



God comes to us in the brokenness of our health, in the shipwreck of our family lives, in the loss of all possible peace of mind, even in the very thick of our sins. He saves us in our disasters, not from them. He emphatically does not promise to meet only the odd winner of the self-improvement lottery. He meets us all in our endless and inescapable losing.

Robert Farrar Capon

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 95:1-6

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;
 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
 let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!
For the LORD is a great God,
 and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the depths of the earth;
 the heights of the mountains are his also.
The sea is his, for he made it,
 and his hands formed the dry land.
Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
 let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

CONFESSION OF SIN — Psalm 25:6-8, 11

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

**Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.
Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
according to your steadfast love remember me,
for the sake of your goodness, O Lord!
Good and upright is the Lord;
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.
For your name's sake, O Lord,
pardon my guilt, for it is great.**

Renewing

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND RECEIVING OF GRACE — Romans 5:1

Therefore having been justified by faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Amen.
Amen.

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus — *Words and music: Helen H. Lemmel, 1918*

O soul, are you weary and troubled?
No light in the darkness you see?
There's light for a look at the Savior,
And life more abundant and free!

His Word shall not fail you - He promised;
Believe Him, and all will be well:
Then go to a world that is dying,
His perfect salvation to tell!

*Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in His wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim,
In the light of His glory and grace.*

Our Great God — Agnus Dei by Michael W. Smith

Alleluia, Alleluia
For the Lord God Almighty reigns
Alleluia, Alleluia
For the Lord God Almighty reigns
Alleluia
Holy, holy are you Lord God Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb
You are holy,
Holy are you Lord God Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb
Amen

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.

Days of Elijah — *D. McClurkin*

These are the days of Elijah, Declaring the Word of the Lord
And these are the days of Your servant, Moses, Righteousness being restored
And though these are the days of great trial, Of famine and darkness and sword
Still we are the voice in the desert, crying, “Prepare ye the way of the Lord!”

*Behold, He comes riding on the clouds, Shining like the sun, at the trumpet call
Lift your voice, in the year of jubilee, For out of Zion’s hill salvation comes*

These are the days of Ezekiel, The dry bones becoming as flesh
And these are the days of Your servant, Moses, Righteousness being restored
These are the days of the harvest, The fields are as white in the world
And we are the labourers in Your vineyard, Declaring the Word of the Lord.

THANKSGIVING — Psalm 34:2-10

My soul will boast in the LORD;
let the afflicted hear and rejoice.
Glorify the LORD with me;
let us exalt his name together.

I sought the LORD, and he answered me;
he delivered me from all my fears.

Those who look to him are radiant;
their faces are never covered with shame.

This poor man called, and the LORD heard him;
he saved him out of all his troubles.

The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him,
and he delivers them.

Taste and see that the LORD is good;
blessed is the man who takes refuge in him.

Fear the LORD, you his saints,
for those who fear him lack nothing.

The lions may grow weak and hungry,
but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.

GREETING & STUDENT DISMISSAL

QUOTES:

'There was a time when the church was very powerful - in the time when the early Christians rejoiced at being deemed worthy to suffer for what they believed. In those days the church was not merely a thermometer that recorded the ideas and principles of popular opinion; it was a thermostat that transformed the mores of society. Whenever the early Christians entered a town, the people in power became disturbed and immediately sought to convict the Christians for being "disturbers of the peace" and "outside agitators". But the Christians pressed on, in the conviction that they were a "colony of heaven," called to obey God and not man. Small in number, they were big in commitment. They were too God intoxicated to be "astronomically intimidated." By their effort and example they brought an end to such ancient evils as infanticide and gladiatorial contests. Things are different now. So often the contemporary church is a weak, ineffectual voice with an uncertain sound. So often it an archdefender of the status-quo. Far from being disturbed by the presence of the church, the power structure of the average community is consoled by the church's silent - and often even vocal - sanction of things as they are.'

—Martin Luther King Jr., Letter from Birmingham Jail

For people to keep away from each other in the same church (when there is every opportunity for meeting frequently) engenders a lack of love and extreme coldness; and Satan never seeks a better method of kindling these things just mentioned than to get us to neglect this fellowship with one another. The gardener has only to neglect visit his garden, and to refrain from weeding it, and it will be overrun with weeds in a few weeks; and the church of God need only keep at a distance the one from the other, and lack of love will grow like a root, and from it will come every sorry, miserable branch, and none can destroy it save God alone. But on the other hand, what love, what concord, what good intentions, what security and what protection there is a for the members of a church who do not neglect the gathering of themselves together!

—William Williams, The Experience Meeting: An Introduction to the Welsh Societies of the Evangelical Awakening

NOTES:

Message

Series: Why Church?

Text: Matthew 16:18, Ephesians 3:20-21

Title: Appreciation

Speaker: Dave Sellers

And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, ²¹ to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

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 — Psalm 24:1

The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it,
the world, and those who live in it.

In Christ Alone — *Music: Keith Getty; Lyrics: Stuart Townend, 2001*

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song
This cornerstone, this solid ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all, Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone! – who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied –
For every sin on Him was laid: Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious day, Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory, Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine – Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man, Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till he returns or calls me home, Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

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

Generous Father,
**thank you for giving us your Son:
pour your Spirit upon us and give us your own heart
so we may joyfully give to others
and bring good news to those around us.**

(Silent Prayer)

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

Jesus our treasure,
**be present in places that seem far from your redemption:
walk with peace on streets that have seen violence;
let your touch bring healing where there are wounds;
make us your hands, feet, and voice
as we move out in love for those who bear your image.**

(Silent Prayer)

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

Spirit of comfort,
**protect those in our neighborhoods and around the world
who experience injustice at the hands of others.
Engage your Church to challenge those who perpetrate wrong;
We pray for peace in Ukraine and Russia;
establish civic leaders who hear the cries of people at the margins;
to love as Christ has loved them.**

(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

Everlasting God — Chris Tomlin

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord

We will wait upon the Lord

We will wait upon the Lord

Our God, You reign forever

Our hope, our strong deliverer

You are the Everlasting God, the Everlasting God

You do not faint, you won't grow weary

You're the defender of the weak

You comfort those in need

You lift us up on wings like eagles

DAVE MURRAY

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

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. 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*

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!

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.