



# northside church

OF RICHMOND

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## **Meditation**

Our inability to lament is primarily due to the influence of the Greek mind on the early church. Greek Stoicism believed that emotions- anything that interrupted the goal of a calm and balanced life- were bad. The passionate person was the immature person. Balance was everything. Naomi's brokenness feels unbalanced, so instinctively we want to correct her tilt. A lament grieves that the world is unbalanced. It grieves at the gap between reality and God's promise. It believes in a God who is there, who can act in time and space. It doesn't drift into cynicism or unbelief, but engages God passionately with what's wrong.

- 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.

### **Jesus What a Beautiful Name**

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2 Thessalonians 1:12  
Colossians 3:17

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**Psalm 135:1-3, 5-6, 13**

*Please stand if able.*

# We gather in the presence of God

## Song of Gathering

Jesus, what a beautiful name!

Son of God, Son of Man, Lamb that was slain.

Joy and peace, strength and hope,

Grace that blows all fear away.

Jesus, what a beautiful name!

*repeat*

Jesus, what a beautiful name!

Truth revealed, my future sealed,

healed my pain.

Love and freedom, life and warmth,

Grace that blows all fear away.

Jesus, what a beautiful name!

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Rescued my soul, my stronghold,  
lifts me from shame.

Forgiveness, security, power and love,

Grace that blows all fear away.

Jesus, what a beautiful name!

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Grace that blows all fear away.

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## Welcome and Call to Worship

Leader: *Praise the Lord!*

**People: Praise the name of the Lord,  
give praise, O servants of the Lord,  
who stand in the house of the Lord,  
in the courts of the house of our God!**

Leader: *Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good;  
sing to his name, for it is pleasant!*

**People: For I know that the Lord is great,  
and that our Lord is above all gods.**

Leader: *Whatever the Lord pleases, he does,  
in heaven and on earth,  
in the seas and all deeps.*

**People: Your name, O Lord, endures forever,  
your renown, O Lord, throughout all ages.**

## Song of Praise

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
Does its successive journeys run;  
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,  
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To Him shall endless prayer be made,  
And praises throng to crown His head;  
His Name like sweet perfume shall rise  
With every morning sacrifice.

People and realms of every tongue  
Dwell on His love with sweetest song;  
And infant voices shall proclaim  
Their early blessings on His Name.

Blessings abound wherever He reigns;  
The prisoner leaps to lose his chains;  
The weary find eternal rest,  
And all the sons of want are blessed.

Let every creature rise and bring  
Peculiar honors to our King;  
Angels descend with songs again,  
And earth repeat the loud amen!

### *Jesus Shall Reign*

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## Scripture Reading

*Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.*

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

*Romans 5:1-5*

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

*Please read together.*

**1 John 4:9**

### ***Depth of Mercy***

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Music: Jeff Koonce, Clint  
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Music*

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

## **Confession of Sin**

Lord, how quickly we forget Your promises to us!

Doubting Your provision for our needs, we chase after possessions and social status.

Denying Your comfort for our pain, we medicate ourselves with detachment or illicit thrills.

Distrusting Your calling for our life, we hoard our blessings from those in need.

This has left us tired, hungry, and anxious. Together we confess and turn again toward You.

Give us faith that You will provide for us, and grateful hearts when we receive.

Convince us that sin does not satisfy, and that life is found only in You.

Lead us in loving others and bearing fruit for Your Kingdom.

Forgive us and renew us, for our sake and for Your glory. Amen.

## **Silent Confession**

## **Assurance of Pardon**

*This is how God showed His love among us:*

*He sent His one and only Son into the world that we might live through Him.*

## **Song of Renewal**

Depth of mercy! Can there be  
mercy still reserved for me?  
Can my God His wrath forbear,  
me, the chief of sinners, spare?  
I have long withstood His grace,  
long provoked Him to His face,  
Would not hearken to His calls,  
grieved Him by a thousand falls.

I have spilt His precious blood,  
trampled on the Son of God,  
Filled with pangs unspeakable,  
I, who yet am not in hell!  
I my Master have denied,  
I afresh have crucified,  
And profaned His hallowed Name,  
put Him to an open shame.

Jesus speaks, and pleads His blood!  
He disarms the wrath of God;  
Now my Father's mercies move,  
justice lingers into love.  
There for me the Savior stands,  
shows His wounds and spreads His hands.  
God is love! I know, I feel;  
Jesus weeps and loves me still.

