



Over time, I have learned two things about my religious quest: First of all, that it is God who is seeking me, and who has myriad ways of finding me. Second, that my most substantial changes, in terms of conversion, come through the people. Even when I become convinced that God is absent from my life, others have a way of suddenly revealing God's presence.

Kathleen Norris

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 — Exodus 19:3-6

As Moses went up to meet God, GOD called down to him from the mountain: “Speak to the House of Jacob, tell the People of Israel: ⁴ ‘You have seen what I did to Egypt and how I carried you on eagles’ wings and brought you to me. ⁵ If you will listen obediently to what I say and keep my covenant, out of all peoples you’ll be my special treasure. The whole Earth is mine to choose from, ⁶ but you’re special: a kingdom of priests, a holy nation.’

CONFESSION OF SIN

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

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, 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 our neighbors as ourselves. We confess. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. 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.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

Amen.

Amen.

Come, Ye Sinners — *Words: Joseph Hart (1759); Music: William Walker (1835)*

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore
Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love and power.

I will arise and go to Jesus; He will embrace me in His arms
In the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.

Come, ye thirsty, come, and welcome, God's free bounty glorify;
True belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh.

Come, ye weary, heavy laden, bruised and broken by the fall
If you tarry till you're better, you will never come at all.

I will arise and go to Jesus; He will embrace me in His arms
In the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.

Let not conscience make you linger; not of fitness fondly dream;
All the fitness He requireth is to feel your need of Him.

I will arise and go to Jesus; He will embrace me in His arms
In the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.

Continue to Love Me — *Michelle Patterson*

Continue to love me, with that same love
Righteous and unchanging
Continue to love me, with that same love
Priceless and unfailing

Your love, it reaches to the sky
Your righteousness, a mountain high
How priceless, Your unending love
Both high and low among men
Take cover under Your wings
How priceless, Your unending love

How priceless, Your unending love
How priceless, Your unending love

Lion and the Lamb — *Leeland Mooring, Brenton Brown, Brian Johnson*

He's coming on the clouds
Kings and kingdoms will bow down
Every chain will break
As broken hearts declare His praise
For who can stop the Lord Almighty

Our God is the Lion, the Lion of Judah
He's roaring with power
And fighting our battles
And every knee will bow before Him
Our God is the Lamb, the Lamb that was slain
For the sins of the world
His blood breaks the chains
Every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb
Every knee will bow before Him

Open up the gates
Make way before the King of kings
The God who comes to save
Is here to set the captives free
For who can stop the Lord Almighty

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LAMENTING — Jeremiah 9:10, 24

“I will take up weeping and wailing for the mountains,
and a lamentation for the pastures of the wilderness,
because they are laid waste so that no one passes through,
and the lowing of cattle is not heard;
both the birds of the air and the beasts
have fled and are gone.

...but let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows me,
that I am the LORD who practices steadfast love, justice,
and righteousness in the earth.
For in these things I delight, declares the LORD.”

GREETING & STUDENT DISMISSAL

QUOTES:

“The church is the primary arena in which we learn that glory does not consist in what we do for God but in what God does for us.” — Eugene H. Peterson

Church practice has been more influenced by Plato than by Jesus. We invariably prefer the universal synthesis, the answer that settles all the dust and resolves every question even when it is not entirely true over the mercy and grace of God.—Richard Rohr

The great call for the Church is to not just be concerned about right or wrong behavior, which is moral life, but about communion with God, which is mystical life. Those who are marginal in the world are central in the Church, and that is how it is supposed to be!
—Henri Nouwen

Message

Series: Why Church?

Text: 1 Peter 2:9-12

Title: Community

Speaker: Dave Sellers

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. ¹¹ Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. ¹² Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

APOSTLES 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.

OFFERING —based on Psalm 111:1

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.

Jesus Paid it All — *Words: Elvina M. Hall, 1865; Music: John T. Grape, 1865*

I hear the Savior say, “Thy strength indeed is small,
Child of weakness, watch and pray, Find in Me thine all in all.
Jesus paid it all, All to Him I owe,
Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.

Lord, now indeed I find, Thy pow’r, and Thine alone,
Can change the leper’s spots, And melt the heart of stone.
Jesus paid it all, All to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.

For nothing good have I, Whereby Thy grace to claim;
I’ll wash my garments white, In the blood of Calv’ry’s Lamb.
Jesus paid it all, All to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.

And when before the throne, I stand in Him complete;
“Jesus died my soul to save,” My lips shall still repeat.
Jesus paid it all, All to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.

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

- Offering basket: place Check or Cash in a Giving Envelope on Sunday mornings
- 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
- Online: <https://www.crosssound.org/give>
- Stock: contact Trish Maguire: bookkeeper@crosssound.org

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Father of light, draw near to your people
**As we live in a broken world, too often marked by oppression and pain.
Keep us faithful especially when it is difficult or dangerous,
that others might see you and marvel.**

(Silent Prayer)

For this, O Lord, we pray,
Lord, hear our prayer.

Jesus, you hold the nations in your hand.
**We pray for the leaders of every country.
Grant them wisdom and desire for righteousness and justice.
We specifically pray for the leaders and nations we now name** (in silence)

(Silent Prayer)

For this, O Lord, we pray,
Lord, hear our prayer.

Holy Spirit of Compassion,
**we remember various needs before you: the poor and suffering,
the sick and dying; the enslaved, the imprisoned and all who are lonely;
the victims of war, injustice and inhumanity;
and all afflicted in body, mind, or at the hands of others.**

(Silent Prayer)

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 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!"

MISSIONS UPDATE

BENEDICTION — Numbers 6:24-27

**The LORD bless you
and keep you;
The LORD make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you;
The LORD turn his face toward you
and give you peace.**

Amen

Announcements

Save The Date: IF:2022 March 4th and 5th at the CS Office. 600 Ericksen Ave NE Suite 210. IF GATHERING is a two-day event where women all over the world gather together, get equipped, and discover the next step in their calling: to go and make disciples. Register online: <https://watch.if2022.com/register/join-group/?groupid=21817>

Ash Wednesday, March 2 Mark your calendars! Details to follow

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 Linda Gordon at LLGonbi@gmail.com, Sue MacFarlane or Maree Zawoysky at info@crosssound.org

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.