

“Lord, please restore to us the comfort of merit and demerit. Show us that there is at least something we can do. Tell us that at the end of the day there will at least be one redeeming card of our very own. Lord, if it is not too much to ask, send us to bed with a few shreds of self-respect upon which we can congratulate ourselves. But whatever you do, do not preach grace. Give us something to do, anything; but spare us the indignity of this indiscriminate acceptance.”

— 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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To learn more about the entire staff and our team of Elders, Deacons, International Ministers, Stephen Ministry and Community Group Leaders please visit our website:

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

O Love that Will Not Let Me Go

O Love that will not let me go,
I rest myweary 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.

CALL TO WORSHIP

How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of him who brings good news,
who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness,
who publishes salvation,
who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."
The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their voice;
together they sing for joy;
for eye to eye they see
the return of the Lord to Zion.
—Isaiah 52:7-8

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).

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

**Holy God, you freely give us all we need,
yet we do not desire what is good,
and we seek life and happiness apart from you.
You call us into your mission of blessing all peoples,
yet we prefer our own agendas,
and we waste our time and resources.
Forgive, repair, and revive us
for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND RECEIVING OF GRACE

May the Holy One of Israel,
our loving Father of Mercies,
wipe away our guilt, heal our brokenness,
and transform the desires of our hearts,
through the great sacrifice of his Son
and the life-giving power of his Spirit.

Amen.

Amen.

Christ, the Sure and Steady Anchor — *Matt Boswell*

Christ, the sure and steady anchor
in the fury of the storm;
when the winds of doubt blow through me,
and my sails have all been torn.
In the suffering, in the sorrow,
when my sinking hopes are few,
I will hold fast to the anchor,
it shall never be removed.

Christ the sure and steady anchor
while the tempest rages on;
when temptation claims the battle,
and it seems the night has won.
Deeper still, then, goes the anchor,
though I justly stand accused;
I will hold fast to the anchor,
it shall never be removed.

Christ the sure and steady anchor,
through the floods of unbelief;
hopeless somehow, o my soul now,
lift your eyes to Calvary!
This my ballast of assurance,
see His love forever proved;
I will hold fast to the anchor,
it shall never be removed.

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

Christ the sure and steady anchor,
as we face the wave of death;
when these trials give way to glory,
as we draw our final breath.

We will cross that great horizon,
clouds behind and life secure;
and the calm will be the better,
for the storms that we endure.

Christ the surety of our salvation,
ever faithful, ever true;
we will hold fast to the anchor,
it shall never be removed.

Continue To Love Me — *Michelle Patterson*

Continue to love me, with that same love
Righteous and unchanging
Continue to love me, with that same love
Priceless and unfailing

Your love, it reaches to the sky
Your righteousness, a mountain high
How priceless, Your unending love
Both high and low among men
Take cover under Your wings
How priceless, Your unending love

How priceless, Your unending love
How priceless, Your unending love

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

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.

GIVING THANKS

Thank GOD! He deserves your thanks.

His love never quits.

Thank the God of all gods,

His love never quits.

Thank the Lord of all lords.

His love never quits.

—Psalm 136:1-3 (The Message)

MESSAGE

Series: The Promised King

Text: Matthew 4:12-25

Title: The Power of Small

Speaker: Dave Sellers

Now when he heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee. ¹³And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

¹⁵“The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali,
the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—
¹⁶the people dwelling in darkness
have seen a great light,
and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death,
on them a light has dawned.”

¹⁷From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

¹⁸While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. ¹⁹And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.” ²⁰Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. ²²Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

²³And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people. ²⁴So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, those having seizures, and paralytics, and he healed them. ²⁵And great crowds followed him from Galilee and the Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

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.

QUOTES

“The core message of the gospel is that God invades us with new life, but the setting for this is most often in the ordinariness of our lives. The new life takes place in the place and person of our present. It is not a means by which God solves problems. God creates new life. He is not a problem solver but a person creator.”
—Eugene Peterson

“After eighteen years of pastoral ministry, I have never met a person who fell in love with Jesus because a Christian scolded them about their ethics. Have you?”
—Scott Sauls

“[Jesus] said “Follow me” and ended up with a lot of losers. And these losers ended up, through no virtue or talent of their own, becoming saints. Jesus wasn’t after the best but the worst.”
—Eugene Peterson

OFFERING

The one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly;
the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.
Responding to God’s bountiful gifts to us in Christ,
we have opportunity to share out of our abundance.
—Based on 2 Corinthians 9:6,8

How Deep the Father's Love for Us — *Keith Getty and
Stuart Townend*

How deep the Father's love for us
How vast beyond all measure
That He would give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure

How great the pain of searing loss
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the chosen One
Bring many sons to glory

Behold the Man upon a cross
My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers

It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything
No gifts, no powers, no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection

Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**Holy Father, we marvel at your salvation:
that Christ is in us and we in him,
that in you we have an inheritance that cannot fade,
that the hope of glory is our certainty.
Grow us and mature us in our union with you.
For this, O Lord, we pray:
Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Lord of all the nations,
we who were once far off are now brought near.
You extend the hope of glory to all who call on you.
Give us your heart, embracing all nations and peoples,
that we would be good neighbors, loving as you love.
For this, O Lord, we pray:
Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Spirit of compassion, our Advocate,
draw near the suffering and hurting in our midst.
Our bodies are weak, our hearts restless and lonely,
Be close with those who are discouraged,
to assure them of hope that cannot perish or fade.
For this, O Lord, we pray:
Lord, hear our prayer.**

**We pray for those who suffer from illness or distress,
whether in mind, body, or situation:
may they know your power to rescue and redeem.
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.