Pity from Thine eye let fall,  
by a look my soul recall;  
Now the stone to flesh convert,  
cast a look, and break my heart.  
Now incline me to repent,  
let me now my sins lament,  
Now my foul revolt deplore,  
weep, believe, and sin no more.

# 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 - Jonathan and Kim Stotts

## Offering

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

## Song of Preparation

We wait for You to testify,  
To hold the kingdoms to account.  
Your righteous justice shall not fail,  
All those who trust in Your name.

Sing out, sing out, you daughters of Zion,  
And shout aloud, O Israel.  
Be glad, rejoice with all your heart,  
He has removed your punishment.

### *Gather Them In*

*Words and music:  
Peter La Grand  
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You will gather them in,  
You will bring, bring them home.  
King of all Kings, Lord of all Lords.

He will gather us in,  
He will bring, bring us home.  
King of all Kings, Lord of all Lords.

*Zephaniah 3:14-20  
Zechariah 9:9*

You will gather them in,  
You will bring, bring them home.  
King of all Kings, Lord of all Lords.

He will gather us in,  
He will bring, bring us home.  
King of all Kings, Lord of all Lords.

*repeat*

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

# God feeds us with His Word

## Sermon Text

**Ruth 1:7-22**

7 So she set out from the place where she was with her two daughters-in-law, and they went on the way to return to the land of Judah. 8 But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go, return each of you to her mother's house. May the Lord deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. 9 The Lord grant that you may find rest, each of you in the house of her husband!" Then she kissed them, and they lifted up their voices and wept. 10 And they said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people." 11 But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters; why will you go with me? Have I yet sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? 12 Turn back, my daughters; go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. If I should say I have hope, even if I should have a husband this night and should bear sons, 13 would you therefore wait till they were grown? Would you therefore refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, for it is exceedingly bitter to me for your sake that the hand of the Lord has gone out against me." 14 Then they lifted up their voices and wept again. And Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.

15 And she said, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." 16 But Ruth said, "Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God. 17 Where you die I will die, and there will I be buried. May the Lord do so to me and more also if anything but death parts me from you." 18 And when Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more.

19 So the two of them went on until they came to Bethlehem. And when they came to Bethlehem, the whole town was stirred because of them. And the women said, "Is this Naomi?" 20 She said to them, "Do not call me Naomi; call me Mara, for the Almighty has dealt very bitterly with me. 21 I went away full, and the Lord has brought me back empty. Why call me Naomi, when the Lord has testified against me and the Almighty has brought calamity upon me?"

22 So Naomi returned, and Ruth the Moabite her daughter-in-law with her, who returned from the country of Moab. And they came to Bethlehem at the beginning of barley harvest.

**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

Parents who would like for their nursery-aged children to be prayed for during communion should pick them up at this time.

## 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.**

**1 Corinthians 11:23b-26**

## 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.

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

## Song of Communion

I see the King of glory

Coming down the clouds with fire

The whole earth shakes, the whole earth shakes.

I see a near revival

Stirring as we pray and seek

We're on our knees, we're on our knees.

I see His love and mercy

Washing over all our sin

The people sing, the people sing.

*chorus*

Hosanna, Hosanna!

Hosanna in the highest!

Hosanna, Hosanna!

Hosanna in the highest!

Heal my heart and make it clean.

Open up my eyes to the things unseen.

Show me how to love like You have loved me.

Break my heart for what breaks Yours,

Everything I am for Your kingdom come.

As I walk from earth into eternity.

*chorus (x2)*

I see a generation

Rising up to take their place

With selfless faith, with selfless faith.

### **Hosanna**

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John 12:13

Mark 11:9-10

Matthew 21:9

*We go forth to love and  
serve God and neighbor.*

# God sends us out refreshed

## ***Leaning On The Everlasting Arms***

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*Deuteronomy 33:27*

## **Song of Rejoicing**

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,  
leaning on the everlasting arms.  
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,  
leaning on the everlasting arms.

Leaning, leaning,  
safe and secure from all alarms.  
Leaning, leaning,  
leaning on the everlasting arms.

Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,  
leaning on the everlasting arms.  
Oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,  
leaning on the everlasting arms.

*chorus*

What have I to dread? What have I to fear,  
leaning on the everlasting arms?  
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,  
leaning on the everlasting arms.

*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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