



I have come to know a God who has a soft spot for rebels, who recruits people like the adulterer David, the whiner Jeremiah, the traitor Peter, and the human-rights abuser Saul of Tarsus. I have come to know a God whose Son made prodigals the heroes of his stories and the trophies of his ministry.



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

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee — *Henry Van Dyke, Music: Hymn To Joy*
Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee, Op'ning to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day!

All Your works with joy surround Thee, Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee, Center of unbroken praise;
Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain Call us to rejoice in Thee!

Joyful music leads us sunward, In the triumph song
Joyful music leads us sunward, In the triumph song of life.

CALL TO WORSHIP — Psalm 86:8-10

There is none like you, O Lord,
nor are there any works like yours.
All the nations you have made shall come
and bow down before you, O Lord,
and shall glorify your name.
For you are great and do wondrous things,
you alone are God.

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.

Merciful God,
you pardon all who repent and turn to you.
We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy.
We have not loved you with a pure heart,
nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves.
We have not done justice, loved kindness,
or walked humbly with you, our God.
Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness.
In your great compassion,
cleanse us from our sin.

Amen.

Renewing

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND RECEIVING OF GRACE
— based on Romans 8:34; 2 Corinthians 5:17

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.
Amen

Come Alive (Dry Bones) — *By Lauren Daigle and Michael Farren*
Through the eyes of man it seems, There's so much we have lost
As we look down the road, Where all the prodigals have walked
And one by one the enemy, Has whispered lies and led them off as slaves

But I know that You are God, Yours is the victory
We know there is more to come, That we may not yet see
So with the faith You've given us, We step into the valley unafraid

We call out the dry bones, "Come alive, come alive!"
We call out to dead hearts, "Come alive, come alive!"
Up out of the ashes, Let us see an army rise.
We call out to dry bones, "Come alive!"

God of endless mercy, God of unrelenting love
Rescue every daughter, Bring us back the wayward sons
And by Your Spirit breathe upon them, Show the world that You alone can save

So breathe, oh breath of God
Now breathe, oh breath of God
Breathe, oh breath of God, Now breathe

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.

Open The Eyes Of My Heart

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see you
I want to see you

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see you
I want to see you

To see you high and lifted up
Shining in the light of your glory
Pour out your power and love
As we sing holy, holy, holy
Holy, holy, holy
Holy, holy, holy
Holy, holy, holy
I want to see you

ANNOUNCEMENTS, STUDENT DISMISSAL & GREETING

Please stand and introduce yourself to one another.

QUOTES:

Repentance is not usually a moment wrought in high drama. It is the steady drumbeat of a life in Christ and, therefore, a day in Christ. —Tish Harrison Warren

I learned the first rule of repentance: that repentance requires greater intimacy with God than with our sin. How much greater? About the size of a mustard seed. Repentance requires that we draw near to Jesus, no matter what. And sometimes we have to crawl there on our hands and knees. Repentance is an intimate affair. And for many of us, intimacy with anything is a terrifying prospect. — Rosario Champagne Butterfield

Repentance leads to despair if you don't understand the gospel. Repentance leads to joy and love and a burst of energy and growth if you do, because repentance leads to a greater appreciation and gratitude and thrill at what Jesus has done for us. This is the dynamic—as that's moving along, you grow. That how you grow. If my sin leads me to despair, on what basis do I believe God loves me? Is it my effort? My moral excellence? Is it coming up to my standards? If so, of course repentance is going to push me down. But if Jesus is my Savior, then repentance is the beginning of the cycle—it gets the combustion cycle going. — Tim Keller

When you see what effect sin has on the loving God who died so you wouldn't do it, who died for your holiness...When you begin to see that it melts you, and it makes you begin to hate the sin. It begins to lose its attractive power over you. Instead of making you hate yourself, you find you hate the sin, so the idol begins to get crushed bit by bit. — Stephen Charnock

MESSAGE

Text: Psalm 51:1-4, 10-13

Title: The Humbling Power of Repentance

Speaker: Julio Chiang

Have mercy on me, O God,
 according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
 blot out my transgressions.
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
 and cleanse me from my sin!

For I know my transgressions,
 and my sin is ever before me.
Against you, you only, have I sinned
 and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you may be justified in your words
 and blameless in your judgment.

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
 and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence,
 and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
 and uphold me with a willing spirit.

Then I will teach transgressors your ways,
 and sinners will return to you.

NOTES:

COMMUNION

Q. What is the Lord's Supper?

A. The Lord's Supper is a celebration of the presence of God in our midst; bring us into communion with God and one another; feeding and nourishing our souls. It anticipates the day when we will eat and drink with Christ in the his Father's kingdom. — The New City Catechism, Question 46

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



Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts.
Worship the LORD in holy splendor;
tremble before him, all the earth.
— Psalm 96:8-9

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").

God You're So Good — *Passion*

Amazing love, That welcomes me, The kindness of mercy
That bought with blood, wholeheartedly, My soul undeserving

*God, You're so good, Oh God, You're so good
God, You're so good, You're so good to me*

Behold the cross, Age to age, And hour by hour
The dead are raised, the sinner saved, The work of Your power

Chorus x2

Bridge (x2)

I am blessed, I am called, I am healed, I am whole
I am saved in Jesus' name
Highly favored, anointed, Filled with Your power
For the glory of Jesus' name

And should this life, Bring suffering, Lord, I will remember
What Calvary has bought for me, Both now and forever

Chorus x4

Bridge

Chorus

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

The Blessing — *Cody Carnes, Elevation Worship, and Kari Jobe*

The Lord bless you and keep you

Make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you

The Lord turn His face toward you, And give you peace (repeat)

Amen, amen, amen, Amen, amen, amen

The Lord bless you and keep you

Make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you

The Lord turn His face toward you, And give you peace

Amen, amen, amen, Amen, amen, amen

Amen, amen, amen, Amen, amen, amen

Bridge:

May His favor be upon you, and a thousand generations

And your family and your children, and their children, and their children (repeat)

May His presence go before you, and behind you, and beside you

All around you, and within you, He is with you, He is with you

In the morning, in the evening, In your coming, and your going

In your weeping, and rejoicing, He is for you, he is for you

He is for you, He is for you, He is for you, He is for you

He is for you, He is for you, He is for you, He is for you

Amen, amen, amen, Amen, amen, amen

Bridge

Amen, amen, amen, Amen, amen, amen

BENEDICTION — based on Philippians 4:7

The peace of God, which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God,
and of God's Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, remain with you always. **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.

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!

Announcements

The Wellman's are hosting a Community wide "Hold Onto Summer" Party for Kids on Saturday September 9th at 3:00. We'd love to get the kids out on Inner tubes, paddle boards, kayaks, etc. Please BYO Potluck dish to share and your child's life jacket and towel. And invite any of your neighborhood families you'd like.
8527 Hansen Rd NE, Bainbridge

Men's Retreat Sept 15-17 at Fort Worden: Only 5 spaces remaining!

This year's speaker is Dr. Dan Jarrell, Former pastor of ChangePoint in Anchorage, AK (largest church in Alaska), focused on the theme: "Living Dangerously for God." *How we become the type of men that are effective tools in the hands of our King?* SIGN UP TODAY! Follow QR > Or follow this link: bit.ly/CSCMensRetreat2023



Men's Bible Study Fellowship (BSF) Begins September 13 Thursdays 6:30-8pm, at the Church office (600 Ericksen Ave NE #210, Bainbridge) BSF is a weekly, in-person, in-depth, interdenominational study. 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 focus on the life of Jesus seen through the eyes of the Apostle John. in the back meeting room. Go to: www.joinbsf.org for info and sign up. If you have questions, please contact Teague Parker at newpark@centurytel.net

Another Suquamish Community Kitchen opportunity is coming up! We are serving dinner on September 6th. If you would like to help in some way, register here: bit.ly/suquamishkitchensignup There are many opportunities and none include running the entire show :-)

CSC Golf Tournament Fundraiser is back! October 7 at Meadowmeer Golf Club. All proceeds benefit the Ensenada Homebuilding Trip. Sign up at: bit.ly/EnsenadaGolf2023, or follow this QR code >>



Cuba Missions: Trip & Shoe Drive If you are interested in the Feb 16-22 Cuba missions trip, there will be an informational meeting in the library after the service Sept 10. / Show Collection:: Our Missions Team is collecting shoes through January, please consider donating a NEW pair of kids' shoes (sizes 13-5 1/2). Sneakers and sturdy sandals (No flip flops or Crocs please).

GriefShare returns Thursdays starting September 7. A support group for people experiencing grief after death of a loved one. Weekly video seminars are offered, featuring some of the nation's foremost experts on grief recovery, along with small group discussion time. GriefShare is a Christ-centered ministry, now an 11-week Program designed to help you rebuild your life. It is open to new participants at any time during the cycle. We know it hurts, and we want to help. For info call Sue MacFarlane 206-714-5986 or jimorsuemac@hotmail.com.

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: _____

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.