



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 — Psalm 84:1-4

How lovely is your dwelling place,
 O LORD Almighty!
My soul yearns, even faints,
 for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh cry out
 for the living God.

Even the sparrow has found a home,
 and the swallow a nest for herself,
 where she may have her young—
a place near your altar,
 O LORD Almighty, my King and my God.
Blessed are those who dwell in your house;
 they are ever praising you.

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

**God will be faithful to us,
he promises never to leave us forsake us!
Confess and believe this assurance we have in Christ:
In Jesus Christ you are forgiven! Be at peace.**
Amen.
Amen.

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus
Just to take Him at His word
Just to rest upon His promise
Just to know, "Thus saith the Lord!"

Jesus, Jesus how I trust Him
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus
O for grace to trust Him more

O how sweet to trust in Jesus
Just to trust His cleansing blood
Just in simple faith to plunge me
'Neath the healing, cleansing flood

Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus
Just from sin and self to cease
Just from Jesus simply taking
Life and rest, and joy and peace

I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee
Precious Jesus, Savior, Friend
And I know that Thou art with me
Will be with me to the end

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.

Living Waters — *Kristyn Getty, Ed Cash*

Are you thirsty, are you empty, Come and drink these living waters
Tired and broken, peace unspoken, Rest beside these living waters

Christ is calling, find refreshing, At the cross of living waters
Lay your life down, all the old gone, Rise up in these living waters

*There's a river that flows, With mercy and love
Bringing joy to the city of our God
There our hope is secure, Do not fear anymore
Praise the Lord of living waters*

Spirit moving, mercy washing, Healing in these living waters
Lead your children to the shore line, Life is in these living waters

Chorus

Are you thirsty, are you empty, Come and drink these living waters
Love, forgiveness, vast and boundless, Christ, He is our living waters

Chorus

No One Like Our God — *Matt Redman*

Hallelujah, chains are broken, Your death has spoken life to us
And every accusation, all our condemnation, Silenced at the cross

Hallelujah, free salvation, The burden of a world so lost
Lifted from our shoulders, Carried by the Savior's passion at the cross

*There is no one like our God
There is no one like our Savior
How great is Your blessing
How great is Your love
There is no one like our God*

Hallelujah, free salvation, The burden of a world so lost
Lifted from our shoulders, Carried by the Savior's passion at the cross

Chorus

Never has there been, Never will there be
A God like You who came down in mercy
Never will there be, A greater hope than this
There is no one like our God

LAMENTING — Psalm 69:5-12,30,32-33

May those who hope in you
not be disgraced because of me,
O Lord, the LORD Almighty;
**may those who seek you
not be put to shame because of me,
O God of Israel.**

For I endure scorn for your sake,
and shame covers my face.

**I am a stranger to my brothers,
an alien to my own mother's sons;**
for zeal for your house consumes me,
and the insults of those who insult you fall on me.

**When I weep and fast,
I must endure scorn;**
when I put on sackcloth,
people make sport of me.

**Those who sit at the gate mock me,
and I am the song of the drunkards.**

I will praise God's name in song
and glorify him with thanksgiving.

**The poor will see and be glad—
you who seek God, may your hearts live!**
**The LORD hears the needy
and does not despise his captive people.**

GREETING & STUDENT DISMISSAL

NOTES:

Message

Series: Why Church?

Text: Romans 15:1-7

Title: Trailblazer

Speaker: Dave Sellers

We who are strong have an obligation to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves. ² Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to build him up. ³ For Christ did not please himself, but as it is written, “The reproaches of those who reproached you fell on me.” ⁴ For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. ⁵ May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, ⁶ that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷ Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

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.

