

northside church of RICHMOND

September 20, 2015

Meditation

For God is not unjust so as to overlook your work and the love that you have shown for his name in serving the saints, as you still do.

 \sim Hebrews 6:10

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.

Holy, Holy, Holy

Words: Reginald Heber Music: John B. Dykes Public domain

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We gather in the presence of God

Song of Gathering

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee. Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty, God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity.

Holy, holy, holy, all the saints adore Thee, Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee, Who wert and art and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy, holy holy Lord most high! Holy, holy, holy, holy holy Lord most high! Holy, holy, holy, though the darkness hide Thee, Though the eye of sinful man, Thy glory may not see. Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee, Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, All thy works shall praise Thy name in earth, and sky, and sea. Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty, God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity.

chorus

Welcome and Call to Worship

- Leader: The LORD upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.
 - People: The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season.
 - Leader: You open your hand; you satisfy the desire of every living thing.
 - People: The LORD is righteous in all his ways and kind in all his works.
 - Leader: The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.
 - People: He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; he also hears their cry and saves them.

Psalm 145:14-19

Please stand if able.

Song of Praise

You are the God who loves, You are the God who listens, I cast my cares at Your feet. You are the God who hears, You are the God who answers, You know just what I need.

Abba, Father, You are near to all who call upon Your name. Savior, Healer, You are near to all who call upon Your name. You are the God who loves, You are the God who listens, I cast my cares at Your feet. You are the God who hears, You are the God who answers, You know just what I need.

chorus (x2)

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Nothing is impossible for You. Heaven and earth are at Your command. Nothing is impossible for You. You are the great I AM.

repeat

All Who Call

Words and music: Josh Davis ©Proskuneo Ministries, Inc.

Psalm 145:18 Romans 10:12-13 Luke 1:37

Scripture Reading

And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, 19 addressing **Ephesians 5:18-21** one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Leader: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God!**

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

Please read together.

We confess our sin and receive grace

Confession of Sin

Lord God, every day we are reminded that we fall short of Your character: You are strong; we are blown about by whim, You call for justice; we play favorites and prefer comfort, You are holy through and through; our best efforts are marred by sin and cannot save us. Oh how we need a Savior to ransom us from bondage! Thank You for providing exactly what we need in Jesus. Help us come to him now with honesty and repentance. Oh how we need continued renewal in Your image! Thank You for sending the Holy Spirit to continue Your work of salvation. Forgive us our sins, and lead us to rest in Your grace. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

1 John 4:10

I Call

Music

God of My Life, To Thee

Words: William Cowper

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Music: Clint Wells, Brian T. Murphy and Benj Pocta

Here's another way to phrase

the last 2 lines of the chorus:

When you put your faith in Jesus he becomes your powerful advocate, and you

can be confident of your

any circumstance.

spiritual safety and profit in

This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

Song of Renewal

God of my life, to Thee I call, Afflicted at Thy feet I fall. When the great water floods prevail, Leave not my trembling heart to fail.

Poor though I am, despised, forgot, Yet God, my God, forgets me not. And he is safe and must succeed, For whom the Lord is sure to plead.

Friend of the friendless and the faint, Where should I lodge my deep complaint? Where but with Thee, whose open door, Invites the helpless and the poor! chorus

That were a grief I could not bear, Didst Thou not hear and answer prayer. But a prayer-hearing, -answering God, Supports me under every load.

chorus (x2)

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We respond to the grace received

Passing of the Peace

Community Life

Update and Prayer - Youth Life Foundation Engagement Team

Offering

Song of Preparation

Our mouths, they were filled, filled with laughter; Our tongues, they were loosed, loosed with joy; Restore us, O Lord! Restore us, O Lord!

Although we are weeping, Lord help us keep sowing, The seeds of Your Kingdom for the day You will reap them! Your sheaves we will carry, Lord please do not tarry. All those who sow weeping will go out with songs of joy. The nations will say, "He has done great things!" The nations will sing songs of joy. Restore us, O Lord! Restore us, O Lord!

chorus

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

Psalm 126 (All Those Who Are Weeping)

Words and music: Isaac Wardell ©2011 Bifrost Arts

Being set right with God enables us to participate in his work. Our mind, body, and spirit are nourished with food that does not perish.

God feeds us with His Word

Sermon Text

Colossians 3:15-17

Isaiah 40:8

Today's sermon is given by Rev. Stan Morton, the founding pastor of New City Fellowship of Lancaster and ordained teaching elder in the PCA.

We encourage you to use this space to take notes or write questions. 15 And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. 16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. 17 And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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, nut-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

Jesus my great High Priest offered His blood and died My guilty conscience seeks no sacrifice beside. His pow'rful blood did once atone, And now it pleads before the throne, And now it pleads before the throne.

To this dear Surety's hand will I commit my cause; He answers and fulfills His Father's broken laws. Behold my soul at freedom set -My **Surety** paid the dreadful debt, My Surety paid the dreadful debt.

Now I approach the throne, and I have confidence, For Jesus, my great High Priest, offered His blood and died... Now I approach the throne, and I have confidence, For Jesus, my great High Priest, offered His blood and died for me. My Advocate appears for my defense on high. The Father bows His ears and lays His thunder by. Not all that hell or sin can say Shall turn His heart, His love, away Shall turn His heart, His love, away.

chorus

Should all the hosts of death and pow'rs of hell unknown, Put their most dreadful forms of rage and mischief on, I shall be safe, for Christ displays His conqu'ring power and guardian grace; His conqu'ring power and guardian grace.

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.

Jesus My Great High Priest

Words: Isaac Watts (chorus by Kirk Ward) Music: Kirk Ward © 2005 Kirk Ward

Hebrews 4:14-5:10

"Surety" is referring to Jesus, 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.

We go forth to love and serve God and neighbor.

God sends us out refreshed

Song of Rejoicing

Victory In Jesus

Words and music: Eugene Monroe Bartlett Public domain I heard an old, old story, how a Savior came from glory, How He gave His life on Calvary to save a wretch like me; I heard about His groaning, of His precious blood's atoning, Then I repented of my sins and won the victory.

> O victory in Jesus, my Savior, forever! He sought me and bought me with His redeeming blood; He loved me ere I knew Him, and all my love is due Him, He plunged me to victory beneath the cleansing flood.

I heard about His healing, of His cleansing pow'r revealing. How He made the lame to walk again and caused the blind to see; And then I cried, "Dear Jesus, come and heal my broken spirit," And somehow Jesus came and brought to me the victory.

chorus

I heard about a mansion He has built for me in glory. And I heard about the streets of gold beyond the crystal sea; About the angels singing, and the old redemption story, And some sweet day I'll sing to Him the song of victory.

chorus (x2)

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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