

SUNDAY, JULY 9 2017

“The gospel is life-permeating, world-altering, universe-changing truth. It has more facets than any diamond. Its depths man will never exhaust.”

— C.J. Mahaney



Order of Worship
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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 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

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

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Shout joyful praises to God, all the earth!
Sing about the glory of his name!
Tell the whole world how glorious he is.
Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds."
Let the whole world bless our God,
And loudly sing his praises!

—Portions of Psalm 66

Renewing

CONFESIONS 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.

Heavenly Father,

We are astonished at the difference between our receiving and our deserving – between the heaven we are bound for and the hell that we deserved.

It is our deepest shame that we continue to sin in light of such marvelous grace – and that we would continue to turn from you and from your good and beautiful ways.

Thank you for the cross of your Son, where your mercy has never turned us away. And in your grace, continue to work in us, so that we might increasingly reflect, love, and honor you.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND RECEIVING OF GRACE

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

—1 John 1:9

So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus. Nothing can ever separate us from God's love.

—Romans 8:1 & 38

Rejoice, and be at Peace!

Amen.

Amen

There is a Fountain

There is fountain filled with blood
Drawn from Emmanuel's veins;
And sinners plunged beneath that flood
Lose all their guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoiced to see
That fountain in his day;
And there may I, though vile as he,
Wash all my sins away.

Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood
Shall never lose its power
'Til all the ransomed church of God
Be saved to sin no more.

E'er since, by faith, I saw the stream
Thy flowing wounds supply,
Redeeming love has been my theme,
And shall be 'til I die.

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

When this poor lisping, stammering tongue
Lies silent in the grave,
Then in a nobler, sweeter song,
I'll sing Thy pow'r to save.

We Will Feast in the House of Zion

We will feast in the house of Zion.
We will sing with our hearts restored.
"He has done great things," we will say together.
We will feast, and weep no more.

We will not be burned by the fire;
He is the Lord our God.
We are not consumed by the flood -
Upheld, protected, gathered up.

In the dark of night before the dawn,
My soul be not afraid;
For the promised morning, Oh how long!
O God of Jacob, be my strength!

Every vow we've broken and betrayed,
You are the faithful One;
And from the garden to the grave,
Bind us together, bring shalom.

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

Praise the LORD!

The LORD is my strength and shield.
I trust him with all my heart.
He helps me, and my heart is filled with joy.
I burst out in songs of thanksgiving.
—Psalm 28:6-7

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.

GREETING

Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you.
—Romans 15:7

Love one another deeply from the heart.
—1Peter 1:22

SERMON

Text: Hebrews 12:1-3
Series: The Great Race
Title: Direction For the Race
Speaker: Dave O'Connell

¹Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us. ²We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith. Because of the joy awaiting him, he endured the cross, disregarding its shame. Now he is seated in the place of honor beside God's throne. ³Think of all the hostility he endured from sinful people; then you won't become weary and give up.

OUTLINE

Review: The Great Race of the Christian Life:

- 1) It Requires Effort
- 2) It Necessitates Endurance
- 3) It is Run with Teammates
- 4) It is Wonderfully Glorious!

This Week: What must we do to run this race well?

- I. LISTEN TO – THE CROWD'S TESTIMONY
 - A. God's Faithfulness
 - B. God's Son
- II. THROW OFF – OUR ENCUMBERANCES
 - A. Every Weight
 - B. Entangling Sin

Conclusion: The Expulsive Power

OTHER PASSAGES

“Do you not know that in a race all the runners run... run in such a way as to get the prize.”
—1Corinthians 9:24

“Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.”

—Isaiah 40:28-31

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.

OFFERING

Since you excel in so many ways—in your faith, your speaking, your knowledge, your enthusiasm, and your love — I want you to excel also in this gracious act of giving.

You know the generous grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty he could make you rich.

—2 Corinthians 8:7, 9

Late Have I Loved Thee

Late have I loved Thee, Beauty so ancient
Late have I loved Thee, Beauty so new

I've tasted Thee
Now I hunger and thirst for Thee
Thou didst touch me
And I have burned for Thy peace

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Heavenly Father,
Thank you for placing us in the great race.
Thank you for being our faithful God at every turn.
Help us to throw off everything that slows us down.
And help us to run with faith, passion, & endurance.
For this, O Lord, we pray:
Lord, hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus,
We were once far off, and you brought us near.
You are the author of our faith, and its perfecter.
Remind us of the cross that you endured out of love for us.
And as we go into this week, help us to fix our eyes on you.
For this, O Lord, we pray:
Lord, hear our prayer.

Holy Spirit,
Only you can reveal to us the true nature of our sin.
Only you make us hate it and throw it off.
Where there is darkness in us & our world, bring light.
Cause us and others to see the wonder & beauty of Jesus.
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

For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed... but with the precious blood of Christ.

—1 Peter 1:17-18

Come, All Ye Pining, Hungry, Poor

Lord, we adore Thy boundless grace -
The heights and depths unknown
Of pardon, life, and joy, and peace
In Thy beloved Son.

Come, all ye pining, hungry, poor
The Savior's bounty taste!
Behold, a never-failing store
For every willing guest.

