

SUNDAY, JUNE 24 2018

“Faith means believing in advance what will only make sense in reverse.”

— Philip Yancy



Order of Worship
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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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crosssound.org or call our office: **(206) 842-6898**

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

Our Great God

—*Fernando Ortega*

Eternal God, unchanging, mysterious and unknown
Your boundless love unfailing, in grace and mercy shown
Bright seraphim in endless flight around your glorious throne
They raise their voices day and night in praise to You alone

Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God! (2x)

Lord we are weak and frail, helpless in the storm.
Surround us with your angels, hold us in your arms.
Our cold and ruthless enemy, his pleasure is our harm.
Rise up, oh Lord, and he will flee before our Sovereign God!

Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God! (2x)

Let every creature in the sea and every flying bird;
Let every mountain, every field and valley of the earth;
Let all the moons and all the stars in all the universe
Sing praises to the living God, who rules them by His word.

Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God! (4x)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise the Lord!

Praise God in his sanctuary;
 praise him in his mighty heavens!
Praise him for his mighty deeds;
 praise him according to his excellent greatness!

Praise him with trumpet sound;
 praise him with lute and harp!
Praise him with tambourine and dance;
 praise him with strings and pipe!
Praise him with sounding cymbals;
 praise him with loud clashing cymbals!
Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!
Praise the Lord!

— Jeremiah 33:14-16

Renewing

CONFESSIONS OF SIN

(Confession happens within the context of relationship, both with God and with each other as we acknowledge our need for forgiveness. Jesus promises that He freely forgives sins removing all of our past regrets. You are invited to personalize your confession as we pray silently).

Father,

**We confess to you our deep attachments for dead works.
We try to justify ourselves before you by our own obedience.
We think that by pursuing empty rituals or by denying
ourselves things you have declared good that you will be
pleased with us. at other times ,we obey your Word out of a
self-centered quest for our own glory in order to declare inde-
pendence from you.
Father, please forgive us.**

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND RECEIVING OF GRACE

If Abraham was justified by works,
He has something to boast about.
For what does the Scripture say?
'Abraham believed God and it was counted
to him as righteousness'.
Therefore, since we have been justified by faith,
We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus, Christ!
Amen.

Amen.

Take My Life and Let It Be — *Words: Frances R. Haverga, 1874*
Music: Louis J. Herold, 1830

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of Thy love,
At the impulse of Thy love.

Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee;
Take my voice and let me sing always, only for my King,
Always, only for my King.

Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from Thee;
Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold,
Not a mite would I withhold.

Take my love, my God, I pour at Thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself and I will be ever, only, all for Thee,
Ever, only, all for Thee.

In Christ Alone — *Music: Keith Getty;*
Lyrics: Stuart Townend, 2001

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This cornerstone, this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone! – who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied –
For every sin on Him was laid:
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine –
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till he returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

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

RECOGNIZING SENIORS

The largest book in the Bible is primarily a book of poems set to music to sing God's praises. This is all part of God's design to surround His presence with singing. Expressing gratitude to God expresses dependence upon God and is an antidote for cynicism, criticism, and bitterness.

MESSAGE

Series: The Gospel in Action: Big Faith

Text: James 2:14-26

Title: Growing in Grace

Speaker: Dave Sellers

What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and filled,” without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? ¹⁷So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

But someone will say, “You have faith and I have works.” Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. ¹⁹You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder! ²⁰Do you want to be shown, you foolish person, that faith apart from works is useless? ²¹Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered up his son Isaac on the altar? ²²You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was completed by his works; ²³and the Scripture was fulfilled that says, “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness”—and he was called a friend of God. ²⁴You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone. ²⁵And in the same way was not also Rahab the prostitute justified by works when she received the messengers and sent them out by another way? ²⁶For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also faith apart from works is dead.

QUOTES

‘I find it reasonable to believe, even though these beliefs are beyond reason.’

—Flannery O’Connor

‘Jesus does not reject any who turn to him. At times we turn to him with little faith, at times with a mix of faith and doubt when we are more sure of the doubt than of the faith. Jesus is not fastidious about the quality of faith. He takes what he can get, so to speak, and gives immeasurably more than he receives. He takes our faith more seriously than we do and makes of it more than we ever could. His response to our faith is greater than our faith.’

