

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2019

“I find it
reasonable
to believe,
even though
these beliefs
are beyond
reason.”

— Flannery O’Connor



Order of Worship
www.crosssound.org

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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To learn more about the entire staff and our team of Elders, Deacons, International Ministers, Stephen Ministry and Community Group Leaders please visit our website: crosssound.org or call our office: (206) 842-6898

Please silence all mobile phones and electronic 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

10,000 Reasons — *by Matt Redman*

Chorus:

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

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.

Renewing

CALL TO WORSHIP

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised
in the city of our God!
His holy mountain,
beautiful in elevation,
is the joy of all the earth,
Mount Zion, in the far north,
the city of the great King.
Within her citadels God
has made himself known as a fortress.

Walk about Zion, go around her,
number her towers,
consider well her ramparts,
go through her citadels,
that you may tell the next generation
that this is God,
our God forever and ever.
He will guide us forever.
— Psalm 48:1-3,12-14

CONFESSION 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).

**God of our salvation,
you consider the poor and act on their behalf,
but we prefer ease more than love.
You say the prayers of the righteous are powerful,
but we suspect you are indifferent and fail to pray.
We doubt you are willing to forgive us
and so persist in despair, far from you.
We are more wayward and stubborn than we realize,
but you are more lavish and loyal than we imagine.
For the sake of your gracious name,
O Lord, heal us and awaken us to your love.
Amen.**

RECEIVING OF GRACE

Our Lord Jesus Christ
has authority to forgive sin
and the ability to heal guilt.
May He restore you completely
and raise you up to our loving God.
Amen
Amen.

It Is Well with My Soul

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
“It is well, it is well with my soul.”

It is well (It is well)
With my soul (With my soul)
It is well, it is well with my soul.

My sin – oh the bliss of this glorious thought! –
My sin, not in part, but the whole
Was nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend,
Even so, it is well with my soul.

Before the Throne of God Above — *Charitie L. Bancroft (1863)*

Before the throne of God above,
I have a strong, a perfect plea,
A great High Priest whose name is “Love,”
Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands,
My name is written on His heart;
I know that while in heav’n He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart.
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died,
My sinful soul is counted free;
For God, the Just, is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me.
To look on Him and pardon me.

Alleluia, Alleluia!
Praise the One, risen Son of God!

Behold Him there! the risen Lamb,
My perfect, spotless Righteousness,
The great unchangeable I AM,
The King of glory and of grace!
One with Himself I cannot die,
My soul is purchased by His blood;
My life is hid with Christ on high,
With Christ my Savior and my God
With Christ my Savior and my God.

Ever Be — *Kalley Heiligenthal*

Your love is devoted, like a ring of solid gold
Like a vow that is tested, like a covenant of old
And Your love is enduring through the winter rain
And beyond the horizon with mercy for today

Faithful You have been and faithful You will be
You pledge yourself to me
And that's why I sing

Your praise will ever be on my lips, ever be on my lips
Your praise will ever be on my lips, ever be on my lips

You father the orphan, Your kindness makes us whole
You shoulder our weakness, and Your strength becomes our own
Now You're making me like You, clothing me in white
Bringing beauty from ashes, for You will have your bride

Free of all her guilt and rid of all her shame
And known by her true name
And it's why I sing

Your praise will ever be on my lips, ever be on my lips
Your praise will ever be on my lips, ever be on my lips

You will be praised, You will be praised
With angels and saints we sing, "Worthy are You, Lord!"
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THANKSGIVING

Series: Disruption: CSC on the Move

Text: Genesis 12:1-9 (ESV)

Title: Go

Speaker: Dave Sellers

¹ Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you.

² And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

⁴ So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. ⁵ And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother’s son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, ⁶ Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷ Then the Lord appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. ⁸ From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the Lord and called upon the name of the Lord. ⁹ And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.

QUOTES:

“Faith is a way of waiting - never quite knowing, never quite hearing or seeing, because in the darkness we are all but a little lost. There is doubt hard on the heels of every belief, fear hard on the heels of every hope, and many holy things lie in ruins because the world has ruined them and we have ruined them. But faith waits even so, delivered at least from that final despair which gives up waiting altogether because it sees nothing worth waiting through. Faith waits - for the opening of a door, the sound of footsteps in the hall, that beloved voice delayed, delayed, so long that there are times when you all but give up hoping of ever hearing it. And when at moments you think you do hear it (if only faintly, from far away) the question is: Can it possibly be, impossibly be, the one voice of all voices.”

