



northside church

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Meditation

One could object that it is not worthy of God to wield the sword. Is God not love, long-suffering and all-powerful love? A counter-question could go something like this: Is it not a bit too arrogant to presume that our contemporary sensibilities about what is compatible with God's love are so much healthier than those of the people of God throughout the whole history of Judaism and Christianity? ...One could further argue that in a world of violence it would not be worthy of God not to wield the sword; if God were not angry at injustice and deception and did not make the final end to violence God would not be worthy of our worship.

- Miroslav Volf, *Exclusion and Embrace*

*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. Declaring this together turns our hearts and minds toward Him.

Just a Little Talk With Jesus

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Psalm 24:1-2, 7-10

Please stand if able.

We gather in the presence of God

Song of Gathering

I once was lost in sin,
but Jesus took me in.
Then a little light from heaven healed my soul.
Well He bathed my heart in love,
and He wrote my name above.
Just a little talk with Jesus makes it right.

You may have doubts and fears,
And your eyes be filled with tears,
But Jesus is a friend who watches day and night.
He wrote my name above,
And he bathed my heart in love.
Just a little talk with Jesus makes it right.

We'll just have a little talk with Jesus,
And we'll tell him all about our troubles. *chorus*
He will hear our faintest cry,
He will answer by and by. *verse 1*
When you feel a little prayerful yearning,
You will know a little fire is burning.
Just a little talk with Jesus makes it right.

Welcome and Call to Worship

Leader: *The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof,
the world and those who dwell therein,*

People: *for he has founded it upon the seas
and established it upon the rivers.*

Leader: *Lift up your heads, O gates!
And be lifted up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.*

People: *Who is this King of glory?*

Leader: *The LORD, strong and mighty,
the LORD, mighty in battle!*

People: *Lift up your heads, O gates!
And lift them up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.*

Leader: *Who is this King of glory?*

People: *The LORD of hosts,
he is the King of glory!*

Song of Praise

All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us, sing,
O praise him! Alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise him! O praise him!
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
Ye clouds that sail in heav'n along,
O praise him! Alleluia!

Thou rising moon, in praise, rejoice,
Ye lights of evening, find a voice,
O praise him! O praise him!
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Let all things, their Creator, bless,
And worship him in humbleness,
O praise him! Alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, three in one,
O praise him! O praise him!
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

repeat

All Creatures of Our God and King

*Words: Francis of Assisi,
1225*

*Music: Peter von Brachel,
1623*

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Scripture Reading

Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For he says,

*"In a favorable time I listened to you,
and in a day of salvation I have helped you."*

Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2

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

Please read together.

Isaiah 53:6

Amazing Grace

*Words by John Newton
and John Rees (v.6)
Traditional American tune
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We confess our sin and receive grace

Confession of Sin

Lord and Father, every faculty we have betrays our sin:

Our mouths boast and speak ill of others; our minds are self-obsessed and confused.
Our eyes find things to covet; our ears seek compliments rather than the needs of others.
Our hands serve ourselves and grab for more; our feet dig in against Your calling.
All this comes from hearts that doubt Your love and seek their own glory.

What hope do we have? Who can deliver us from captivity?

Only Your Son, Jesus Christ, whose righteousness is ours through faith.
Forgive our sin and renew us, for Jesus' sake and for Your glory.
Through the Holy Spirit, make us more like Him in our thoughts, words, and deeds. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned – every one – to his own way;
and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.*

Song of Renewal

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now I'm found,
Was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear,
The hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come,
'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me.
His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be,
As long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun.
We've no less days to sing God's praise,
Than when we'd first begun.

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 - David and Caitlin Loughin

Offering

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

Song of Preparation

Behold me here, in grief draw near,
Pleading at Thy throne, oh King.
To Thee each tear, each trembling fear,
Jesus, Son of Man, I bring.

Let me find Thee, let me find Thee.
Let me find Thee,
Lord of mercy, King of grace.

Let me find Thee, let me find Thee.
Let me find Thee,
here on earth and then on high.

Hear the broken, scarcely spoken,
Longings of my heart to Thee.
All the crying, all the sighing,
Of Thy child, accepted be.

Look down in love, and from above,
With Thy Spirit, satisfy.
Thou hast sought me, Thou hast bought me,
And Thy purchase, Lord, am I.

Let me find Thee, let me find Thee.
Let me find Thee,
wounded healer, suffering Lord.

repeat

Let Me Find Thee

*Words: Joachim Neander
Music: Matthew S. Smith
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*Our mind, body, and spirit
are nourished with food
that does not perish.*

**Matthew 13:24-30,
36-43**

Isaiah 40:8

*Today's sermon is given
by Pastoral Intern Joel
Passmore.*

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

God feeds us with His Word

Sermon Text

24 He put another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, 25 but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. 26 So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. 27 And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?' 28 He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' So the servants said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' 29 But he said, 'No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. 30 Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.' "

36 Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." 37 He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. 38 The field is the world, and the good seed is the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, 39 and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. 40 Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. 41 The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, 42 and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 43 Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.

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

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 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.

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.

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.

Break Bread

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Contemporary arrangement
by Josh Garrels
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*We go forth to love and
serve God and neighbor.*

Now the Green Blade Rises

*Words: John M.C. Crum,
Music: Alex Mejias
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John 12:24-26

God sends us out refreshed

Song of Rejoicing

Now the green blade rises
from the buried grain,
Wheat that in the dark earth
many days has lain.
Love lives again,
that with the dead has been,
Love is come again like
wheat that springeth green.

In the grave they laid Him,
Love Whom we had slain,
Thinking that He'd never wake to life again.
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen,
Love is come again like
wheat that springeth green

Alleluia! Alleu!
When we die we will rise with You.
Alleluia! Alleu!
When we die we will rise with You.

Up He sprang at Easter,
like the risen grain,
He that for three days in the grave had lain.
Up from the dead my risen Lord is seen,
Love is come again like
wheat that springeth green.

chorus

When our hearts are weary,
grieving or in pain,
By Your touch You call us back to life again.
Fields of our hearts
that dead and bare have been,
Love is come again like
wheat that springeth green.

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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