Steadfast — Sandra McCracken

I will build my house
Whether storm or drought
On the rock that does not move
I will set my hope
On Your love O Lord
And Your faithfulness will prove

You are steadfast, steadfast

By the word You spoke
All the starry host
Are called out by name each night
In Your watchful care
I will rest secure
As You lead us lead us with Your light

I will not trust
In the strength of kings
On Your promise I will stand
I will shout for joy
I will raise my voice
Hallelujah to the Lamb!

In the moment of emptiness
All was fulfilled
In the hour of darkness
Your light was revealed
In the presence of death
Your life was affirmed
In the absence of holiness
You are still God

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

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

Have you been feeling lonely, unimportant or filled with worry this New Year? Stephen Ministries provides confidential trained church members to walk alongside you. Call Dick 415-847-8984 or Sue 206-714-5986

Are you interested in being part of a pilot discipleship class:

Emotionally Healthy Spirituality provides a solid foundation for a discipleship strategy that deeply changes people's lives. This is an 8-week course where people slow down their lives to cultivate their own deep relationship with Jesus and stop living off the spirituality of others.

Session 1: The Problem of Emotionally Unhealthy Spirituality
Invitation to Silence and Solitude.

Session 2: Know Yourself that You May Know God Let Your Life Speak

Session 3: Go Back to Go Forward Family Ties that Bind

Session 4: Journey Through the Wall Dark Night of the Soul

Session 5: Enlarge Your Soul through Grief and Loss A Grace Disguised

Session 6: Discover the Rhythms of the Daily Office and Sabbath

Session 7: Grow into an Emotionally Mature Adult Boundaries:

Session 8: Take the Next Step Rule of Life

Developed by Pete Scazzaro, a pastor in Brooklyn NY, this 8 week pilot class: March 3,10,17, 24, April 7,14, 25, May 5; at church office; 5:30-7:30pm

SAVE THE DATE! Cross Sounds kids camp is coming again this Summer! Island Lake, August 19-23rd. Registration details will be coming soon!

DivorceCare will begin Jan. 14th- April 8th 6:30-8:30 at CSC office
Contacts: Lisa Wangen 206-488-8404 or Trish Hendrick 509-599-2060

SAVE THE DATE March 22-24: Women's Spring Retreat

CSC Women's Retreat: join us this spring for our retreat— "Holding On to Hope", with guest speaker Ekemini Uwan. We will be gathering at Cascades Camp in Yelm, WA for a weekend of great teaching and fellowship, as well as time to reflect, relax, and rejuvenate. Cost is \$200/ pay what you are able. Register and pay online at crosssound.org. Space is limited, so don't delay!

Questions? kerri@crosssound.org; 402-770-5636

Save the Date: Men's Retreat: September 13-15, 2019 @ Fort Warden. Walt Wiley, founder/president "Winning with Encouragement" will speak. A former *Walk Thru the Bible* seminar instructor and chaplain of the Atlanta Braves, Walt speaks and teaches regularly in various settings. His style is motivational, inspirational, Biblical, practical and peppered with lots of humor. Walt and his wife Patti live in Charlotte, NC and have two grown sons.

Hope & Healing

Her voice and face reflects a life lived on the edge. She told part of her story; accounts of risky behavior, drug addiction, and a close encounter with death in a car accident that resulted in her prison sentence. "If it weren't for prison," she admits, "I'd be dead...or on my way there. I'm clean and sober because of prison. I'm following Jesus Christ because of prison. It was brutal way - maybe the only way - I could be rescued, but I believe God saved my life by bringing me here." Jesus taught "I was in prison, and you visited me.I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!" Matthew 25:36,40

Deby Berkimer and Kerri Koenig from **Cross Sound Church** regularly go to Washington Corrections Center for Women at Purdy. They go to be with our sisters in Christ and to share faith, hope and life in a class setting. New classes begin January 28.

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, occonnells1908@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 Pippingier, katepippingier@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, Kareese Pippingier, 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

Community Groups

Unless otherwise noted each of the following groups meet on Bainbridge Island:

<u>Leader</u>	<u>Night</u>
Dave Sellers	Tuesday (Kid Friendly)
Chip Halbert	Thursday (Kid Friendly)**
Bob Cordell & Bill Parrott	Thursday (Poulsbo)(Kid Friendly)
Marc Koenig	Thursday (Poulsbo)
Linda Gordon & Roger Barber	Saturday
Patrick Kilby	Sunday (late afternoon- Kid Friendly)
Dave O'Connell.	Sunday (Kid Friendly)
Jeff Ogard	Sunday (Poulsbo)

** Group is full - currently closed

To sign up or get further information on any of our community groups please contact Roger Barber - irbarbers@gmail.com

Mens Bible Study: Fridays at 6:30am CSC @ Ericksen

Women's Bible study: Tuesdays 6:30-8pm or Wednesdays 9-11:15am CSC @ Ericksen

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.

NOTES: