



northside church

OF RICHMOND

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Meditation

The biggest problem people have in searching for the perfect community is just that. You don't *find* community; you create it through love. Look how this transforms the way you enter a room of strangers. Our instinctive thought is, "Who do I know? Who am I comfortable with?" There's nothing wrong with those questions, but the Jesus questions that create communities are, "Who can I love? Who is left out?"

- 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.

**10,000 Reasons
(Bless the Lord)**

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Psalm 103:1-5

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Psalm 146:1-3, 5-8

Please stand if able.

We gather in the presence of God

Song of Gathering

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,
It's time to sing Your song again.

Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing when the evening comes.

Bless the Lord O my soul,
O my soul,
Worship His Holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul.
I'll worship Your Holy name!

You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger.
Your name is great, and Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

chorus

And on that day when my strength is failing,
The end draws near and my time has come.
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending,
Ten thousand years and then forevermore.

chorus

Welcome and Call to Worship

Leader: *Praise the LORD!
Praise the LORD, O my soul!*

**People: *I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.***

Leader: *Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the LORD his God,
who made heaven and earth,
the sea, and all that is in them,*

**People: *who keeps faith forever;
who executes justice for the oppressed,
who gives food to the hungry.***

Leader: *The LORD sets the prisoners free;
the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.*

**People: *The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
the LORD loves the righteous.***

Song of Praise

Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears,
The bleeding Sacrifice on my behalf appears.
Before the throne my **Surety** stands,
Before the throne my Surety stands,
My name is written on His hands.

Arise, arise, arise!
Arise my soul, arise!

Arise, arise, arise!
Arise my soul, arise!
Shake off your guilty fears and rise!

He ever lives above, for me to intercede,
His all-redeeming love, His precious blood to plead,
His blood atoned for every race,
His blood atoned for every race,
And sprinkles now the throne of grace.

chorus

My God is reconciled, His pard'ning voice I hear,
He owns me for His child, I can no longer fear,
With confidence I now draw nigh,
With confidence I now draw nigh,
And "Father, Abba Father," cry.

chorus

Arise, My Soul, Arise

Words: Charles Wesley
Music: Kevin Twit
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"Surety" refers to Jesus, and is 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.

Scripture Reading

Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Romans 12:9-21

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

Please read together.

Romans 8:11

*How Deep the Father's
Love For Us*

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We confess our sin and receive grace

Confession of Sin

Lord, You delight to dwell with the broken and contrite, and so we confess together -
success convinces us that we can make it on our own,
difficulty leads us to accuse You of neglect,
possessions diminish our love for You,
and busyness diverts us from caring for our neighbors.
Forgive what we have been, change what we are, and direct what we are becoming;
teach us that both Your love and our neediness are greater than we think,
give us a renewed will and desire to follow You,
and brighten our hearts with the joy of Your Spirit.
In the Name of Your Son, Jesus. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

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.

Song of Renewal

How deep the Father's love for us,
how vast beyond all measure,
That He should give His only Son,
to make a wretch His treasure!
How great the pain of searing loss,
the Father turned His face away,
As wounds which mar the chosen one,
bring many sons to glory.
Behold the man upon a cross,
my sin upon His shoulders.
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
call out among the scoffers.

It was my sin that held Him there
until it was accomplished.
His dying breath has brought me life;
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything;
no gifts, no power, no wisdom,
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death and resurrection.

Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer,
But this I know with all my heart:
His wounds have paid my ransom.

repeat

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 - Kelli Mayfield, Nikki Passmore

Offering

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

Song of Preparation

Search me, and know my heart
Test me, and know my thoughts.
See into me: is there any sin?
And Lord, lead me in the everlasting way.

Search me, and know my heart
Test me, and know my thoughts.
See into me: is there any sin?
And Lord, lead me in the everlasting way.

Where there is fear, make me courageous,
Where there is doubt, give me faith.
Where there is pride, Lord make me humble.
Where there is silence, give me praise.

Search me, and know my heart
Test me, and know my thoughts.
See into me: is there any sin?
And Lord, lead me in the everlasting way.