—Richard John Neuhaus

Q. 33. What is justification?

Justification is an act of God’s free grace in which he pardons all our sins and accepts us as righteous in his sight for the sake of the righteousness of Christ alone, which is credited to us and received by faith alone.

Q. 35. What is sanctification?

Sanctification is the work of God’s free grace by which we are renewed throughout in the image of God and are enabled more and more to die to sin and live to righteousness.

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.

‘While we may have a simple plan for our life - to be happy, prosperous, successful and at peace - what God wants is for us to learn to trust him deeply and against the odds. Trouble comes for us when these two programs are going in opposite directions, for God’s is stronger and he will prevail.’

—Charlie Cleverly

OFFERING

“Don’t hoard treasure down here where it gets eaten by moths and corroded by rust or—worse!—stolen by burglars. Stockpile treasure in heaven, where it’s safe from moth and rust and burglars. It’s obvious, isn’t it? The place where your treasure is, is the place you will most want to be, and end up being.

—Matthew 6:19-21

Give Me Jesus — *African-American Arr. by Fernando Ortega*

In the morn-ing when I rise,
In the morn-ing when I rise,
In the morn-ing when I rise give me Jesus.

Give me Jesus, give me Jesus.
You can have all this world,
But give me Jesus.

And when I am alone,
Oh, and when I am alone,
And when I am alone give me Jesus.

And when I come to die,
Oh, and when I come to die,
And when I come to die, give me Jesus.

You can have all this world,
You can have all this world,
You can have all this world,
But give me Jesus.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Father of mercy and love, grow us in our faith,
that we would rest and rely on you in the big things and the
little things. And may joy in the Lord overflow in us.

For this, O Lord, we pray:

Lord, hear our prayer.

Jesus Christ, our Savior, Lord of all nations:

guide those with power and in authority.

Fill their minds with what is true and just,
to know what is honorable and commendable.

For this, O Lord, we pray:

Lord, hear our prayer.

Holy Spirit, our Encourager,

We celebrate these seniors—who they are.

Give them true and big faith, using them to change the world
in small ways and in big.

For this, O Lord, we pray:

Lord, hear our prayer

Now gathering our prayers into one, let us pray boldly as our
Savior has taught us:

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 for ever. Amen.

COMMUNION

Lord Jesus,

Your perfect life, your death and your resurrection are the source of all blessing in this life and the life to come. As I eat this bread and drink this cup, renew me in the joy and glory of knowing and serving you. I come to this table on the basis of your merit only and not my own. As you have completely and fully offered yourself for me, I now completely and fully offer myself to you as living sacrifice. Amen

PRAYERS FOR REFLECTION

Prayer of those struggling with the truth:

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 turn me 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.

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 a follower of Jesus or are not prepared to share in the meal, we encourage you instead to spend this time in prayer ("Prayers for Reflection"). We hope this time is helpful to you as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ and with his people, the church.

There is a Fountain — *Words: William Cowper, 1772*

Music: 19th cent. American folk tune

There is fountain filled with blood
Drawn from Emmanuel's veins;
And sinners plunged beneath that flood
Lose all their guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoiced to see
That fountain in his day;
And there may I, though vile as he,
Wash all my sins away.

Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood
Shall never lose its power
'Til all the ransomed church of God
Be saved to sin no more.

E'er since, by faith, I saw the stream
Thy flowing wounds supply,
Redeeming love has been my theme,
And shall be 'til I die.

When this poor lisping, stammering tongue
Lies silent in the grave,
Then in a nobler, sweeter song,
I'll sing Thy pow'r to save.

Jesus Paid It All

— *James Ferguson & Rich Thompson*

Lift up your voices and lift up your praise
Join with the heavens declaring the wonders
Of His faithfulness forever

Sing of the victory, the hope of the world
The Savior has risen, the Spirit has come
To bring us into love forever

We are the people of God
With the freedom of hope in our hearts
How great is the love of the
Father

Lifted from darkness and into the light
The sons and daughters are loved at a price,
Our God Has made us His forever

This is the song of the redeemed
The ransomed and the free
Given life at such a price
This is love, this is love
And when the Father calls us home
And we see Him on the throne
Hear the voices sing as one
This is love, this is love

Sending

BENEDICTION

May God fill you completely with joy and peace as you trust in him – so that you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

—Romans 15:13

^{All} **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

CSC Annual Congregational Meeting: TODAY directly after the service.

