



# northside church

OF RICHMOND

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## **Meditation**

No lesson in the pursuit of racial and ethnic diversity and harmony has been more forceful than the lesson that it is easy to get so wounded and so tired that you decide to quit. This is true of every race and every ethnicity in whatever struggle they face. The most hopeless temptation is to give up—to say that there are other important things to work on (which is true), and I will let someone else worry about racial issues. The main reason for the temptation to quit pursuing is that whatever strategy you try, you will be criticized by somebody.

- John Piper, *Bloodlines*

*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.

### **You Alone Are God**

Words and music:  
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*Psalm 146:1-3, 5-8*

*Please stand if able.*

# **We gather in the presence of God**

## **Song of Gathering**

Before all worlds began,  
You are the great I AM.  
Father, Spirit, and Son,  
Eternal Three-In-One.  
Fulfilled within Yourself,  
in need of no one else,  
Even though all things change,  
You still remain the same.  
You alone are God!

You spoke, it came to pass:  
a universe so vast.  
Most things no eye can see,  
Yet still bring You glory.  
Although all things are Yours,  
You made Yourself so poor.  
You left Your awesome throne,  
To seek and save Your own.  
Mighty is our God!

So blind I had no clue.  
Oh, how I ran from You!  
Wickedness had me bound,  
Until You tracked me down.  
Your law revealed my sin,  
My corruption within,  
It drove me to Your cross,  
Where You paid my sin's cost.  
Faithful is our God!

Jesus, You died for me,  
and now abide in me.  
What can I give to You?  
Lord, help me live for You!  
Help me stay in Your word,  
Help me obey You, Lord.  
And when we finally meet,  
I'll cast my crown at Your feet.  
Holy is our God!  
Faithful is our God!  
Mighty is our God!  
You alone are God!

## **Welcome and Call to Worship**

Leader: *Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!*

**People:** *I will praise the LORD as long as I live;  
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.*

Leader: *Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God,  
who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them,*

**People:** *who keeps faith forever;  
who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry.*

Leader: *The LORD sets the prisoners free;  
the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.*

**People:** *The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;  
the LORD loves the righteous.*

## Song of Praise

Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears,  
The bleeding Sacrifice on my behalf appears.  
Before the throne my **Surety** stands,  
Before the throne my Surety stands,  
My name is written on His hands.

Arise, arise, arise!  
Arise my soul, arise!

Arise, arise, arise!  
Arise my soul, arise!  
Shake off your guilty fears and rise!

He ever lives above, for me to intercede,  
His all-redeeming love, His precious blood to plead,  
His blood atoned for every race,  
His blood atoned for every race,  
And sprinkles now the throne of grace.

*chorus*

My God is reconciled, His pard'ning voice I hear,  
He owns me for His child, I can no longer fear,  
With confidence I now draw nigh,  
With confidence I now draw nigh,  
And "Father, Abba Father," cry.

*chorus*

*Arise, My Soul, Arise*

Words: Charles Wesley  
Music: Kevin Twit  
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"Surety" refers to Jesus, and is derived from Hebrews 7:22: "by so much more Jesus has become a **surety** of a better covenant." (NKJV) It means that Jesus' work on the cross is the solid foundation for reconciliation with God.

## Scripture Reading

*And behold, at that very moment three men arrived at the house in which we were, sent to me from Caesarea. And the Spirit told me to go with them, making no distinction. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. And he told us how he had seen the angel stand in his house and say, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon who is called Peter; he will declare to you a message by which you will be saved, you and all your household.' As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them just as on us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave the same gift to them as he gave to us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God's way?" When they heard these things they fell silent. And they glorified God, saying, "Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life."*

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**Acts 11:11-18**

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

*Please read together.*

*Ephesians 2:13*

*Rock of Ages*

*Words: Augustus Toplady  
Music: Thomas Hastings  
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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

*But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.*

## Song of Renewal

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,

Let me hide myself in Thee.

Let the water and the blood,

From Thy riven side which flowed,

Be of sin the double cure,

Cleanse me from its guilt and power.

Not the labors of my hands,

Can fulfill Thy law's demands.

Could my zeal no respite know,

Could my tears forever flow,

All for sin could not atone,

Thou must save, and Thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring,

Simply to Thy cross I cling.

Naked come to Thee for dress,

Helpless, look to Thee for grace.

Foul, I to the fountain fly,

Wash me, Savior, or I die!

While I draw this fleeting breath,

When mine eyes shall close in death,

When I soar to worlds unknown,

See thee on Thy judgment throne,

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,

Let me hide myself in Thee.

# We respond to the grace received

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

## Passing of the Peace

### Community Life

New Member Vows - Charity Smith

### Offering

On the first Sunday of each month Northside collects an offering for the mercy fund using a tan basket in addition to the weekly general fund offering in the multi-colored basket. The mercy fund is used for financial assistance to those in need from our church and the Northside.

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

### Song of Preparation

There's a voice that cries out in the silence,  
Searching for a heart that will love Him,  
Longing for a child that will give Him their all,  
Give it all, He wants it all.

And there's a God that walks over the earth,  
He's searching for a heart that is desperate,  
And longing for a child that will give Him their all,  
Give it all, He wants it all.  
And He says...

"Love me, love me with your whole heart."  
He wants it all today.

"Serve me, serve me with your life now."  
He wants it all today.

"Bow down, let go of your idols."  
He wants it all today, He wants it all today,  
He wants it all today, He wants it all.

And there's a God that walks over the earth,  
He's searching for a heart that is desperate,  
And longing for a child that will give Him their all,  
Give it all, He wants it all.  
And He says...

*chorus*

All of you, more of you, He wants it all today.  
All of you, more of you, He wants it all today.  
All of you, more of you, He wants it all today.  
He wants it all today, He wants it all today.  
So give it all...

There's a voice that cries out in the silence,  
Searching for a heart that will love Him,  
Longing for a child that will give Him their all,  
Give it all, He wants it all.

### *He Wants It All*

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*Luke 19:10  
Mark 12:30  
Romans 12:1-2*

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

***Ephesians 2:11-18***

***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

*11 Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called “the uncircumcision” by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands— 12 remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. 13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. 14 For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility 15 by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, 16 and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. 17 And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. 18 For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father.*

**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

## 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.**

## 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.

## Song of Communion

There is life in the blood  
of the Lamb who was slain.  
There is power, there is power in His name.  
There is love pouring out  
of the wounds that were made,  
Pouring out, pouring over our shame.

So praise the God who saves!  
Praise the God who bled!  
Praise the God who was nailed to a tree,  
And wore our sins upon His head.

There is truth in His body,  
raised that third day.  
There is joy in a stone rolled away.

There is hope pouring out  
of the tomb where He lay,  
Pouring out, pouring over the grave.

*chorus*

There is life in the blood  
of the Lamb who was slain.  
There is power, there is power in His name.

So praise the God who saves!  
Praise the God who bled!  
Praise the God who was nailed to a tree,  
And wore our sins...

*chorus*

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

**1 Corinthians 11:23b-26**

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

## God Who Saves

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

# God sends us out refreshed

## *Every Praise*

*Words and music: Hezekiah  
Walker, John David Bratton  
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## **Song of Rejoicing**

Every praise is to our God,  
Every word of worship with one accord!  
Every praise, every praise is to our God!  
Sing hallelujah to our God,  
Glory hallelujah is due our God.  
Every praise, every praise is to our God.

*repeat*

God my Savior!  
God my Healer!  
God my Deliverer!  
Yes He is, yes He is!

*repeat*

Every praise is to our God,  
Every word of worship with one accord!  
Every praise, every praise...  
is to our God!

## **Benediction**

### **About**

Northside Church of Richmond is a mission church of the Presbyterian Church in America ([www.pcanet.org](http://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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