— Frederick Buechner

“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

CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
Born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended to the dead.
On the third day He rose again;
He ascended into heaven,
He is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
The holy *catholic Church,
The communion of saints,
The forgiveness of sins,
The resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen. *universal

OFFERING

Let us give thanks to the Lord with all our being.
In the company of the upright,
let us honor God for the blessings
and goodness we have received.
— based on Psalm 111:1

How Great Thou Art — *Stuart K. Hine*

Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder
Thy power throughout the universe displayed

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art.
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

And when I think, that God, His son not sparing
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin.

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration
And then proclaim: “My God, how great Thou art!”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God who sends,
You have authority and power to send us out.
Give us the courage to say, 'yes' to your leading.
Help us to walk by faith and not by sight.
Assure us of your presence and equip us with your grace.
Thank you for those who have gone before us
and those who will come after.
For this, O Lord, we pray:
Lord, hear our prayer.

God of peace,
you love your enemies with perseverance and generosity.
Where we struggle or refuse to love, soften our hearts.
Teach us to love like you, so that we would pray for our enemies:
unjust bosses, hateful neighbors,
those who mock you, who cause pain.
Free us from answering evil with evil
and teach us costly patience.
For this, O Lord, we pray:
Lord, hear our prayer.

God of love,
you pursue your people
and gather them into your family.
We ask you to bless our missional call
for your great purposes.
We pray we would provide places
of refuge for neighbors and friends.
Revive and renew our hearts
and our neighborhoods.
Grant us love and enduring concern
for those not yet gathered in.
For this, O Lord, we pray.
Lord, hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S 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 forever and ever.
Amen.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

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 a living sacrifice.
Amen

Come, Thou Fount — *Robert Robinson (1757)*

Come, thou Fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing thy grace
Streams of mercy, never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of thy redeeming love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer
Here by thy great help I've come
And I hope, by thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed His precious blood.

O, to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for thy courts above.

Communion, also called the Lord's Supper, is the family meal of Christians. We invite all 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.

Sending

Yet Not I, But Through Christ In Me — City Alight

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer,
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken
For by my side, the Saviour He will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need, His power is displayed

To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley He will lead
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven
The future sure, the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And He was raised to overthrow the grave

To this I hold, my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

With every breath, I long to follow Jesus
For He has said that He will bring me home
And day by day I know He will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to Him
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

BENEDICTION

May Christ,
who out of His calling
brings new hope and a new future,
fill you with his new life;
and the blessing of God almighty,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be among you,
and 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.

Announcements

UPCOMING CLASS! Christian Caregiving and The Art of Listening.

A two-week series led by our Stephen Ministry team to give us some practical training on how to love and care for one another better. What an important topic as you consider our many relationships (friends, spouse, kids, co-workers, etc.). Join us for this special opportunity at 9am in the BHS Library on October 13th & 20th. Questions? Contact Dave O'Connell daveoc@crosssound.org

Save the Date - Peanut Butter and Jelly Parade - October 13!

Awana MISSION: Know. Love. Serve... Jesus. The purpose of Awana is to reach children and youth with the Gospel of Christ and train them to serve Him. Students in Kindergarten - 6th Grade are welcome! Tuesdays 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm from October 1st - November 19th. Register online at crosssound.org under the "events" page. Deadline is September 26th. Questions? Contact Sandy sandy@crosssound.org

High School meals needed If you are interested in providing meals for the HS Youth Group, contact Josh Brouwer at josh@crosssound.org

Intro to Cross Sound Church begins next month This is a four week class that is required for church membership but in no way obligates you to become a member. Come and find out more about Cross Sound Church. Oct 6, 13, 20, 27; 8:45-9:45 am at the BHS Library.

Prayer time for Matanzas Please join us before service on October 6 from 9-9:45am in Room #222 (upstairs in the 5th-6th grade classroom), to hear about and pray for our sister church in Matanzas, Cuba.

Grandparents Ministry - Save The Date! This year, Grandparents are invited to meet and discuss ways to more deeply engage with grandchildren and God. This session meets the second Monday of the month: 10/14, 11/11, 12/9, 4/13, 5/11, 6/8. See flier for more details.

Women's Events

FALL BIBLE STUDY has begun. Join us either Tuesday evenings, 6:30-8pm (meal provided), or Wednesday mornings, 9:15-11:30am (brunch and child care provided) at the church office. If you need transportation, or child care for the evening group, or have other questions, please contact Kerri Koenig: kerri@crosssound.org; 402-770-5636.

LADIES, SAVE THE DATE! It's time for another WOMEN'S GAME NIGHT on Thurs, Oct 10th at 7pm. Please join us as we relax, laugh, and raise a glass together after the Fall craziness has (somewhat) subsided. The event will be at Rachel Long's house. It's a "bring a treat/tasty nibble/and or drinks to share" kind of event. Feel free to bring a friend!