O wondrous gifts of love divine,
Dear Source of every good.
Jesus, in Thee what glories shine;
How rich Thy flowing blood!

Here shall your numerous wants receive
A free, a full supply;
He has unmeasured bliss to give,
And joys that never die.

Lord of Lords

Beholding Your beauty is all that I long for
To worship You, Jesus, is my sole desire
For this very heart You have shaped for Your pleasure
Purposed to lift Your Name higher

Here in surrender, in pure adoration
I enter Your courts with an offering of praise
I am Your servant, come to bring You glory
As is fit for the work of Your hands

Now unto the Lamb Who sits on the throne
Be glory and honor and praise
All of creation resounds with the song
Worship and praise Him, the Lord of lords

Spirit now living and dwelling within me
Keep my eyes fixed ever on Jesus' face
Let not the things of this world ever sway me
I'll run 'til I finish the race

Now unto the Lamb Who sits on the throne
Be glory and honor and praise
All of eternity echoes the song
Worship and praise Him, the Lord of lords

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.

Sending

Holy Lord, You are holy
Jesus Christ is the Lord

Now unto the Lamb Who sits on the throne
Be glory and honor and praise
Call all the sinners to join in the song
Worship and praise Him, the Lord of lords

BENEDICTION

The LORD bless you
and keep you;
The LORD make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you;
The LORD turn his face toward you
and give you peace.
Amen.

^{All} **Amen.**

—Numbers 6:24-27

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

Willing to help in the K-4 class? Please contact Kelly Coffyn
kacoffyn@owu.edu

Cross Sound Women - Monthly pot-luck breakfast in the park!

Women of all ages welcome. 9:30-11ish Battle Point Park near the play structure. Bring something to contribute to breakfast. Wednesday, July 19; Thursday, August 24

High School Lake Crescent July 13th, 9am-7pm Drop off and pick up at Day Rd Park and Ride. Bring \$ for food on the way home, towel, swimsuit, sunscreen, shoes and a packed lunch.

High School Shi Shi Beach - 4 mile backpacking trip July 17-19

Only 15 seats available. RSVP to Josh@crosssound.org to save a spot. \$20. Meet at Day Rd Park and Ride @ 8:30am on the 17th.

5th-8th grade Movie Night - July 21, 7:30-10PM Contact Josh@crosssound.org for location. Bring a pillow and a blanket to curl up under the stars for movie night.

High School Boating Day! July 22nd. Contact Josh@crosssound.org for more info.

High School Sounders Game - July 23, game starts at 7:30pm
Tickets \$20 + \$\$ for ferry home. Contact Josh@crosssound.org

5th-8th Grade Sequim Bay Camp-out! July 25th-27th. Cost \$40. Drop off at Day Rd Park and Ride at 1PM on the 25th. Pick up at Day Rd Park and Ride at 12pm on the 27th. Bring: towel, sleeping bag, pillow, water shoes, swimsuit, toiletries, and quarters for shower.

Inviting all women to our annual Cross Sound Summer Picnic with a Purpose: Join us on Sunday, August 6th, directly following church @ the home of Barb Ames, 10566 Country Club Rd, NE for a summer picnic. Food will be provided. You only need to bring along some school supplies and/or a back pack to help Helpline House with providing a back pack for all students heading back to school. Contact Marit Krueger at marit@crosssound.org if you have questions. Thanks!!

Men's Weekend Sept. 15-17 Fort Worden in Port Townsend: Accommodations include a choice of private individual rooms or large sleeping bay. "Authentic Friendships"
Sign up at the table after the service!

Home Building in Ensenada - Now is the time to sign up! Spend Thanksgiving in Mexico changing lives! Sign up on the clipboard or contact Tom Crane Tom@Tilz.com

Financial Update: Last week's total: \$17,620.74 Annual Budget (7/17-6/18): \$977,232 Budgeted Income to Date: \$14,415 Actual Income to Date: \$17,621

CS Kids and Youth Group

Small Beginnings Nursery (new–2yrs) Room #234

Contact: Marit Krueger, marit@crosssound.org

Little Kids (3–5yrs) Room #232

Lead Teacher: Deby Berkimer, debyberkimer@outlook.com

Kindergarten - Fourth grades Room #229

Teacher Kelly Coffyn, kacoffyn@owu.edu

Fifth & Sixth grades Room 222

Teachers Carrie Sellers and Trish Maguire

Contact Marit Krueger at marit@crosssound.org with any questions and for ways to be involved with Cross Sound Church Children's Ministry

YOUTH GROUP

Junior High, Bainbridge High School Library

Teachers Lisa Bernardin and John Daniels

Senior High, Bainbridge High School Library

Teachers Josh and Jamie Brouwer, and Kerri Sutorius

WEDNESDAY "HANG-OUT" TIMES 1:00–3:00pm – 5th-8th grade. July 12, August 2, 16, 30. Locations vary.

Please see HS and Jr High Summer Schedule for events.

Contact Josh Brouwer at josh@crosssound.org with any questions or to be involved.

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 on:

Second time visitor

Children's Ministry

Regular attendee

Community Group

Please add me to:

Email list Mailing list

Name(s): _____

Children & their ages: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number(s): _____

Email(s): _____

Prayer Requests: _____

NOTES: