



The word 'christian' means different things to different people. To one person it means a stiff, upright, inflexible way of life, colorless and unbending.

To another it means a risky, surprised-filled adventure, lived tiptoe at the edge of expectation...

If we get our information from the biblical material, there is no doubt that the Christian life is a dancing, leaping, daring life.



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 9:1-2

I will praise you, O LORD, with all my heart;  
I will tell of all your wonders.  
I will be glad and rejoice in you;  
I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

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, many of us come before you anxious and afraid.  
We are fearful about our relationships, our health,  
our finances, our families, our futures and many other things.  
We have a hard time believing in you in a way that actually comforts us.  
Instead, we doubt your love and concern for us,  
and there are times we even doubt your existence.  
We're not calmed by the idea that you are the vine  
and we are the branches.  
Father, we confess and repent our unbelief.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND RECEIVING OF GRACE

Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies;<sup>26</sup> and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” — John 11:25-26

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. — John 3:16

**Amen.**

# Renewing

## **Your Love Oh Lord**

Your love, Oh Lord, reaches to the heavens  
Your faithfulness stretches to the sky  
Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains  
And Your justice flows like the ocean's tides

And I will lift my voice to worship You, my King  
And I will find my strength in the shadow of Your wings

## **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

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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.

**Trust In You** — *Lauren Daigle*

Letting go of every single dream  
I lay each one down at Your feet  
Every moment of my wandering  
Never changes what You see

I've tried to win this war, I confess  
My hands are weary, I need Your rest  
Mighty warrior, King of the fight  
No matter what I face, You're by my side

*When You don't move the mountains, I'm needing You to move  
When You don't part the waters, I wish I could walk through  
When You don't give the answers, As I cry out to You  
I will trust, I will trust, I will trust in You*

Truth is, You know what tomorrow brings  
There's not a day ahead You have not seen  
So in all things be my life and breath  
I want what You want, Lord, and nothing less

*Chorus*

You are my strength and comfort  
You are my steady hand  
You are my firm foundation  
The rock on which I stand  
Your ways are always higher  
Your plans are always good  
There's not a place where I'll go  
You've not already stood

*Chorus x 2*

I will trust in You  
I will trust in You  
I will trust in You

ANNOUNCEMENTS, STUDENT DISMISSAL & GREETING

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:

*'God's desire for us is that we should live in him.'* — Dallas Willard

*'Christian living is participation in God, in "the supreme loveliness of his nature." And if what defines God supremely is his beauty or loveliness or excellency, then to participate in the triune life of God is to be swept up into, and to exude that heavenly resplendence. A Christian is one who is being beatified.'* — Jonathan Edwards (1703-1758)

*'Behind all the desires for connection is the desire to be "fully known."'* — Jessica Martin

MESSAGE SERIES: A MAN CALLED LOVE

**Text: John 15:1-7**

**Title: Connected**

**Speaker: Dave Sellers**

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser.<sup>2</sup> Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit.<sup>3</sup> Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you.<sup>4</sup> Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me.<sup>5</sup> I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.<sup>6</sup> If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned.<sup>7</sup> If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.<sup>8</sup> By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.<sup>9</sup> As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love.<sup>10</sup> If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love.<sup>11</sup> These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

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## 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](http://www.crosssound.org/give) • Stock: contact [bookkeeper@crosssound.org](mailto:bookkeeper@crosssound.org)
- Mail: Cross Sound Church PO Box 11748 or 600 Ericksen Ave NE #210, Bainbridge Is., WA 98110



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

— Psalm 24:1

**Don't Forget His Love (Psalm 108)** — *Ellie Holcomb*

Praise the Lord, O my soul  
Oh and all my inmost being  
Praise the Lord, O my soul  
Don't forget His love

Who forgives all of your sins  
And who heals all your diseases  
Who redeems your life from the pit  
And who crowns you with His love

Who satisfies your desires  
Oh with good and lovely things  
Who renews your heart  
Like a flight on eagles' wings

Praise the Lord, O my soul  
Oh and all my inmost being  
Praise the Lord, O my soul  
Don't forget His love

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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”).



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.  
Amen.

# Sending

**The Blessing**— *Cody Carnes, Elevation Worship, and Kari Jobe*

The Lord bless you, And keep you  
Make His face shine upon you, And be gracious to you  
The Lord turn His, Face toward you, And give you peace  
Amen, amen, amen. Amen, amen, amen

The Lord bless you, And keep you  
Make His face shine upon you, And be gracious to you  
The Lord turn His, Face toward you, And give you peace  
Amen, amen, amen. Amen, amen, amen

May His favor be upon you, And a thousand generations  
And your family and your children, And their children, and their children  
May His presence go before you, And behind you, and beside you  
All around you, and within you, He is with you, He is with you  
In the morning, in the evening, In your coming, and your going  
In your weeping, and rejoicing He is for you, He is for you.  
He is for you, He is for you...

Amen, amen, amen, Amen, amen, amen

May His favor be upon you, And a thousand generations  
And your family and your children, And their children, and their children  
May His presence go before you, And behind you, and beside you  
All around you, and within you, He is with you, He is with you  
In the morning, in the evening, In your coming, and your going  
In your weeping, and rejoicing He is for you, He is for you.

BENEDICTION — based on 1 Cor. 16:13; 1 Thes. 5:13-22; 1 Pet. 2:17

Go out into the world in peace: have courage;  
hold on to what is good; return no one evil for evil;  
help the suffering; honor all;  
love and serve the Lord,  
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.  
**With God's help we will.**

And the blessing of God Almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be upon you, and remain with you forever.

**Amen**

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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

**Egg Dash Volunteer Sign Up!** If you are able to assist with this year's egg dash, the Saturday before Easter, please sign up! This is a wonderful way to bless our community: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F084EA4AF22AAFD0-egghunt>

**5th-8th Miracle Ranch Summer Camp** will be happening from Friday, June 23rd to Sunday, the 25th. The cost will be \$225 plus \$34 per add-on activity (Horseback Riding, Paintball, and High ropes course). Those currently in 5th grade through 8th grade are welcome to sign-up. A sign-up email will be out shortly.

**High School Summer Immersion Servant Leadership Camp** is happening July 15- 22. We are partnering with Sacred Roads again and serving the Warm Springs Nation. If you are interested in going text or email Josh and come to the mandatory information meeting on Sunday, March 5th after church in the BHS Library.

**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](mailto: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. Register: [bit.ly/ifpoulsbo](http://bit.ly/ifpoulsbo)

**Women's Bible Study** Join us at the church office this week! This winter we are studying "James: Mercy Triumphs" by Beth Moore.  
Monday Evening 6:30 - 8:30 - Soup and Salad Dinner provided  
Wednesday Morning 9:15 - 11:15 - Breakfast Potluck & Childcare Provided  
Questions? Email [Ashley@CrossSound.org](mailto:Ashley@CrossSound.org) or visit [bit.ly/crosssoundwomen](http://bit.ly/crosssoundwomen)

**GriefShare (GS) RETURNS weekly Thursdays Mar 2—May 25, 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](mailto:jimorsuemac@hotmail.com)

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If you have any announcements that you would like included in the bulletin, please email [Kristin@crosssound.org](mailto: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): \_\_\_\_\_

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*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.*