Jesus, Your love has made me righteous,
For by your wounds I am healed.
Jesus, Your death has paid the ransom,
Your resurrection gives me life.

chorus

Search Me

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Psalm 139:23-24

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

God feeds us with His Word

Sermon Text

8 Then Boaz said to Ruth, "Now, listen, my daughter, do not go to glean in another field or leave this one, but keep close to my young women. 9 Let your eyes be on the field that they are reaping, and go after them. Have I not charged the young men not to touch you? And when you are thirsty, go to the vessels and drink what the young men have drawn." 10 Then she fell on her face, bowing to the ground, and said to him, "Why have I found favor in your eyes, that you should take notice of me, since I am a foreigner?" 11 But Boaz answered her, "All that you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband has been fully told to me, and how you left your father and mother and your native land and came to a people that you did not know before. 12 The Lord repay you for what you have done, and a full reward be given you by the Lord, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge!" 13 Then she said, "I have found favor in your eyes, my lord, for you have comforted me and spoken kindly to your servant, though I am not one of your servants."

14 And at mealtime Boaz said to her, "Come here and eat some bread and dip your morsel in the wine." So she sat beside the reapers, and he passed to her roasted grain. And she ate until she was satisfied, and she had some left over. 15 When she rose to glean, Boaz instructed his young men, saying, "Let her glean even among the sheaves, and do not reproach her. 16 And also pull out some from the bundles for her and leave it for her to glean, and do not rebuke her."

17 So she gleaned in the field until evening. Then she beat out what she had gleaned, and it was about an ephah of barley. 18 And she took it up and went into the city. Her mother-in-law saw what she had gleaned. She also brought out and gave her what food she had left over after being satisfied. 19 And her mother-in-law said to her, "Where did you glean today? And where have you worked? Blessed be the man who took notice of you." So she told her mother-in-law with whom she had worked and said, "The man's name with whom I worked today is Boaz." 20 And Naomi said to her daughter-in-law, "May he be blessed by the Lord, whose kindness has not forsaken the living or the dead!" Naomi also said to her, "The man is a close relative of ours, one of our redeemers." 21 And Ruth the Moabite said, "Besides, he said to me, 'You shall keep close by my young men until they have finished all my harvest.'" 22 And Naomi said to Ruth, her daughter-in-law, "It is good, my daughter, that you go out with his young women, lest in another field you be assaulted." 23 So she kept close to the young women of Boaz, gleaning until the end of the barley and wheat harvests. And she lived with her mother-in-law.

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

People: Praise be to God!

Sermon

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.

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

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand,
and cast a wishful eye,
To Canaan's fair and happy land,
where my possessions lie.

All o'er those wide extended plains,
shines one eternal day.
There God, the Son forever reigns,
and scatters night away.

I am bound, (I am bound)
I am bound, (I am bound)
I am bound for the promised land.
I am bound, (I am bound)
I am bound, (I am bound)
I am bound for the promised land.

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath,
can reach that healthful shore,
Sickness, sorrow, pain and death,
are felt and feared no more.

chorus

When shall I reach that happy place,
and be forever blest?
When shall I see my Father's face,
and in His bosom rest?

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

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

On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand

*Words: Samuel Stennet
Music: Christopher Miner
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In this song the Christian journey is compared to the Israelites' anticipated entrance to the promised land of Canaan on the other side of the Jordan River. They had endured many hardships while waiting for God to fulfill his promises of land and rest. Though we endure difficulties in this life, in Christ we can look forward to when God's promises will come to fruition.

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

God sends us out refreshed

Every Ditch, Every Valley

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Isaiah 40

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Song of Rejoicing

A voice says "Cry out: All men are like grass,
And their time of glory soon shall pass.
But the word of God, it will never die.
Surely it will stand For eternity!"

Every ditch and valley shall be raised up,
Every hill and mountain be made low,
Every rugged place will be made flat,
Everybody shall see the glory of the LORD.

You who bring good news,
raise your voice and shout,
Do not be afraid to speak the name of God.
The hard days are gone, the debt has been paid,
And the time has come to walk the righteous way.

chorus (x2)

Everybody shall see the glory of the LORD.

Benediction

About

Northside Church of Richmond is a mission church of the Presbyterian Church in America (www.pcanet.org), planted in October 2011.

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