



This is why I think the
gospel of Jesus is such
incredibly good news,
because what you may
not have gotten as a
child, Jesus freely offers
without condition:
identity, acceptance, love.



Steve Cuss

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

CALL TO WORSHIP — Psalm 86:8-10

There is none like you, O Lord,

nor are there any works like yours.

All the nations you have made shall come and bow down before you, O Lord,
and shall glorify your name.

For you are great and do wondrous things, you alone are God.

Renewing

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.

Merciful God,

we confess that as a church 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 and mind and strength

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In your mercy forgive what we have been,

help us amend what we are,

and direct what we shall be,

so that we may delight in your will

and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your holy name.

Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND RECEIVING OF GRACE

Come now, let us argue it out, says the LORD:
though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow;
though they are red like crimson,
they shall become like wool.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

— Isaiah 1:18

Build Your Kingdom Here — Robert Robinson, 1757; Tune: John Wyeth

Come set Your rule and reign, In our hearts again,
Increase in us we pray, Unveil why we're made
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope, Like wildfire in our very souls,
Holy Spirit come invade us now...

We are Your Church, We need Your power in Us

We seek Your kingdom first, We hunger and we thirst,
Refuse to waste our lives, For You're our joy and prize
To see the captive hearts released, The hurt the sick the poor at peace
We lay down our lives for Heavens cause...

We are Your Church, We pray revive this earth

*Build Your kingdom here, Let the darkness fear,
Show Your mighty hand, Heal our streets and land
Set Your church on fire, Win this planet back,
Change the atmosphere, Build Your kingdom here we pray!*

Unleash Your kingdoms power, Reaching the near and far
No force of hell can stop, Your beauty changing hearts
You made us for much more than this, Awake the kingdom seed in us
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ...

We are Your Church, We are the hope on earth

Chorus x2

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.

Sing to the King — Billy Foote

Sing to the King Who is coming to reign, Glory to Jesus, the Lamb that was slain
Life and salvation His empire shall bring, And joy to the nations when Jesus is King

*Come, let us sing a song, A song declaring we belong to Jesus, He is all we need
Lift up a heart of praise, Sing now with voices raised to Jesus, Sing to the King*

For His returning we watch and we pray, We will be ready the dawn of that day
We'll join in singing with all the redeemed, 'Cause Satan is vanquished and Jesus is King

Chorus x2

Cornerstone — Hillsong United

My hope is built on nothing less,
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly trust in Jesus' name

*Christ alone, Cornerstone,
Weak made strong in the Savior's love
Through the storm, He is Lord, Lord of all*

When darkness seems to hide his face,
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil,
My anchor holds within the veil

Chorus

When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne

Chorus(x2)

On Christ the solid rock I stand,
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand
On Christ the solid rock I stand,
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand

MIRACLE RANCH

ANNOUNCEMENTS, STUDENT DISMISSAL & GREETING

Please stand and introduce yourself to one another.

QUOTES:

‘Enemy-occupied territory - that is what this world is. Christianity is the story of how the rightful king has landed, you might say landed in disguise, and is calling us all to take part in the great campaign of sabotage. When you go to church you are really listening-in to the secret wireless from our friends: that is why the enemy is so anxious to prevent us from going.’ – CS Lewis

‘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

‘How is it possible that the gospel should be credible, that people should come to believe that the power which has the last word in human affairs is represented by a man hanging on a cross? I am suggesting that the only answer, the only hermeneutic of the gospel, is a congregation of men and women who believe it and live by it.’ – Lesslie Newbigin

“Congregation is composed of people, who, upon entering a church, leave behind what people on the street name or call them. A church can never be reduced to a place where goods and services are exchanged. It must never be a place where a person is labeled. It can never be a place where gossip is perpetuated. Before anything else, it is a place where a person is named and greeted, whether implicitly or explicitly, in Jesus’s name. A place where dignity is conferred.”— Eugene H. Peterson

SERIES: GOSPEL CULTURE

Text: 1 Corinthians 3:10-16

Title: Built to Last

Speaker: Dave Sellers

According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building upon it. Let each one take care how he builds upon it. ¹¹ For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. ¹² Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw— ¹³ each one's work will become manifest, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. ¹⁴ If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. ¹⁵ If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire. Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?

