

SUNDAY, APRIL 29 2018
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

“The Bible
tells of flawed
people—
people just like
me—who make
shockingly bad
choices yet still
find themselves
pursued by
God.”

— Philip Yancey



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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Gathering

Please join in song when ready

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father
Glory be to the Son
Glory be to the Spirit, Three in One

As it was in the beginning
Shall be forever
Amen, Amen, Amen

O Love that Will Not Let Me Go

O Love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
That in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.

O Light that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray,
That in thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain,
That morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.

PREPARATION

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

CALL TO WORSHIP

“With what shall I come before the Lord,
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?
Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”
He has told you, O man, what is good;
and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?
— Micah 6:6-8

Renewing

CONFESSIONS 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).

Holy Spirit,

Teach us to be still and know that you are God and we are not. Please us give us true grief for the ways we sin against you, And fill us with repentance and hope in you. Open our eyes To see clearly your faithfulness and power; your love and patience; your determination to pursue us, captivate us and overwhelm us with the truth of the gospel. Show us the love of the Savior, who was stuck for our sin, and who stands in heaven as our Advocate.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND RECEIVING OF GRACE

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!
According to his mercy, he has caused us to be born again
To a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ
From the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled,
And unfading, kept in heaven for you...
In the Name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven!

— 1 Peter 1:3-4

Amen.

Amen.

Hear My Cry, O Lord

Hear my cry, O Lord
Attend unto my prayer
From the ends of the earth
Will I cry out to Thee

And when my heart is overwhelmed
Lead me to the Rock
That is higher than I
That is higher than I

For Thou hast been
A shelter unto me
A strong tower, Lord
Against the enemy

Oceans

You call me out upon the waters
The great unknown where feet may fail
And there I find you in the mystery
In oceans deep my faith will stand

And I will call upon your name
And keep my eyes above the waves
When oceans rise
My soul will rest in your embrace
I am yours and you are mine

Your grace abounds in deepest waters
Your sovereign hand will be my guide
When feet may fail and fear surrounds me
You never fail and you won't start now

Spirit, lead me where my trust is without borders
Let me walk upon the waters
Wherever you would call me
Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander
And my faith will be made stronger
In the presence of my Savior

I will call upon your name
And keep my eyes above the waves
My soul will rest in your embrace
I am yours and you are mine

Good, Good Father

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

BLESSING

Curtis, Grace, Harper, Malia Romjue

MESSAGE

Series: Outrageous Hope

Text: Hebrews 6:13-20

Title: Anchored

Speaker: Dave Sellers

For when God made a promise to Abraham, since he had no one greater by whom to swear, he swore by himself, ¹⁴ saying, “Surely I will bless you and multiply you.” ¹⁵ And thus Abraham, having patiently waited, obtained the promise. ¹⁶ For people swear by something greater than themselves, and in all their disputes an oath is final for confirmation. ¹⁷ So when God desired to show more convincingly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of his purpose, he guaranteed it with an oath, ¹⁸ so that by two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to hold fast to the hope set before us. ¹⁹ We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain, ²⁰ where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.

QUOTES

‘The prisoner who had lost faith in the future - his future - was doomed. With his loss of belief in the future, he also lost his spiritual hold; he let himself decline and became subject to mental and physical decay.’

—Viktor E. Frankl, *Man’s Search for Meaning*

‘There, peeping among the cloud-wrack above a dark tor high up in the mountains, Sam saw a white star twinkle for a while. The beauty of it smote his heart, as he looked up out of the forsaken land, and hope returned to him. For like a shaft, clear and cold, the thought pierced him that in the end the Shadow was only a small and passing thing: there was light and high beauty for ever beyond its reach. His song in the Tower had been defiance rather than hope; for then he was thinking of himself. Now, for a moment, his own fate, and even his master’s, ceased to trouble him. He crawled back into the brambles and laid himself by Frodo’s side, and putting away all fear he cast himself into a deep and untroubled sleep.’

—JRR Tolkien, *The Lord of the Rings*

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.

OFFERING

Jesus looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the offering box, and he saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins. And he said, "Truly, I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them. For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on."

—Luke 21:1-4

The Master's Calling

Listen while you still can hear

Listen while you still can hear

The Master's calling

The Master's calling

Bow down while your knees still bend

Bow down while your knees still bend

The Master's calling

The Master's calling

I don't wanna walk away

Walk away from Him

No, I don't wanna walk away

Don't wanna walk away from Him

Bind me to your side

Bind me to your side

Seek him though your eyes don't see

Seek him though your eyes don't see

The Master's calling

The Master's calling

Praise him while your lips still sing

Praise him while your lips still sing

The Master's calling

The Master's calling

I don't wanna walk away

Walk away from Him

No, I don't wanna walk away

Walk away from Him

Bind me to your side

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Christ our Messiah,
we celebrate that you are our anchor in life
keeping us safe and immovable with God the Father.
May you who bore our sins in your body on the cross
guard our souls as sojourners in this world.
For this, O Lord, we pray:
Lord, hear our prayer.

Christ our King, you bear a name above every name,
sustaining our world by your word:
establish your reign of justice and peace
over all the earth, that grace and truth
may transform peoples, leaders, and nations.
For this, O Lord, we pray:
Lord, hear our prayer.

Spirit of wisdom and life,
at times you lead us into the wilderness,
into suffering, into times of trial by sickness,
hunger, and oppression,
grant relief to the poor and unemployed,
freedom to the persecuted, health to the sick,
and comfort to all who suffer in mind or body.
For this, O Lord, we pray:
Lord, hear our prayer.

And for what else should we pray?
Please add your own prayers at this time, ending with,
“For this, O Lord, we pray” and all responding,
“**Lord, hear our 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 for ever. Amen.

