

‘And the more I considered Christianity, the more I found that while it had established a rule and order, the chief aim of that order was to give room for good things to run wild.’

— GK Chesterton, *Orthodoxy*



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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crosssound.org or call our office: (206) 842-6898

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

All Creatures of Our God and King —Words: *Francis of Assisi*,
c. 1225; Music: Peter von Brachel, 1623

All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing
Alleluia, Alleluia
Thou burning sun with golden beam
Thou silver moon with softer gleam
Oh praise Him! Oh praise Him!
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong
Ye clouds that sail in heaven along
Oh praise Him, Alleluia!
Thou rising moon in praise rejoice
Ye lights of evening find a voice
Oh praise Him! Oh praise Him!
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

And all ye men of tender heart
Forgiving others take your part
O, sing ye, Alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear
Praise God and on Him cast you care
Oh praise Him! Oh praise Him!
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless
And worship Him in humbleness
Oh praise Him, Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son
And praise the Spirit, Three in One!
Oh praise Him! Oh praise Him!
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

CALL TO WORSHIP

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through
the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall
not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be
burned, and the flame shall not consume you. Because you are
precious in my eyes, and honored, and I love you, I give men in
return for you, peoples in exchange for your life. Fear not, for I am
with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the
west I will gather you.

— Isaiah 43:1-5

As we gather to worship, please silence all mobile phones and electronic devices for the duration of the service.

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).

Jesus, thank you for invading our world
and forever quieting the loud thunder of the law
that we cannot keep. We are new creations,
but still messy sinners,
and this confuses and discourages us.
Instead of marveling at your love
for weak and sinful people,
we try to hide our sin and reform ourselves.
We spend our days alienated from you
and isolated from others,
because we reject your sacrifice for our sin
and try to substitute our own.
Jesus, have mercy on us and forgive us.

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND RECEIVING OF GRACE

If anyone is in Christ, he (she) is a new creation.
The old has passed away; behold the new has come.
All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to
Himself...
For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin,
So that in him we might become the righteousness of God.
—2 Corinthians 5:17-18,21

Amen.

Amen.

The Power of the Cross—Getty Townend

Oh, to see the dawn
Of the darkest day,
Christ on the road to Calvary.
Tried by sinful men,
Torn and beaten, then
Nailed to a cross of wood.

This, the power of the cross,
Christ became sin for us
Took the blame, bore the wrath
We stand forgiven at the cross.

Oh, to see the pain
Written on Your face,
Bearing the awesome weight of sin.
Every bitter thought,
Every evil deed
Crowning Your bloodstained brow.

Text in bold is read by the entire congregation. Plain text is read by the worship leader only.

Now the daylight flees
Now the ground beneath
Quakes as its Maker bows His head.
Curtain torn in two,
Dead are raised to life,
“Finished!” the victory cry.

Oh, to see my name
Written in the wounds,
For through Your suffering I am free.
Death is crushed to death
Life is mine to live,
Won through Your selfless love.

[Last chorus]
This, the power of the cross
Son of God, slain for us
What a love! What a cost!
We stand forgiven at the cross.

Revelation Song

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain.
Holy, holy is He.
Sing a new song to Him who sits on
Heaven's Mercy Seat.

CHORUS:

Holy, Holy, Holy is The Lord, God Almighty.
Who was and is and is to come.
With all creation I sing, “Praise to The King of Kings,
You are my everything. And I will adore You”.

Clothed in rainbows, of living color.
Flashes of lightening, rolls of thunder.
Blessing and honor, strength and glory and power be,
To You, the only wise King.

CHORUS

Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder,
At the mention of Your Name.
Jesus, Your Name is power, breath and living water.
Such a marvelous mystery.

CHORUS

The largest book in the Bible is primarily a book of poems set to music to sing God's praises. This is all part of God's design to surround His presence with singing. Expressing gratitude to God expresses dependence upon God and is an antidote for cynicism, criticism, and bitterness.

Sing to the King

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

GIVING THANKS

On your feet now—applaud God!
Bring a gift of laughter,
sing yourselves into his presence.
Know this: God is God, and God, God.
He made us; we didn't make him.
We're his people, his well-tended sheep.
Enter with the password: "Thank you!"
Make yourselves at home, talking praise.
Thank him. Worship him.
For God is sheer beauty,
all-generous in love,
loyal always and ever.

— Psalm 100

MESSAGE

Series: God's Story of Salvation

Text: Exodus 14:5-31

Title: Slavery or Freedom

Speaker: Dave Sellers

When the king of Egypt was told that the people had fled, the mind of Pharaoh and his servants was changed toward the people, and they said, "What is this we have done, that we have let Israel go from serving us?"⁶ So he made ready his chariot and took his army with him,⁷ and took six hundred chosen chariots and all the other chariots of Egypt with officers over all of them.⁸ And the Lord hardened the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and he pursued the people of Israel while the people of Israel were going out defiantly.⁹ The Egyptians pursued them, all Pharaoh's horses and chariots and his horsemen and his army, and overtook them encamped at the sea, by Pi-hahiroth, in front of Baal-zephon.¹⁰

When Pharaoh drew near, the people of Israel lifted up their eyes, and behold, the Egyptians were marching after them, and they feared greatly. And the people of Israel cried out to the Lord.

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.

¹¹They said to Moses, “Is it because there are no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us in bringing us out of Egypt? ¹²Is not this what we said to you in Egypt: ‘Leave us alone that we may serve the Egyptians’? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness.” ¹³And Moses said to the people, “Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the Lord, which he will work for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall never see again. ¹⁴The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to be silent.”

¹⁵The Lord said to Moses, “Why do you cry to me? Tell the people of Israel to go forward. ¹⁶Lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the people of Israel may go through the sea on dry ground. ¹⁷And I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they shall go in after them, and I will get glory over Pharaoh and all his host, his chariots, and his horsemen. ¹⁸And the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I have gotten glory over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his horsemen.”

¹⁹Then the angel of God who was going before the host of Israel moved and went behind them, and the pillar of cloud moved from before them and stood behind them, ²⁰coming between the host of Egypt and the host of Israel. And there was the cloud and the darkness. And it lit up the night without one coming near the other all night.

²¹Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided. ²²And the people of Israel went into the midst of the sea on dry ground, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left. ²³The Egyptians pursued and went in after them into the midst of the sea, all Pharaoh’s horses, his chariots, and his horsemen. ²⁴And in the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and of cloud looked down on the Egyptian forces and threw the Egyptian forces into a panic, ²⁵clogging their chariot wheels so that they drove heavily. And the Egyptians said, “Let us flee from before Israel, for the Lord fights for them against the Egyptians.”

²⁶Then the Lord said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand over the sea, that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen.” ²⁷So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to its normal course when the morning appeared. And as the Egyptians fled into it, the Lord threw[c] the Egyptians into the midst of the sea. ²⁸The waters returned and covered the chariots and the horsemen; of all the host of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea, not one of them remained. ²⁹But the people of Israel walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.

³⁰Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore.

³¹Israel saw the great power that the Lord used against the Egyptians, so the people feared the Lord, and they believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

QUOTES

'...the desire to escape is not always something to be denounced, as any prisoner or slave could tell you. Jesus said, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth and the truth will make you free" (John 8:31-32). Free from sin, he explained when they pressed him. Free from imprisonment within the narrow walls of your own not-all-that-enlightened self-interest. Free from enslavement to your own shabbiest instincts, deceits, and self-deceptions. Freedom not from responsibility but for it. Escape not from reality but into it.

The best moments any of us have as human beings are those moments when for a little while it is possible to escape the squirrel-cage of being me into the landscape of being us.'

—Frederick Buechner, *Wishful Thinking*

'He didn't know what to do, he didn't know how to live. Each new thing he encountered in life impelled him in a direction that fully convinced him of its rightness, but then the next new thing loomed up and impelled him in the opposite direction, which also felt right. There was no controlling narrative: he seemed to himself a purely reactive pinball in a game whose only object was to stay alive for staying alive's sake.'

