



northside church

OF RICHMOND

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Meditation

Jesus takes insufficient people with inadequate resources into impossible situations to reveal the wonders of His grace and the presence of His kingdom.

- Steven Curtis Chapman and Scotty Smith, *Restoring Broken Things*

*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.

Oh To Be Loved By Jesus

Words and music:
Thad Cockrell

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Psalm 68:4-6, 19

Please stand if able.

We gather in the presence of God

Song of Gathering

Oh to be loved by Jesus,

Oh to be loved by Him.

Oh to have joy and peace within,

Oh to be loved by Him.

chorus

And if no other will love me
in this life I own,

Oh there'd be no love I would long for,
I know I am His own.

He knows the names of my sorrows,

He knows the names of my fears.

Why should I let them bother me?

For I know He is near.

chorus

Welcome and Call to Worship

Leader: *Sing to God, sing praises to his name;
lift up a song to him who rides through the deserts;
his name is the LORD;
exult before him!*

People: ***Father of the fatherless and protector of widows
is God in his holy habitation.***

Leader: *God settles the solitary in a home;
he leads out the prisoners to prosperity,
but the rebellious dwell in a parched land.*

People: ***Blessed be the Lord,
who daily bears us up;
God is our salvation.***

Song of Praise

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, 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.

Holy, Holy, Holy

*Words: Reginald Heber
Music: John B. Dykes
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Scripture Reading

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience - among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ - by grace you have been saved - and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Ephesians 2:1-10

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

Please read together.

Titus 3:4-5

Faithful

Words: Alex Mejias

*Music: Alex Mejias,
Ross Byrd.*

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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

*But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us,
not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy.*

Song of Renewal

You are always faithful,

You are always true.

Even when I'm faithless,

Your love is ever new.

You are always faithful,

You will always be.

Even when I'm faithless,

Your love covers me,

Your love covers me.

When the waters are high,

When my faith runs dry,

In the shadows of night,

Your love is my light.

You are always faithful,

You will always be.

Even when I'm faithless,

Your love covers me,

Your love covers me.

chorus

You are always faithful,

You are always true.

Even when I'm faithless,

Your love is ever new,

Your love is ever new.

We respond to the grace received

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

Passing of the Peace

Community Life

Prayers of the People

The world: For the Lord to direct Northside Church partnership in Rwanda

The Northside: Last Sunday Supper - church and community meal on the last Sunday of the month

Our church: Prayer training with Steve Byrd - Tuesday mornings this spring

Offering

Today we are collecting an offering for the mercy fund in 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

Christ, whose glory fills the skies,

Christ, the true, the only Light,

Sun of Righteousness, arise!

Triumph o'er the shades of night.

Dayspring from on high, be near.

Daystar, in my heart appear.

Till they inward light impart,

Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine!

Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!

Fill me, radiance divine,

Scatter all my unbelief.

More and more Thyself display,

Shining to the perfect day.

repeat

Dayspring from on high, be near.

Daystar, in my heart appear.

Dayspring

Words: Charles Wesley

Music: Alex Mejias

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

Esther 4

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

1 When Mordecai learned all that had been done, Mordecai tore his clothes and put on sackcloth and ashes, and went out into the midst of the city, and he cried out with a loud and bitter cry. 2 He went up to the entrance of the king's gate, for no one was allowed to enter the king's gate clothed in sackcloth. 3 And in every province, wherever the king's command and his decree reached, there was great mourning among the Jews, with fasting and weeping and lamenting, and many of them lay in sackcloth and ashes.

4 When Esther's young women and her eunuchs came and told her, the queen was deeply distressed. She sent garments to clothe Mordecai, so that he might take off his sackcloth, but he would not accept them. 5 Then Esther called for Hathach, one of the king's eunuchs, who had been appointed to attend her, and ordered him to go to Mordecai to learn what this was and why it was. 6 Hathach went out to Mordecai in the open square of the city in front of the king's gate, 7 and Mordecai told him all that had happened to him, and the exact sum of money that Haman had promised to pay into the king's treasuries for the destruction of the Jews. 8 Mordecai also gave him a copy of the written decree issued in Susa for their destruction, that he might show it to Esther and explain it to her and command her to go to the king to beg his favor and plead with him on behalf of her people. 9 And Hathach went and told Esther what Mordecai had said. 10 Then Esther spoke to Hathach and commanded him to go to Mordecai and say, 11 "All the king's servants and the people of the king's provinces know that if any man or woman goes to the king inside the inner court without being called, there is but one law - to be put to death, except the one to whom the king holds out the golden scepter so that he may live. But as for me, I have not been called to come in to the king these thirty days."

12 And they told Mordecai what Esther had said. 13 Then Mordecai told them to reply to Esther, "Do not think to yourself that in the king's palace you will escape any more than all the other Jews. 14 For if you keep silent at this time, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's house will perish. And who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" 15 Then Esther told them to reply to Mordecai, 16 "Go, gather all the Jews to be found in Susa, and hold a fast on my behalf, and do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. I and my young women will also fast as you do. Then I will go to the king, though it is against the law, and if I perish, I perish." 17 Mordecai then went away and did everything as Esther had ordered 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 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

When the universe was fashioned,
By the power of God's word,
He made us in His image,
He declared us to be good.
Like the Father, Son, and Spirit,
We need community,
Just as iron sharpens iron
I need you and you need me.

I belong to you, you belong to me.
We have been adopted
Into the Lord's family.
Once we were abandoned,
Now we are redeemed.
We have been adopted
Into the Lord's family, the Lord's family.

When the universe was broken,
By rejection of God's grace,
Our relationships were tainted,
And our family ties erased.
Now all creation's groaning
To see the earth restored.
When we'll fellowship together
In the presence of the Lord.

chorus

When the universe was darkened,
On the day when Jesus died,
The faithful Son forsaken,
The lost were justified.
But He rose again with power
Bringing captives in His train
From every tribe and nation
Who now bear the family Name.

chorus (x2)

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

The Lord's Supper is being instituted today by Clint Dowda, pastor of Grace Community Presbyterian Church and member of the oversight commission of Northside Church.

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

The Lord's Family

*Music and words: Kirk Ward
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*We go forth to love and
serve God and neighbor.*

The Sands of Time Are Sinking

*Words: Anne Cousins
(based on Samuel Ruther-
ford's letters)
Traditional folk tune (arr.
Philip Palmertree)
©2001 Philip Palmertree
Music.*

Revelation 19:6-10

God sends us out refreshed

Song of Rejoicing

The sands of time are sinking,
the dawn of heaven breaks,
The summer morn I've sighed for,
the fair sweet morn awakes.

Dark had been the midnight
but dayspring is at hand,
And glory, glory dwelleth
in Emmanuel's land.

O Christ, He is the Fountain
the deep sweet well of love.
The streams on earth I've tasted
more deep I'll drink above.

There to an ocean fullness
His mercy doth expand,
And glory, glory dwelleth
in Emmanuel's land.

The bride eyes not her garment
but her dear Bridegroom's face.
I will not gaze at glory
but on my King of grace.

Not at the crown He giveth
but on His pierced hand.
The Lamb is all the glory
of Emmanuel's land.

Oh! I am my Beloved's
and my Beloved is mine!
He brings a poor vile sinner
into His house of wine.

I stand upon His merit,
I know no other stand,
Not e'en where glory dwelleth
in Emmanuel's land.

repeat

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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