QUOTES:

‘One good answer to the question “What sort of church are you? Who are you?” is to say, “We are a community of men and women who are waiting for Jesus to return”. Not waiting passively, as if we just wait and never do anything; no, that would be nonsense! But waiting actively - working at our daily work, loving God, loving people, giving our lives for Jesus and his gospel, and all the time praying, “Your Kingdom come, Lord Jesus!” As we do so, we will never be satisfied by what this world offers, never too disappointed when we do not experience healing or reconciliation or happiness in this life, always keeping our hopes set on that great future day.’ — Christopher Ash

‘There is no human being you will ever meet, no matter however wounded, disordered, or evil, no matter their theology, style of worship, or ways of thinking who was not created by the God we love. Any culture - nation, denomination, city, church, or family - that leads us to treat someone otherwise is seducing us to behave in ways that break the heart of God.’ — Diane Langberg

The ministry of a church is the sum total of the ministry of its members. —Bishop S. Scarlett

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 — *Hillsong*

The passion of our Saviour
The mercy of our God
The cross that leaves no question
Of the measure of His love

*Our chains are gone
Our debt is paid
The cross has overthrown the grave
For Jesus' blood that sets us free
Means death to death
And life for me*

The Innocent judged guilty
While the guilty one walks free
Death would be His portion
And our portion liberty

Chorus

I give my whole life
To honour this love
By the Lamb who was slain
I'm forgiven
The sinner's Saviour
Crown Him forever
For the Lamb who was slain
He is risen

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

Lord of all the nations,
we who were once far off are now brought near.
You extend the hope of glory to all who call on you.
Give us your heart, embracing all nations and peoples,
that we would be good neighbors, loving others as you love us.

(Silent Prayer)

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

God who renews,
we grieve the broken places we see in our life
and in the lives of our friends, family and neighbors.
Meet us with your Spirit as we long for restoration
and bring in your Kingdom with healing and new life.

(Silent Prayer)

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

Holy Spirit of love,
Cloth us with kindness and compassion
as we move toward others in relationship
Let our differences be cause for your glory
instead of the cause of strife.

(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

Satisfied — *Karl Digerness*

All my life long I had panted
For a drink from some cool spring
That I hoped would quench the burning
Of the thirst I felt within.

*Hallelujah! He has found me
The One my soul so long has craved
Jesus satisfies all my longings
Through his blood I now am saved*

Poor I was and sought for riches
Something that would satisfy.
But the dust I gathered 'round me
Only mocked my soul's sad cry

Well of water ever springing
Bread of Life so rich and free.
Untold wealth that never faileth
My Redeemer is to me.

KERRI AND MARC KOENIG

BENEDICTION — Ephesians 3:20-21

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever!

Announcements

Barry Schuler, Memorial Service: We hope you'll join us on Saturday, Feb. 26th at 2pm at Port Madison Lutheran church, on Bainbridge, as we tell stories, give God thanks for Barry's life, and celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. Reception to follow.

Healing Prayer: CSC's Session (some of the church's leaders) meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month for church business and prayer. Please join us on the 3rd Wednesday of each month if you would like prayers for healing (physical, emotional, spiritual, relational) at 6:30 pm at the Church office (600 Ericksen Ave. Ste #210 BI, 98110). *"Is any one of you sick? He/she should call the elders of the church to pray over him/her and anoint him/her with oil in the name of the Lord."*—James 5:12

Women's Ministry • 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*

- IF: GATHERING IS COMING TO BAINBRIDGE ON MARCH 4 & 5. Women will be gathering at the church office to connect virtually to the nation-wide conference. Please register in advance <https://watch.if2022.com/register/join-group?groupid=21817> Never heard of "IF"? They exist to equip women with gospel-centered resources, events, and community so they may learn more about who God is and disciple other women right where they are. *For more questions, please contact Heather Davies at hjdavies99@gmail.com*

- SAVE THE DATE! THE WOMEN'S RETREAT IS BACK THIS SPRING! We are looking forward to gathering together on May 7. More details will be coming soon.

Attention Cross Sound Kids: Save the Date for Kids Camp! We are excited to be partnering with New Life this Summer, July 11-June 15, 9am-12pm, rising K-5th grade. You won't want to miss this! Registration details will be coming soon.

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*

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

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.