—Jonathan Franzen, *Freedom*

OFFERING

Freely you have received, freely give.

—Matthew 10:8, NIV

He Will Hold Me Fast— Ada Habershon, Matt Merker

When I fear my faith will fail,
Christ will hold me fast;
When the tempter would prevail,
He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold
Through life's fearful path,
For my love is often cold;
He must hold me fast.

For my life He bled and died;
Christ will hold me fast.
Justice has been satisfied;
He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life,
He will hold me fast
'Til our faith is turned to sight
When He comes at last!

He will hold me fast,
He will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so,
He will hold me fast!

Those He saves are His delight;
Christ will hold me fast.
Precious in His holy sight,
He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost;
His promises shall last.
Bought by Him at such a cost,
He will hold me fast.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Father of mercy, we pray for the church, which you entrust with your gospel of grace: may we proclaim freedom in Christ to all, whatever their nation, race, or background.

For this, O Lord, we pray:

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for all those in positions of power: may they imitate God, showing no partiality, but serving the needs of all their people, especially remembering the poor and weak.

For this, O Lord, we pray:

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for any suffering illness or distress, whether in mind, body, or situation: may they know your power to renew and heal and enjoy the fellowship of your people.

For this, O Lord, we pray:

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

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.

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 turn me 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.

My Worth is Not in What I Own — Keith & Kristyn Getty

My worth is not in what I own
Not in the strength of flesh and bone
But in the costly wounds of love
At the cross

My worth is not in skill or name
In win or lose, in pride or shame
But in the blood of Christ that flowed
At the cross

Chorus

I rejoice in my Redeemer
Greatest Treasure,
Wellspring of my soul
I will trust in Him, no other.
My soul is satisfied in Him alone.

As summer flowers we fade and die
Fame, youth and beauty hurry by
But life eternal calls to us
At the cross

I will not boast in wealth or might
Or human wisdom's fleeting light
But I will boast in knowing Christ
At the cross

Two wonders here that I confess
My worth and my unworthiness
My value fixed - my ransom paid
At the cross

Sending

I'll Fly Away — *Albert E. Brumley, 1929*

Some bright morning
When this life is over
I'll fly away
To that home
On God's celestial shore
I'll fly away

I'll fly away, oh glory
I'll fly away
When I die
Hallelujah, by and by
I'll fly away

When the shadows
Of this life have gone
I'll fly away
Like a bird
From these prison walls I'll fly
I'll fly away

Oh, how glad and happy
When we meet
I'll fly away
No more cold iron
Shackles on my feet
I'll fly away

Just a few more
Weary days and then
I'll fly away
To a land where
Joys will never end
I'll fly away

BENEDICTION

May the God of hope fill you with all joy
and peace in believing,
so that by the power of the Holy Spirit
you may abound in hope.
Amen.

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

Support for Rachel Long -

Rachel Long has a donor match for her kidney transplant, and will be entering the hospital on Tuesday, Oct. 2. We will have many opportunities to bless and help Rachel and her family. Rachel will be in the hospital for about 5 days post-surgery. The family has need of some meals, Oct. 2- Oct 5, until the extended family arrives to help. These meals would be for teenagers Samuel and Abby, and possibly Jason some of those days if he comes home from the hospital.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0e4da8a929a3f49-support>
Or contact Kerri Koenig - kerri@crosssound.org

Fall women's Bible study: Isaiah has been called the "Romans of the Old Testament". Join us and find out why! Wednesday mornings: 9-11 am; childcare provided; or, Tuesday evenings: 6:30-8 pm; meal provided. Meet @ Cross Sound Church office, 600 Erickson NE.

The Art of Neighboring started TODAY! – A 3 Week Class

When Jesus was asked to sum up everything into one command, he said to love God with everything we have and to love our neighbors as ourselves. What would happen if every follower of Jesus took the second half of this Great Commandment literally? Join us as we explore this great call of God together. Sunday mornings at 8:45am in the Library. Coffee, pastries, and childcare will be provided.