5th-8th Grade - Foundations

When: June 25-28, 9:30am-12:30pm daily

Cost: \$50

Where: The Raney's Home, 3335 Pleasant Beach Dr. NE.

Details: Even if you have been before you should come again. We will be studying the Apostles Creed this year. Bring a bike and a helmet and get ready for the world-famous Oatmeal War!

High School Event - Bad Art Night

June 28, 7 to 9 pm. Meet at the Brouwer's home (8874 Battle Point Dr. Ne, B.I.) from 6:30 to 9:30. No art skills needed.

Cross Sound Women: Join us this summer as we connect each month at our Mornings in the Park— an informal gathering at Battle Point Park for women of ALL AGES! We will meet at 9:30 am, next to the large play structure, on the grass. We provide coffee & juice; you bring any of the following: blanket or chair to sit on, a breakfast item to share, kids, and friends! Child care provided. This is a great way to stay connected during the summer, meet new people that sit in a different area of church than you do, and bring along friends and neighbors. First meeting is Tuesday, June 26, 9:30-11 am, Battle Point Park (11299 Arrow Point Dr NE, B.I.). Questions? kerri@crosssound.org

Calling all Grandparents—NEW study in JULY!!

Next week, July 1, the School of Discipleship will focus on the important role of a Christian grandparent in today's changing world. If you are a single, a couple, a long-distance, a live-in, or someone who has adopted grandchildren, this series can help you to be more intentional as you seek to be a person of influence and support to your grandchild. Your questions about the topics of: Leaving a Legacy, Giving a Blessing, Bearing a Torch, and Setting a Standard will be addressed in the new series by Tim and Darcy Kimmel. Please sign up on the golden clipboard today so books (available for \$10) are ordered for you? This class is offered during the 5 weeks in July. Join us in the library at 8:55am, where you will find coffee and snacks. Questions? Call Jim or Carolyn Gillick 360-779-3466.

Men's Retreat - Sept. 21-23 @ Fort Worden

Sign up TODAY for the summer men's retreat. Friday check-in starts at 4pm. Friday night BBQ at 6pm, speaker throughout the weekend, and plenty of free time to go into Port Townsend for lunch or visit the café on campus, fish the sound, hike the trails or beach, golf, play Bocci Ball or tennis, hang out or just relax. The cost of the retreat is \$194 for a private room and \$158 for a bunk in the bunk room. There are scholarships available. For more info Contact Roger Barber irbarbers@gmail.com

Community Announcements

BYS Fun Run Opportunity: Poppa John is deeply committed to fostering the health and welfare of the Island's youth and gives generously of his time to Bainbridge Youth Services (BYS). One of the most important fundraising events for BYS is the annual Fun Run that occurs on July 4th. Poppa John has volunteered to recruit the 15-20 people needed along the course through Winslow to keep the runners on track and safe. Please notify him via text (206) 437-7937 or email jonjetmor@aol.com if you are willing and able. Volunteers are to report to the Pavilion in Winslow Green by 8:45 to check in, receive an assignment and get a vest. The first of two runs begins at 9 AM, the second at 9:15 AM and the work will be done by 10:30

CS Kids and Youth Group

Small Beginnings Nursery (new-2yrs) Room #234

Contact: Laura O'Connell, oconnells1908@yahoo.com. Children are invited to be dropped off at this class before the church service begins.

Cross Sound Kids:

Children will attend the worship portion of the service and then be sent to their classrooms as a whole Sunday school group.

Contact: Laura O'Connell, oconnells1908@yahoo.com or Katie Fixter, kfixter5@gmail.com

Little Kids (3-5yrs) Room #232

Kindergarten Room #231

First & Second grades Room #229

Third & Fourth grades Room #225

Fifth & Sixth grades Room #222

Junior High, Bainbridge High School Library

Senior High, Bainbridge High School Library

NOTES:

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
Second time visitor
Regular attendee

Interested in more info for:
_____ Ministry

Please add me to:
Email list Mailing list

Name(s): _____

Children & their ages: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number(s): _____

Email(s): _____

Prayer Requests: _____

If you have prayer requests or prayers of thanksgiving that you would like to share please email Penny@crosssound.org or indicate on the prayer request page and drop it in the offering basket. Our prayer team prays for these requests throughout the week.

