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Happy Easter - Jesus is alive!

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When I was an atheist and legal editor of The Chicago Tribune, I would have smirked at the fact that Easter this year falls on April Fools' Day. Because back then, I thought that anyone would have to be a fool to believe that Jesus literally rose from the dead.

- Lee Strobel, author of *The Case for Christ*

God gathers us together for worship

Worship in Song

"Were You There?"

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Scripture Reading

Luke 24:1-9

Worship in Song

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

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Revelation 5:11-13

Call to Worship

Leader: *Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice,*

People: *"Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!"*

Leader: *And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying,*

People: *"To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"*

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This is an opportunity to be honest with God about our sin and ask Him for forgiveness through Jesus.

Worship in Song

"Mighty To Save"

Confession and Assurance

Lord Jesus Christ, by Your steadfast love and atoning sacrifice,
You took our place as the friend of sinners
and were punished that we might be pardoned.

In Your resurrection, we see Your power over death and our future in You:
triumphant, redeemed, and blessed eternally.

Forgive us for our faithless and anxious hearts,
for seeking life and rest apart from You,
for failing to love our neighbor as ourselves.

Restore us in grace and help us live in the power of Your Spirit. Amen.

- silent confession -

Romans 8:11

If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

Worship in Song

"In Christ Alone"

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Keith Getty & Stuart Townend
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Passing of the Peace

Having been reconciled with God through Christ, we can share peace with one another and participate in His work.

Offering, Worship in Song

"Just To Know Him"

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God feeds us with His Word

Sermon

34 So Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, 35 but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. 36 As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), 37 you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: 38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. 39 And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, 40 but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, 41 not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. 42 And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. 43 To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Acts 10:34-43

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

People: Praise be to God!

Isaiah 40:8

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

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Worship in Song

“The Anthem”

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“Every Praise”

Words: Megan Pettipole, David Potter | Music: Luke and Megan Pettipole ©2015

“Swallowed Up Death”

Benediction

About

Northside Church of Richmond is a church of the James River Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in America (www.pcanet.org), planted in Oct 2011.

Worship Service

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

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