Hike'n'Stein: CSC Women—Join us for our first Hike'n'Stein!

What is it? A beautiful hike, followed by a mug of beer or some other refreshment of your choice. We will meet at the Cross Sound office at 10 am on Oct 13, and carpool to Falls Canyon Trail, near Quilcene. The hike is short (1.3 mi) but scenic. Afterwards we will stop at Twana Roadhouse in Quilcene for a "stein"/mug of beer, lunch, a piece of pie—whatever sounds good to you! Sign up on the clipboard or text or email me if you are planning on coming, so we can make sure to have adequate transportation. kerri@crosssound.org; 402-770-5636

Anxious for Nothing – A 5 Week Class

Join us for this fall School of Discipleship series as we examine Philippians 4:4–8 in detail to learn how we can be anxious for nothing and discover true peace from God that surpasses human understanding. Each week we will watch a 20-minute video by Max Lucado and then a time of discussion following.

Sunday mornings at 9am in the Library, beginning October 14th. Coffee, pastries, and childcare will be provided.

It's that time again....for our annual Peanut Butter and Jelly

Parade to support Helpline House! We are collecting both peanut butter and jelly at every morning service through Sunday, October 14. That Sunday, we'll bring it all together and transport it by wagon, wheelbarrow and handful down to Helpline House to stock their food bank shelves. Thanks for helping meet this community need.

A youth discipleship program, AWANA, is starting this Fall!

AWANA is a ministry that encourages kids in their walk with Christ through studying God's Word, games, singing and engaging bible lessons. Kids grades K-6, Tuesdays 6-7:30 pm starting Tuesday, Oct. 23. Island School, off of Day Road. To register go to crosssound.org. Under the Giving tab click on "Event" then choose "AWANA". To learn more about volunteer opportunities (we need you!) email Katie Fixter at katie@crosssound.org.

Marked Men for Christ: October 12-14 (Yelm, WA)

Marked Men For Christ ministry is all about providing an experience and format to allow Christian men to develop a deeper more powerful relationship with; Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit and God. For more info. of to sign up contact Dave Sellers - dave@crosssound.org

SAVE THE DATE: Women's Spring Retreat is coming—

March 22–24 at Cascades Camp and Conference Center, Yelm, WA.
More details to come!

CS Kids and Youth Group

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All children newborn through 6th grade need to check in and wear their printed nametag before they arrive at class.

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:

Contact: Laura O'Connell, lauraoc@crosssound.org, Katie Fixter, katie@crosssound.org, or Kate Pipinger, katepippinger@gmail.com. Children will attend the worship portion and then be sent to their classrooms as a whole Sunday school group.

Little Kids (2-4 years, must be potty trained) Room #232

Lead Teachers: Lacey Redinger, Krista Schei, Richard St. Cyr, Joanna Wang, Keith and Mary Van Eaton

Pre-K/Kindergarten Room #231

Lead teachers: Andy and Kristin Dafoe, Keagan Daniels, Candace Luckman, Kreeese Pippinger, Dan and Michelle Layton

First & Second grades Room #229

Lead teachers; Jennifer Cordell, Beth Johnston, Betty Ann Lyons, Nate and Dinha Moore, Diane and Veronica Stever

Third & Fourth grades Room #225

Lead teachers; Knox Duncan, Patrick and Jenny Kilby, Clint and Chelsea Ramsey, Carol Raney

Fifth & Sixth grades Room #222

Lead teachers; Carrie Sellers, Trish Maguire, Bill Parrott.

YOUTH GROUP

Junior High, Bainbridge High School Library

Lead teachers; Carrie Beyer, John Daniels, Sean Luckman

Senior High, Bainbridge High School Library

Lead teachers; Jamie Brouwer, Chip Halbert, Kerry Sutorius, Dana Webber

Financial Update: Last week's total: \$17,607.36 Annual Budget (7/18-6/19): \$986,554 Budgeted Income to Date \$203,983 Actual Income to Date: \$218,060

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

Interested in more info for:

Second time visitor

_____ Ministry

Regular attendee

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.
