



All the persons of faith
I know are sinners,
doubters, uneven
performers. We are
secure not because we
are sure of ourselves
but because we trust
that God is sure of us.

—

Eugene Peterson

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 — Isaiah 52:7, 9-10

How beautiful on the mountains
are the feet of those who bring good news,
who proclaim peace,
who bring good tidings,
who proclaim salvation,
who say to Zion,
“Your God reigns!”

Burst into songs of joy together,
you ruins of Jerusalem,
for the LORD has comforted his people,
he has redeemed Jerusalem.
The LORD will lay bare his holy arm
in the sight of all the nations,
and all the ends of the earth will see
the salvation of our 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.

God in raising Jesus from the dead
you have given us the ultimate sign of your power and love
to deliver us from our sin and death
and to make all things new.
We acknowledge that we still have doubts and fears.
We question your existence.
We question your goodness.
We continue to live mostly for ourselves.
We confess and ask you to forgive us.
Give us growing certainty in who you are.

Renewing

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND RECEIVING OF GRACE

May God, who has known you all the days of your life,
and sees you as a new creation with a clean heart,
grant you forgiveness, healing and peace
through the death and resurrection of his Son
and the life-giving power of the Holy Spirit.
Amen. — Isaiah 1:18

Seek Ye First — *K. Lafferty*

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
And His righteousness
And all these things shall be added unto you
Allelu, Alleluia

Man does not live by bread alone
But by every word
That proceeds from the mouth of the Lord
Allelu, Alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia
Alleluia, Allelu, Alleluia

Ask and it shall be given unto you
Seek and ye shall find
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you
Allelu, Alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia
Alleluia, Allelu, Alleluia

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

Good, Good Father — *Pat Barrett, Tony Brown*

Oh, I've heard a thousand stories, Of what they think You're like
But I've heard the tender whisper, Of love in the dead of night
And You tell me, That You're pleased And that I'm never alone

*You're a good, good Father
It's who You are, It's who You are, it's who You are
And I'm loved by You, It's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am*

Oh, and I've seen many searching, for answers far and wide
But I know we're all searching, For answers only You provide
'Cause You know just, what we need, Before we say a word

You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us

Oh, it's love so undeniable, I, I can hardly speak
Peace so unexplainable, I, I can hardly think

As You call me deeper still [x3]
Into love, love, love

ANNOUNCEMENTS, STUDENT DISMISSAL & GREETING

Invitation to Summer in the USA: Basque Program, IF:Gathering and GriefShare

SONG OF PREPARATION

Speak, O Lord — *Getty/Townend*

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You
To receive the food of Your holy word
Take Your Truth, plant it deep in us
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory

QUOTES:

Jesus never tried to hide his loneliness and dependence on other people. He chose his disciples not as servants but as friends. He shared moments of joy and grief with them, and asked for them in times of need. They became his family, his substitute mother and brothers and sisters. They gave up everything for him, as he had given up everything for them. He loved them, plain and simple. — Philip Yancey

'In the Bible we discover a real and complex God. If you have a personal relationship with any real person, you will regularly be confused and infuriated by him or her. So, too, you will be regularly confounded by the God you meet in the Scriptures - as well as amazed and comforted.' — Tim Keller

MESSAGE SERIES: A MAN CALLED LOVE

Text: John 14:1-7

Title: The Purpose of Life

Speaker: Dave Sellers

“Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ²In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to where I am going.” ⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

NOTES:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, which 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 and ever. Amen.**

COMMUNION

OFFERING — Offering is a way for members and friends to support the worship and work of the church, its 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



The one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly;
the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.
Responding to God's bountiful gifts to us in Christ,
we have opportunity to share out of our abundance.
— based on 2 Corinthians 9:6,8

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”).

All Who Are Thirsty — *Words: Fanny Crosby; Music: William B. Bradbury, 1869*
Brenton Brown and Glenn Robertson

All who are thirsty
All who are weak
Come to the fountain
Dip your heart in the stream of life
Let the pain and the sorrow
Be washed away
In the waves of his mercy
As deep cries out to deep

Come, Lord Jesus, come
Come, Lord Jesus, come

MISSION UPDATE: CUBA

Sending

How Great Thou Art — *Words: Stuart Wesley Keene Hine 1953, Tune: Swedish folk melody*

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!"

BENEDICTION — Jude 24-25

Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless
before the presence of his glory with great joy, 25 to the only God, our Savior,
through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before
all time and now and forever. Amen.

Amen.

Announcements

Summer in the USA: Basque exchange program: For anyone interested in hosting a Basque high school student for the month of July. If you are interested in participating or praying for the program, email crosssound@summerintheusa.org.

Women's Ministry: Join us for IF Gathering 2023 at Gateway Fellowship in Poulsbo on Friday, March 3rd (6pm-9:30) and Saturday, March 4th (8am-3:30). You won't want to miss out on an opportunity for incredible teaching, worship and fellowship in the Word. Go to bit.ly/ifpoulsbo to register locally or use the QR code >>



Women's Bible Study: Join us at the church office this week!

This winter we are studying "James: Mercy Triumphs" by Beth Moore. Monday evenings 6:30-8:30pm (Soup & Salad Dinner provided), Wednesday mornings 9:15-11:15am Breakfast Potluck & Childcare Provided. Questions? Email: Ashley@CrossSound.org or visit bit.ly/crosssoundwomen

GriefShare (GS) RETURNS weekly Thursdays Feb 5, 12, 19, 2023 from 9:45am- Noon at the Church Office. Adults on Bainbridge Island and beyond who recently or in past have lost a spouse, child, family member, neighbor or friend can find comfort, hope and renewed purpose through a weekly video and discussions in a safe and comfortable environment. Confidentiality is stressed and valued. GS can be very helpful learning what is normal and how to go forward when you are stuck in grief. For information and registration contact: Sue MacFarlane Call 206-714-5986 or Email: jimorsuemac@hotmail.com

Opportunities for leadership and service Like a family, we each have a strengths that complement one another and are necessary to build relationships within the church and community. Will you share your strength with us? Currently our greatest needs for volunteers are:

- Sunday Morning Greeters - all you need is a ready smile and a strong handshake!
- Sound Crew Support - though we have a sound crew in place, there are times when we need a team to solve problems. If you are interested in learning the system, so you may be called upon in emergencies, let us know!
- Sunday School teachers - We have a wonderful group of students, eager to learn laugh and engage with God's Word. Would you consider being a part of this ministry? Many hands make light work, so we are inviting everyone to consider this opportunity: the more volunteers we have, the lighter the load on individuals.

Email kristin@crosssound.org if you are interested in volunteering! Thank you

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.