NOTES:

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.

COMMUNION — *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").*

"Jesus gave us a model for the work of the church at the Last Supper. While his disciples kept proposing more organization – Hey, let's elect officers, establish hierarchy, set standards of professionalism – Jesus quietly picked up a towel and basin of water and began to wash their feet."

–Philip Yancey

OFFERING — *Offering is a way for members and friends to support the worship and work of the church, it's 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



Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth,
where moth and rust consume
and where thieves break in and steal;
but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven,
where neither moth nor rust consumes
and where thieves do not break in and steal.
For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.
— Ephesians 5:1-2 (The Message)

In Christ Alone

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!

Sending

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS — Jillian Bateman

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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, The power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

House of the Lord — Phil Wickham

We worship the God who was, We worship the God who is
We worship the God who evermore will be
He opened the prison doors, He parted the raging sea
My God, He holds the victory

*There's joy in the house of the Lord, There's joy in the house of the Lord today
And we won't be quiet, We shout out Your praise
There's joy in the house of the Lord, Our God is surely in this place
And we won't be quiet, We shout out Your praise*

We sing to the God who heals, We sing to the God who saves
We sing to the God who always makes a way
He hung upon that cross, Then He rose up from that grave
My God's still rolling stones away

Chorus

We were the beggars, Now we're royalty
We were the prisoners, Now we're running free
We are forgiven, accepted, Redeemed by His grace
Let the house of the Lord sing praise (x2)

Chorus x2

BENEDICTION — Colossians 3:17

Whatever you do, in word or deed,
do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus,
giving thanks to God the Father through him. 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

April 15: Women's Ministry Spring Book Study begins this week! Please join us Monday nights at 6:30 for dinner, or Wednesday mornings at 9:30 am for brunch (childcare provided). Bring your friends! Email Katie for book selections and reading schedule: katiepearson@crosssound.org

April 27 "Men of Hope" Event: in a time of accelerating hopelessness and despair, God, through the Holy Spirit, is at work shaping us into a countercultural community filled with a deep, exuberant, audacious, jubilant, irascible, confident, patient, calm, childlike hope. Let's spend some time exploring this together! Paul Schuler, who planted and led CSC for 10 years, will be speaking on Saturday, April 27 at the BI Rowing Club from 9-11:30am. (281 Brien Drive SE next to BI Waterfront Park Ave Suite 210. BI, WA 98110). RSVP to info@crosssound.org

April 28, May 5, May 12, May 19 Confirmation Class for 5th – 8th graders:

Students will learn more about what we believe as Christians and why. There is an opportunity for public profession of faith in Jesus during the June 2 service. This is also a good preparation for baptism for those who have not yet had that opportunity. Class is taught by Carrie Sellers during regular Sunday School time. For information, or to sign up, please email suzanne@crosssound.org

May 19: Braver Angel's Workshop: How do we navigate a Presidential Year?

Braver Angels is a New York-based 501 nonprofit dedicated to political depolarization. The organization runs workshops, debates, and other events where "red" and "blue" participants attempt to better understand one another's positions and discover their shared values. Join us for this workshop on Sunday, May 19 from 12:00-6:30p; Lunch provided.

June 21-23: Miracle Ranch 5th-8th Graders Come kick off Summer vacation and join us for a weekend of incredible FUN at Miracle Ranch in Port Orchard. Activities include gaga ball, a game room, a rodeo, a climbing wall, a snack shop, large group meetings, and the opportunity to participate in, horseback riding, high ropes, and paintball. Sign up here: bit.ly/5-8miracleranch2024 or QR code >



June 22: Day at Miracle Ranch K-4th Come spend a day with us at Miracle Ranch to start the summer and enjoy all the fun activities! PreK (age 4+) also welcome with a parent. For more info or questions, contact suzanne@crosssound.org. Sign up by May 30: bit.ly/K-4miracleranch2024 or follow the QR Code >



Save the date - Summer Activities!

JUNE 22: Day at Miracle Ranch - K-4th grade (preK welcome with parent)

JULY 19-21: all-church camping trip at Crescent Beach

If you have any announcements that you would like included in the bulletin, please email Kristin@crosssound.org by Wednesday afternoons. Include basic info: Who, What, When and how to sign up!

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.