COMMUNION

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 living sacrifice. Amen

PRAYERS FOR REFLECTION

Prayer of those struggling with the truth:

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.

Call Him Good (Psalm 104)

Verse 1:

Call Him good, my soul

I am here to declare my affection for You

Call Him good, my soul

You who are wrapped in glory

Dressed in greatness

Chorus:

For covering, You choose light

Your clothes, sunset and moonrise

For a tent, You stretch out the heavens

For a roof, You pitch the sky

Call Him good, my soul

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 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

Verse 2:

You who made the earth
And You made its frame stable forever
You who made the earth
And you wrapped it in a gown of waters

What a Beautiful Name

You were the Word at the beginning
One with God the Lord Most High
Your hidden glory in creation
Now revealed in You, our Christ

What a beautiful Name it is
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ, my King
What a beautiful name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

You wanted heaven opened to us
So Jesus, You brought heaven down
My sin was great, Your love was greater
What could separate us now?

What a wonderful name it is...

Death could not hold You
The veil tore before You
You silence the boast of sin and grave
The heavens are roaring
The praise of Your glory
For You are raised to life again
You have no rival, You have no equal
Now and forever, God You reign
Yours is the kingdom, Yours is the glory
Yours is the Name above all names

What a powerful Name it is...

EASTER STORY

BENEDICTION

In the love of the God of life:
and the blessing of God almighty,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be among you, and remain with you always.

All **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

Lunch Meeting: TODAY immediately after worship in the library. Join us as we talk and dream together about a Ministry Center.

Upcoming Cross Sound Kids Service Project! Kids of all ages are invited to spread a little cheer to the residents of the nursing facility, the Messenger House on Tuesday, May 1st from 3:45-4:45. In honor of May Day, we will be going room to room delivering bouquets of flowers to each person in the facility. Let's show them God's love with some smiles and a few flowers! No need to RSVP, just come! Messenger House 10861 NE Manitou Park Blvd. Tuesday, May 1st 3:45-4:45 Questions? Email kfixter5@gmail.com

Video Series & Class: Jesus Among Secular Gods - Next weeks topic- Humanism & Retativism In some segments of society, the Christian worldview has been dismissed, or simply mocked as unintelligent. But is it? Is the Christian faith rational and reasonable? Do the popular philosophies of the day provide a coherent and thoughtful worldview? Join us for a 6-week study with world-renowned thinkers Ravi Zacharias & Vince Vitale (fresh from their sit down presentation at Google) as we explore the claims of Christianity and also consider topics such as atheism, pluralism, humanism, scientism, and hedonism. Begins at 9 am, in the BHS Library.

Mark your calendars for our "Annual Blessed to be a Blessing Pentecost Missions Fair, Sunday May 20: Please plan to join us after church for our 10th annual Pentecost Missions Fair. Cake walk, potluck and Bbq, live music, opportunities to share stories about God's glory as experienced on mission. If your group is interested in having a table at the fair please contact Penny Daniels (penny@crosssound.org) We will celebrate together and lunch will be hosted by Young Life! There will also be a cake walk to support Immersion. Please plan to bring cakes or treats!

Welcome Lunch June 3: If you are new to CSC or would just like an opportunity to meet some of the Cross Sound leaders please consider joining us for a welcome lunch at Mark & Cheryl Harrison's home for lunch. 1237 Hawley Way NE, Bainbridge Island. Please email Penny@crosssound.org for more info or to RSVP.

Kids, are you ready for an ADVENTURE this summer?

Grow in your relationship with God during Cross Sound Kids Camp at Island Lake! Enjoy swimming, rock climbing, archery, arts and crafts, low ropes course and lots of games. Best of all, campers will get to hear about God's love for them during Fireside skits/talks!

August 13-17, M-F, 9 am - 5 pm, Cost: \$150/child. Full or partial scholarships can be provided. Ages: Kids entering Kindergarten through 7th grade. Kids will be divided up into age-related groups. For those entering 5/6/7 grades... Extreme Adventure Activities (high ropes course, dirt bikes) are available for an additional fee. Questions? Contact Katie Fixter at kfixter5@gmail.com

Men's Retreat - Sept. 21-23 @ Fort Worden

Sign up TODAY for the summer men's retreat. Friday check-in starts at 4pm. Friday night BBQ at 6pm, speaker throughout the weekend, and plenty of free time to go into Port Townsend for lunch or visit the café on campus, fish the sound, hike the trails or beach, golf, play Bocci Ball or tennis, hang out or just relax. The cost of the retreat is \$194 for a private room and \$158 for a bunk in the bunk room. There are scholarships available. For more info Contact Roger Barber irbarbers@gmail.com

CS Kids and Youth Group

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

Contact: Laura O'Connell, oconnells1908@yahoo.com. Children are invited to be dropped off at this class before the church service begins.

Cross Sound Kids:

Children will attend the worship portion of the service and then be sent to their classrooms as a whole Sunday school group.

Contact: Laura O'Connell, oconnells1908@yahoo.com or Katie Fixter, kfixter5@gmail.com

Little Kids (3-5yrs) Room #232

Kindergarten Room #231

First & Second grades Room #229

Third & Fourth grades Room #225

Fifth & Sixth grades Room #222

YOUTH GROUP

Junior High, Bainbridge High School Library

Senior High, Bainbridge High School Library

WEDNESDAYS 6:30-8pm – H.S. CSC Youth Group at the Brouwer's home: 8874 Battle Point Dr. NE. Bainbridge Island.

THURSDAYS 6:30-8pm – Jr. High CSC Youth Group at the Cross Sound Office: 600 Ericksen Ave. NE #210.

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

NOTES:

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: _____

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

