



Our deepest fear
is judgment. Our
deepest longing is
love. The gospel of
grace removes the
one and provides
the other.

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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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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 5

My King and my God,
By your great love,
I can come into your house.
Let all who take refuge in you be glad;
let them ever sing for joy.
May those who love your name rejoice in you.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Make confession to God the Lord, and let everyone acknowledge with me his/her sin and iniquity.

Heavenly Father,
We are thankful that your mercy is higher than the heavens,
wider than our wanderings, and deeper than all our sin.
We confess that we have sinned against you
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved one another or our neighbors as ourselves.
Forgive us, renew us, and make us more and more like Jesus —
the one who loves us, and the one who paid for our every sin.
Amen.

Renewing

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND RECEIVING OF GRACE

Christ suffered for our sins once for all. He never sinned, but he died for sinners to bring you safely home to God. —1 Peter 3:18

Therefore, there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus... nothing can ever separate us from God's love.— Romans 8:1&38

In the name of Jesus Christ,
We are forgiven!
Amen.
Amen.

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.

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.

10,000 Reasons

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name*

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning, It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me, Let me be singing when the evening comes

Chorus

You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger, Your name is great, and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing, Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

Chorus

And on that day when my strength is failing, The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending, Ten thousand years and then forevermore

Rising Sun — *All Sons and Daughters*

Praise Him all you sinners, Sing oh sing you weary
Oh praise Him all you children of God
We lift high His glory, Shown throughout our stories
We praise Him as the children of God

*Our Great Redeemer, Glorious Savior
Your name is higher than the rising sun
Light of the morning, You shine forever
Your name is higher than the rising sun
Your name is higher than the rising sun*

Praise His name forever, Speak it loud and clear now
Oh praise Him all you children of God

Chorus

Hallelujah name above all
Simply to speak Your name is praise
Hallelujah I will always forever
We lift your name in praise

LAMENTING — Portions of Psalm 31

In You, O Lord, I have taken refuge;
Incline Your ear to me, rescue me quickly;
Be to me a rock of strength, a stronghold to save me.

**Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am in distress;
I am wasted away from grief, my soul and my body also.
My life is spent with sorrow. I am like a broken vessel.**

But as for me, I trust in You, O Lord,
I say, “You are my God.” My times are in Your hand.

**Make Your face to shine upon Your servant;
Save me in Your lovingkindness.**

GREETING & STUDENT DISMISSAL

Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you. —Romans 15:7
Be devoted to one another in love. —Romans 12:10
Love one another deeply from the heart.—1Peter 1:22

QUOTES:

We believe the world was made by a God who is a community of persons who have loved each other for all eternity. You were made for mutually self-giving, other-directed love. Self-centeredness destroys the fabric of what God has made. — Tim Keller

Jesus came into our world as a man to embody grace. He left us, the church, to be the body of Christ, not a flock of parakeets that repeat Christian jargon but the ongoing in-the-flesh presence of His grace. We are the evidence that God’s grace is more than just words. — Preston Sprinkle

How is it possible that the gospel should be credible, that people should come to believe that the power which has the last word in human affairs is represented by a man hanging on a cross? I am suggesting that the only answer, the only hermeneutic of the gospel, is a congregation of men and women who believe it and live by it. — Lesslie Newbiggin

The Church is not a human society of people united by their natural affinities, but the Body of Christ, in which all members, whoever different, must share the common life.—CS Lewis

Jesus is the hope of the world, and the local church is the vehicle of expressing that hope to the world. — Andy Stanley

With the exception of the nursery, all students begin in the worship service. Upon dismissal students gather in room 231 for large group, then on to individual classes: Nursery Rm 234, PreK-2nd Rm 232, 3rd-6th Rm 231

Message

Series: Why Church?

Title: Presence Matters

Passages: Acts 2:42-4, Hebrews 10:23-25 (NIV) & Romans 12:4-5, 10 (NIV)

Speaker: Dave O'Connell

All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer.

⁴⁴...The believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. ⁴⁵They sold property and possessions and shared the money with those in need. ⁴⁶They worshiped together at the Temple, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity ⁴⁷ all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved.

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Let us hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

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“For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others...Be devoted to one another in love.”

NOTES:

OFFERING — 1Chronicles 29:9

Then the people rejoiced because they had offered so willingly,
for they made their offering to the Lord with a whole heart.

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...

The offering is a way for members and friends of Cross Sound Church to support the worship and work of the church, it's mission and ministry. There are different ways to financially give, via:

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Heavenly Father,

Cause us as a church to know and trust your great love for us. Help us together to celebrate your goodness and glory. Enable us to rest in you and enjoy you, as we live out our new life as a family.

For this, O Lord, we pray,

Lord, hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus,

Open our eyes, that we might see more of you each day. Your beauty, your power, and your purposes for us. Give us a renewed confidence in you and a joyful passion to live together with you to your praise.

For this, O Lord, we pray,

Lord, hear our prayer.

Holy Spirit,

We need grace and strength. We need healing and we need to grow. We need your transforming power and work. Have your way with us. And use imperfect people like us, to be vessels of Jesus's love everywhere we go.

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 and ever. Amen**

Sending

How Marvelous, How Wonderful — *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

ANNOUNCEMENTS & BENEDICTION

May the God of endurance and encouragement
grant you to live in such harmony with one another,
in accord with Christ Jesus,
that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father
of our Lord Jesus Christ. — Romans 15:5-6 **Amen.**

Announcements

GriefShare Program: All Forms of Loss

This 13-week session takes place Thursday mornings, 9:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. February 3 through April 28, 2022. If you've lost a spouse, child, family member, or friend, you've probably found there may not be many people who understand the deep hurt you feel. It may also be hard for you to feel optimistic about the future. This can be a confusing time when you feel isolated and have many questions about things you've never faced before. GriefShare groups meet weekly to help you face these challenges and move toward rebuilding your life. Questions? Reach out to Sue MacFarlane or Maree Zawoysky at info@crosssound.org or Linda Gordon at LLGonbi@gmail.com

Women's Bible Study Please consider joining us for our winter session as we study *The Gospel of John: Finding Identity and Purpose* for a 12-week video study. We gather at the Cross Sound Office on MONDAY evenings from 6:45 - 8:15pm or Wednesday Mornings from 9:15 - 11:15am. It's not too late to join! Questions? Contact Ashley at ashley@crosssound.org

Men's Ministry BIBLE STUDY Friday mornings, via Zoom. Email Roger at irbarbers@gmail.com for Zoom link

• MEN'S CYCLING GROUP 4th saturday of the month. Women also welcome! Just show up at 8am the BHS Flagpole, weather permitting, and have fun!

Part-time Position Available

• SOUND & VIDEO LEAD Primarily performed on Sunday mornings, this person would be in charge of overseeing the sound and livestream set-ups, managing livestream videos, and managing the high school students and grads who are currently doing these tasks. Experience in these areas or related technology aptitude is helpful, but not required for those interested in the position. Please reach out to info@crosssound.org with interest or inquiries.

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.