



# northside church

OF RICHMOND

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## **Meditation**

Ruth was helpful. There's not a lot of drama in helpfulness, but it is the fabric of love. Helpfulness is *hesed* [committed love] in action. It is a quiet doing that fits the needs around you.

- Paul Miller, *A Loving Life*

*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 Give Thanks**

Words and music:  
Judith McAllister

Psalm 118:1

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Psalm 136:1-5, 26

Please stand if able.

# We gather in the presence of God

## **Song of Gathering**

Oh give thanks unto the Lord,  
For He is good, yes He is good!  
Oh give thanks unto the Lord,  
For He is good, yes He is good!

For He is worthy, worthy!  
For He is good, yes He is good!  
For He is worthy, worthy!  
For He is good, yes He is good!

## **Welcome and Call to Worship**

Leader: *Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,*

**People: *for his steadfast love endures forever.***

Leader: *Give thanks to the God of gods,*

**People: *for his steadfast love endures forever.***

Leader: *Give thanks to the Lord of lords,*

**People: *for his steadfast love endures forever;***

Leader: *to him who alone does great wonders,*

**People: *for his steadfast love endures forever;***

Leader: *to him who by understanding made the heavens,*

**People: *for his steadfast love endures forever;***

Leader: *Give thanks to the God of heaven,*

**People: *for his steadfast love endures forever.***

## Song of Praise

Before I knew what freedom was,  
Jesus set me free.

With no control, a slave to sin,  
God was my enemy.

But then He broke my rusty chains  
to share eternity.

Before I knew what freedom was,  
Jesus set me free.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah,  
Hallelujah, Jesus set me free!

Before I knew what loving was,  
He showed His love for me.  
He knew me in my mother's womb,  
He knew my sinful tendencies.

Adopted by His saving grace  
into His family.

Before I knew what loving was,  
He showed His love for me.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah,  
Hallelujah, He showed His love for me!

Before I knew what living was,  
He gave His life for me.  
I was defeated in my sins,  
death had the victory.  
Then all my guilt was placed on Him,  
That day on Calvary.  
Before I knew what living was,  
He gave His life for me.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah,  
Hallelujah, He gave His life for me!

Hallelujah, Hallelujah,  
Hallelujah, Jesus set me free!

### *Before I Knew*

*Words and music: Kirk Ward  
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## Scripture Reading

*"When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field right up to its edge, neither shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest. And you shall not strip your vineyard bare, neither shall you gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard. You shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner: I am the LORD your God."*

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**Leviticus 19:9-10**

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

*Please read together.*

*Daniel 9:9, 18*

### ***God of My Life, To Thee I Call***

*Words: William Cowper  
Music: Clint Wells, Brian T. Murphy and Benj Pocta  
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*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 spiritual safety and profit in any circumstance.*

# **We confess our sin and receive grace**

## **Confession of Sin**

O Lord our God, You know us better than we know ourselves,  
and nothing is hidden from You.

Though we call You our Lord, we act as if we are still in charge.

Though we call You our Treasure, we hoard and idolize our possessions.

Though we call You our Savior, we pretend like we can handle our own problems.

Give us true repentance, and forgive us all our sins.

Restore us and transform us by Your Spirit to live as we ought:

Loving You wholeheartedly, and loving our neighbors as ourselves.

For our sake and for Your glory. Amen.

## **Silent Confession**

## **Assurance of Pardon**

*The Lord our God is merciful and forgiving, even though we have rebelled against Him . . .*

*We do not make requests of You because we are righteous, but because of Your great mercy.*

## **Song of Renewal**

God of my life, to Thee I call,

Afflicted at Thy feet I fall.

*chorus*

When the great water floods prevail,

Leave not my trembling heart to fail.

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.

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.

*chorus (x2)*

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!

# 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: Tanisha Webster, serving with Serge in London

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

Our church: Northside Groups kickoff, seeking growth in relationship with God and others

## 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

Because of His great love,  
We are not overcome!  
Because of His great love,  
We are not overcome!

Put no trust in the earth,  
In the sod you stand upon.  
Flowers fade into dust;  
The Lord will make a place for us.

*chorus*

Flesh will fail, and bones will break;  
Thieves will steal, the earth will shake.  
Night will fall, the light will fade;  
The Lord will give and take away.

*chorus*

Have no fear for your life,  
Turn your cheek, turn your cheek.  
Bear the yoke of love and death,  
The Lord will give life and breath.

*chorus (x2)*

## **We Are Not Overcome**

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*Lamentations 3*

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

# God feeds us with His Word

## Sermon Text

*Now Naomi had a relative of her husband's, a worthy man of the clan of Elimelech, whose name was Boaz. 2 And Ruth the Moabite said to Naomi, "Let me go to the field and glean among the ears of grain after him in whose sight I shall find favor." And she said to her, "Go, my daughter." 3 So she set out and went and gleaned in the field after the reapers, and she happened to come to the part of the field belonging to Boaz, who was of the clan of Elimelech. 4 And behold, Boaz came from Bethlehem. And he said to the reapers, "The Lord be with you!" And they answered, "The Lord bless you." 5 Then Boaz said to his young man who was in charge of the reapers, "Whose young woman is this?" 6 And the servant who was in charge of the reapers answered, "She is the young Moabite woman, who came back with Naomi from the country of Moab. 7 She said, 'Please let me glean and gather among the sheaves after the reapers.' So she came, and she has continued from early morning until now, except for a short rest."*

**Isaiah 40:8**

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

**People: Praise be to God!**

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

## Sermon

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

# 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

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)  
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*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

## **Victory In Jesus**

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Eugene Monroe Bartlett  
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## **Song of Rejoicing**

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*

## **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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