & 38 (NIV)

In the name of Jesus Christ,
You are forgiven!
Rejoice, and be at Peace!
Amen.

Your Love, O Lord

Your love, Oh Lord, reaches to the heavens
Your faithfulness stretches to the sky
Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains
And Your justice flows like the ocean's tides

And I will lift my voice to worship You, my King
And I will find my strength in the shadow of Your wings

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.

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.

King of Glory — *David Gate*

Your face outshines the brightest sun

Jesus You're glorious, You are so glorious

With eyes that blaze like burning fire

Jesus You're glorious, You are so glorious

King of glory, have Your glory

King of glory, have Your glory

Your voice like rushing waters sounds

Jesus You're powerful, You are so powerful

And in Your hands You hold the stars

Jesus You're powerful, You are so powerful

BACKPACK BLESSINGS & PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS, STUDENT DISMISSAL & GREETING

Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you.
— Romans 15:7

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

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

NOTES:

MESSAGE SERIES: SURPRISING JOY

Series: Surprising Joy

Title: True Contentment in a Discontented World

Text: Philippians 4:10-20

I rejoiced greatly in the Lord that at last you renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you were concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. ¹¹ I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. ¹² I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. ¹³ I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

¹⁴ Yet it was good of you to share in my troubles. ¹⁵ Moreover, as you Philippians know, in the early days of your acquaintance with the gospel, when I set out from Macedonia, not one church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you only; ¹⁶ for even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me aid more than once when I was in need. ¹⁷ Not that I desire your gifts; what I desire is that more be credited to your account. ¹⁸ I have received full payment and have more than enough. I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God. ¹⁹ And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.

²⁰ To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

²¹ Greet all God's people in Christ Jesu. The brothers and sisters who are with me send greetings. ²² All God's people here send you greetings, especially those who belong to Caesar's household.

²³ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

QUOTES:

Christians today live in a society which is permeated by a spirit of discontentment. Greed has destroyed gratitude, getting has replaced giving. But in the pursuit of self-sufficiency, we have lost our way. We have sought to find fulfillment and contentment in things rather than the creator. We have pursued idols instead of pursuing our Savior. It is time to pause and to ask: "Am I content, in Christ?" If not, it is the first thing I need to begin to relearn. — Sinclair Ferguson

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 — 2nd Corinthians 9:7

Since you excel in everything — in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love — see that you also excel in this grace of giving. 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.
— 2nd Corinthians 8:7 & 9

We Give Thee but Thine own,
Whate'er the gift may be:
All that we have is Thine alone,
A trust, O Lord, from Thee
— William How, 1858

The Passion — *Hillsong*

The passion of our Saviour
The mercy of our God
The cross that leaves no question
Of the measure of His love

*Our chains are gone, Our debt is paid
The cross has overthrown the grave
For Jesus' blood that sets us free
Means death to death, And life for me*

The Innocent judged guilty
While the guilty one walks free
Death would be His portion
And our portion liberty

Chorus

I give my whole life, To honour this love
By the Lamb who was slain, I'm forgiven
The sinner's Saviour, Crown Him forever
For the Lamb who was slain, He is risen

Offering is a way for members and friends of Cross Sound 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



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

Satisfied — *Karl Digerness*

All my life long I had panted
For a drink from some cool spring
That I hoped would quench the burning
Of the thirst I felt within.

Hallelujah! He has found me
The One my soul so long has craved
Jesus satisfies all my longings
Through his blood I now am saved

Poor I was and sought for riches
Something that would satisfy.
But the dust I gathered 'round me
Only mocked my soul's sad cry

Well of water ever springing
Bread of Life so rich and free.
Untold wealth that never faileth
My Redeemer is to me.

BENEDICTION — Philippians 3:23

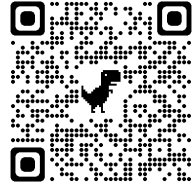
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ
be with your spirit. Amen.

Amen.

Announcements

All-Church Luncheon: Welcome Back Dave! We'll be gathering directly after service today for a catered luncheon to celebrate Dave Sellers and his return from Sabbatical.

Sign Up Today! Golf Fundraiser at Meadowmeer The event begins at 1 pm on Saturday, September 24 at Meadowmeer Golf & Country Club. Following the golf event, there will be an Awards Fiesta with a taco bar beginning around 4:30 pm. Non-golfers may register for the Awards Fiesta only to join the golfers for drinks and dinner.



13-week GriefShare Program If you have lost a spouse, child, family member or friend, you have probably found there may not be many people who can understand the pain of this loss for you. GriefShare helps you face these challenges and begin rebuilding your life. It builds hope and purpose. Group meets weekly, Thursdays Sept 8-Dec 8, 10am-12:30pm, at the Church Office. *For info and/or registration contact Sue MacFarlane 206-714-5986 or jimorsuemac@hotmail.com. Please provide name and contact info.*

Community Groups have begun! This 11-week Fall Session runs from 9/4 thru 11/19. Sign up in-person at church today or next Sunday or email Roger at irbarbers@gmail.com. Please indicate a group or evening of the week preference:

Leader	Evening
Dave Sellers	Tuesday (BI) (Kid Friendly)
Mark & Cheryl Harrison	Thursday (Poulsbo)
Bob Cordell & Bill Parrott	Thursday (Poulsbo) (Kid Friendly)
Linda Gordon & Roger Barber	Saturday (BI)
Patrick Kilby	Sunday afternoon (BI) (Kid Friendly)
Dave O'Connell	Thursday (BI) (Kid Friendly)
Fred & Robbin Kroger and Tom & Linda Hittle	Sunday (BI) (Full)

Men's Ministry Retreat: September 16-18 @ Fort Worden This year's focus is *Man's Journey towards Maturity*, looking at seven Hebrew words that express seven different aspects of what a mature man looks like. You are invited to fish the sound, hike the trails or beach, play golf or tennis, hang out, relax and study scripture. *Sign up!* www.crosssound.org/mens-ministry

Ensenada is November 19-25! Building homes for those in desperate need. PLEASE NOTE, we've reached max capacity at 60 people, but you may still sign up! *If you are interested in learning more, or taking a spot if one opens, sign up online:* <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805094FAFA623AAF94-ensenada>

If you need support, would like prayer, have a question, or are suffering COVID-19 Hardship contact: info@crosssound.org Find info about COVID-19 at: www.doh.wa.gov/Emergencies/Coronavirus?

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.