

SUNDAY, MARCH 14, 2021

“Hospitality begins with loving the stranger. So the first reality check to do is this: if everybody at your table is on the same page and from the same side of the tracks, you aren’t practicing hospitality. You may need to do a heart-check here as well. It is easier to feel safe in the company of people who are just like you, who struggle and identify with the same things you do. But creating a safe space is not the ultimate point or purpose of Christian hospitality.”

— Rosaria Champagne Butterfield



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Gathering

I Lift My Eyes Up — *Brian Doerksen*

I lift my eyes up
Up to the mountains
Where does my help come from?
My help comes from You
Maker of heaven
Creator of the earth

Oh, how I need you Lord
You are my only hope
You are my only prayer
So I will wait for You
To come and rescue me
Come and give me life

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.

Welcome

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 Kind 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.

JESUS STORYBOOK BIBLE

Activity sheets at <https://www.crosssound.org/childrens-ministry>

SONG — Zach Fleury

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.

Message

Text: Matthew 15:29-39

Title: The Hospitality of God

Series: Church Without Walls

Speaker: Dave Sellers

MATT. 15:29 Jesus went on from there and walked beside the Sea of Galilee. And he went up on the mountain and sat down there. ³⁰ And great crowds came to him, bringing with them the lame, the blind, the crippled, the mute, and many others, and they put them at his feet, and he healed them, ³¹ so that the crowd wondered, when they saw the mute speaking, the crippled healthy, the lame walking, and the blind seeing. And they glorified the God of Israel.

MATT. 15:32 Then Jesus called his disciples to him and said, “I have compassion on the crowd because they have been with me now three days and have nothing to eat. And I am unwilling to send them away hungry, lest they faint on the way.” ³³ And the disciples said to him, “Where are we to get enough bread in such a desolate place to feed so great a crowd?” ³⁴ And Jesus said to them, “How many loaves do you have?” They said, “Seven, and a few small fish.” ³⁵ And directing the crowd to sit down on the ground, ³⁶ he took the seven loaves and the fish, and having given thanks he broke them and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ³⁷ And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up seven baskets full of the broken pieces left over. ³⁸ Those who ate were four thousand men, besides women and children. ³⁹ And after sending away the crowds, he got into the boat and went to the region of Magadan.

Late Have I Loved Thee — *Words: St. Augustine; Music: Kawika Haglund*

Late have I loved Thee, Beauty so ancient

Late have I loved Thee, Beauty so new

I've tasted Thee, Now I hunger and thirst for Thee

Thou didst touch me, And I have burned for Thy peace

STORIES — Chip and Sandy Halbert, Diane Stever

BENEDICTION

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

Cross Sound families We have two fun announcements!

- BINGO NIGHT: Join us online on Friday, March 19th! Please register at the link below so we can send you the zoom link and printable bingo cards ahead of time:

<https://crosssound.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/761606>

Prizes will be awarded to winners (contact-free drop-off after the event) - you don't want to miss the fun! Questions? Contact Laura O'Connell at lauraoc@crosssound.org.

- CS KIDS CAMP 2021! Mark your calendars for August 16-20th at Island Lake! More details and registration info will be coming soon!

Community Groups SPRING SESSION: Sign-ups on 3/21 and 3/28.

Ten-week session runs 4/11 through 6/19. Email Roger Barbers at irbarbers@gmail.com, indicating the group or week day you prefer.

Dave & Carrie Sellers - Tuesday (Bainbridge, Kid Friendly)

Mark & Cheryl Harrison - Thursday (Poulsbo)

Bob Cordell & Bill Parrott - Thursday (Poulsbo, Kid Friendly)

Dave & Laura O'Connell - Thursday (Bainbridge, Kid Friendly)

Linda Gordon & Roger Barber - Saturday (Bainbridge)

Patrick & Jenny Kilby - Sunday, noon (Bainbridge, Kid Friendly)

Jeff & Ann Ogard - Sunday (Poulsbo)

Women's Ministry BIBLE STUDY: starting March 17: join us for *The Emotionally Healthy Woman: Eight Things You Have to Quit to Change Your Life*. Author Geri Scazzero: "The journey to emotional health begins with quitting. When you quit those things that are damaging to your soul or the souls of others, you are freed up to choose other ways of being and relating that are rooted in love and lead to life." This 8 week study is grounded in Scripture and filled with personal applications. We will meet via Zoom, two options: Tuesday evenings 7:00-8:30 pm; Wednesday mornings 9:30 - 11:00 am. Email kerri@crosssound.org for more details and to sign up!

Men's Ministry As a church, we want to be supportive of each other via Community Groups, Men's Bible Study, small groups, worship, and friendships. If you're looking for a place to be connected, please email, text or call Dave Sellers (206) 334.5205.

- MEN'S RETREAT: Save the date! Sept. 17-19, 2021 @ Ft. Worden

- FRIDAY AM BIBLE STUDY: email irbarbers@gmail.com for Zoom link

If you need support, would like prayer, or have a question, contact: info@crosssound.org
Find info about COVID-19 at: www.doh.wa.gov/Emergencies/Coronavirus
COVID-19 Hardship? Reach out. Please send a note to info@crosssound.org