



northside church

OF RICHMOND

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Meditation

In the gospel, because of Jesus' death for us, we are accepted by grace. The only thing we bring to the table is our helplessness. In fact, if we try to bring our goodness, the gospel doesn't work. Prayer works the same way. Jesus tells us to come helpless, "weary and heavy laden." So prayer isn't a discipline but learned desperation. It's not so much a mountain to climb as a valley to fall into.

- Paul Miller

*Readings to help you
prepare to worship, as Jesus
said, "in spirit and in truth."*

*When you hear the first
song begin, please come take
a seat.*

God is present with us in worship, and we ask Him to turn our hearts and minds toward Him.

Gather Them In

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Zephaniah 3:14-20
Zechariah 9:9

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Psalm 77:1-2, 11-15

Please stand if able.

We gather in the presence of God

Song of Gathering

We wait for You to testify,
To hold the kingdoms to account.
Your righteous justice shall not fail,
All those who trust in Your name.

You will gather them in,
You will bring, bring them home.
King of all Kings, Lord of all Lords.

You will gather them in,
You will bring, bring them home.
King of all Kings, Lord of all Lords.

Sing out, sing out, you daughters of Zion,
And shout aloud, O Israel.
Be glad, rejoice with all your heart,
He has removed your punishment.

He will gather us in,
He will bring, bring us home.
King of all Kings, Lord of all Lords.

He will gather us in,
He will bring, bring us home.
King of all Kings, Lord of all Lords.

repeat

Welcome and Call to Worship

Leader: *I cry aloud to God,
aloud to God, and he will hear me.
In the day of my trouble I seek the Lord;
in the night my hand is stretched out without wearying;
my soul refuses to be comforted.*

**People: *I will remember the deeds of the LORD;
yes, I will remember your wonders of old.
I will ponder all your work,
and meditate on your mighty deeds.***

Leader: *Your way, O God, is holy.
What god is great like our God?
You are the God who works wonders;
you have made known your might among the peoples.*

**People: *You with your arm redeemed your people,
the children of Jacob and Joseph.***

Song of Praise

Before I knew what freedom was,
Jesus set me free.

With no control, a slave to sin,
God was my enemy.

But then He broke my rusty chains
to share eternity.

Before I knew what freedom was,
Jesus set me free.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
Hallelujah, Jesus set me free!

Before I knew what loving was,
He showed His love for me.
He knew me in my mother's womb,
He knew my sinful tendencies.

Adopted by His saving grace
into His family.

Before I knew what loving was,
He showed His love for me.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
Hallelujah, He showed His love for me!

Before I knew what living was,
He gave His life for me.
I was defeated in my sins,
death had the victory.
Then all my guilt was placed on Him,
That day on Calvary.
Before I knew what living was,
He gave His life for me.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
Hallelujah, He gave His life for me!

Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
Hallelujah, Jesus set me free!

Before I Knew

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Scripture Reading

"For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations, and repays to their face those who hate him, by destroying them. He will not be slack with one who hates him. He will repay him to his face."

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

*A time to be honest with
God about our need for
forgiveness.*

Please read together.

Romans 5:1

In Christ Alone

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We confess our sin and receive grace

Confession of Sin

Lord, how quickly we forget Your promises to us!

Doubting Your provision for our needs, we chase after possessions and social status.

Denying Your comfort for our pain, we medicate ourselves with detachment or illicit thrills.

Distrusting Your calling for our life, we hoard our blessings from those in need.

This has left us tired, hungry, and anxious. Together we confess and turn again toward You.

Give us faith that You will provide for us, and grateful hearts when we receive.

Convince us that sin does not satisfy, and that life is found only in You.

Lead us in loving others and bearing fruit for Your Kingdom.

Forgive us and renew us, for our sake and for Your glory. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*Therefore, since we have been justified by faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Song of Renewal

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.
'Til 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.
'Til He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

We respond to the grace received

Being set right with God enables us to participate in his work.

Passing of the Peace

Community Life

Mission Update - Matt Lorish's trip to Kigali, Rwanda

Offering

We see giving as a part of worship. If you feel the same way we invite you to participate.

Song of Preparation

For the beauty of the earth,
For the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth,
Over and around us lies.

Lord of all to Thee we raise,
This our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour,
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower,
Sun and moon, and stars of light.

chorus

For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above,
For all gentle thoughts and mild.

chorus

For the church, that evermore
Lifteth holy hands above,
Offering upon every shore
Her pure sacrifice of love.

chorus

For Thyself, best Gift Divine.
To the world so freely given,
For that great, great love of Thine,
Peace on earth and joy in Heaven.

chorus (x3)

For the Beauty of the Earth

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Music: Conrad Kocher
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*Our mind, body, and spirit
are nourished with food
that does not perish.*

Matthew 15:21-28

Isaiah 40:8

*Today's sermon is given by
Pastor Matt Lorish.*

*We encourage you to use
this space to take notes or
write questions.*

God feeds us with His Word

Sermon Text

21 And Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. 22 And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon." 23 But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying out after us." 24 He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." 25 But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." 26 And he answered, "It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." 27 She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." 28 Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

Leader: *The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.*

People: Praise be to God!

Sermon

Invitation to the Lord's Supper

Parents who would like for their nursery-aged children to be prayed for during communion should pick them up at this time.

Words of Institution

The Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Leader: Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

People: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

1 Corinthians 11:23b-26

The Lord's Supper

Gluten-free wafers are located in the wooden boxes. If you would like, a communion distributor will pray for your children. At the back of the fellowship hall is someone ready to pray with and for you.

As others take communion please feel free to pray, sing along, or talk quietly with your neighbor.

Song of Communion

Let us break bread together on our knees,
Let us break bread together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees,
Let us praise God together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees,
Let us drink wine together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Break Bread

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*We go forth to love and
serve God and neighbor.*

Leaning On The Everlasting Arms

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Deuteronomy 33:27

God sends us out refreshed

Song of Rejoicing

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
leaning on the everlasting arms.
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

Leaning, leaning,
safe and secure from all alarms.
Leaning, leaning,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
leaning on the everlasting arms.
Oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

chorus

What have I to dread? What have I to fear,
leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

chorus

Benediction

About

Northside Church of Richmond is a mission church of the Presbyterian Church in America (www.pcanet.org), planted in October 2011.

Worship Service

Sunday at 4pm in the fellowship hall of Battery Park Christian Church @ the corner of Brook and Bellevue. Visitors are always welcome!

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