Men's Events

MEN'S BREAKFASTS are held at 8 am at the church office the 1st and 3rd Saturday of every month. 600 Ericksen Ave NE, Suite 210.

MENS BIBLE STUDY are Fridays at 6:30am at Church Office. Contact Roger Barber irbarbers@gmail.com with questions or interest.

Cross Sound On The Move Change is good, and it's coming soon with the beginning of a year-long reconstruction of BHS Building 100, and a makeover for the Commons. As that continues, we'll move Cross Sound Church Sunday services to Wilkes Elementary sometime in January of 2020. We look forward to returning our Sunday services to BHS in early 2021. Stay tuned for more details as they come in.

Financial Update: Last week's total \$23,544 Budgeted Income to Date \$190,993
Actual Income to Date \$209,712 Annual Budget (7/19-6/20): \$1,018,573

Hope & Healing

Missions Founded in 1693, Matanzas is located 60 miles east of Havana on the northern coast of Cuba. Matanzas is a city of many nicknames: It is called “the City of Bridges” for its 17 bridges and “the Venice of Cuba” for its 3 rivers. It was called “the Athens of Cuba” in the 18th-19th c. for its poets, writers, and culture. It is a city of Afro-Cuban folklore and the birthplace of rumba. It is in this city that Elvis and Isnay Cancio left their rural congregation to pastor a network of house churches. This Los Pinos Nuevos church in Matanzas is one of Cross Sound’s three sister churches. Pastor Elvis recently wrote, “Please receive a big hug from all of us. Our wish and prayer is God’s blessing for you.” Since Cross Sound visited last, there have been two trainings with pastors and leaders from Matanzas and all over the province. Elvis described these as “marvelous times spent together that we hope with all our heart are used by God to bless the community/town.”

CS Kids and Youth Group

All children newborn through 6th grade need to check in and wear their printed nametag before they arrive at class.

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

Contact: Laura O’Connell, lauraoc@crosssound.org. Children are invited to be dropped off at this class before the church service begins.

CROSS SOUND KIDS

Contact: Laura O’Connell, lauraoc@crosssound.org, Kate Pippinger, katepippinger@gmail.com or Sandy Halbert sandy@crosssound.org
Children will attend the worship portion and then be sent to their classrooms as a whole Sunday school group.

Toddlers (2-4 years, must be potty trained) Room #232

Lead Teachers: Chris and Joanna Livdhal, Keith and Mary Van Eaton, Lisa Grant and Lacey Redinger

Pre-K/Kindergarten Room #231

Lead teachers: Keagan Daniels, Jason and Bethany Hickner, Candace Luckman, Kareese Pippinger,

First & Second grades Room #229

Lead teachers; Ann Asher, Jennifer Cordell, Patrick and Jenny Kilby, Clint and Chelsea Ramsey, Dianne Stever

Third & Fourth grades Room #225

Lead teachers; Knox Duncan, Nate and Dinha Moore, Kate Pippinger, Carol Raney

Fifth & Sixth grades Room #222

Lead teachers; Carrie Sellers, Cheryl Keech, Trish Maguire, Bill Parrott.

YOUTH GROUP

Contact Josh Brouwer at josh@crosssound.org with any questions or to be involved.

Junior High, Bainbridge High School Library

Lead teachers; Carrie Beyer, John Daniels, Sean Luckman

Senior High, Bainbridge High School Library

Lead teachers; Jamie Brouwer, Chip Halbert, Kerry Sutorius, Dana Webber
EVENING YOUTH GROUP at the Church Office: 600 Ericksen Ave. NE

- WEDNESDAYS 6:30–8pm - High School (begins September 25)
- THURSDAYS 6:30–8pm - Jr. High (begins September 26)

Community Groups

Community Group Fall Session has begun. Unless otherwise noted each of the following groups meet on Bainbridge Island:

<u>Leader</u>	<u>Night</u>
Carrie and Dave Sellers	Tuesday (Kid Friendly)
Halbert/Dafoe	Thursday (Kid Friendly)**
Jennifer and Bob Cordell, Lisa and Bill Parrott	Thursday (Poulsbo)(Kid Friendly)
Kerri and Marc Koenig	Thursday (Poulsbo)
Linda Gordon and Roger Barber	Saturday
Jenny and Patrick Kilby	Sunday (late afternoon- Kid Friendly)
Laura and Dave O'Connell	Sunday (Kid Friendly)
Jeff Ogard	Sunday (Poulsbo)

** Group is full - currently closed

For details contact Roger Barber - irbarbers@gmail.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
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: _____

Comments

We welcome your feedback on any aspect of worship.

If you have prayer requests or prayers of thanksgiving that you would like to share please email Kristin@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.

NOTES: