



northside church

OF RICHMOND

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Meditations

The story of the whale swallowing Jonah, though a whale is large enough to do it, borders greatly on the marvelous; but it would have approached nearer to the idea of a miracle if Jonah had swallowed the whale.

- Thomas Paine

*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.

Let Me Find Thee

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Music: Matthew S. Smith
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Psalm 146:1-3, 5, 7b-8, 10

Please stand if able.

We gather in the presence of God

Song of Gathering

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.

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,
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.

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

repeat

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: *Put not your trust in princes,
in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.*

**People: *Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the LORD his God,***

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.***

Leader: *The LORD will reign forever,
your God, O Zion, to all generations.*

People: *Praise the LORD!*

Song of Praise

Blessed be Your name
In the land that is plentiful,
Where Your streams of abundance flow
Blessed be Your name.
Blessed be Your name
When I'm found in the desert place,
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed be Your name.

Every blessing You pour out
I'll turn back to praise.
When the darkness closes in, Lord,
Still I will say:

Blessed be the name of the Lord,
Blessed be Your name!
Blessed be the name of the Lord,
Blessed be Your glorious name!

Blessed be Your name
When the sun's shining down on me,
When the world's all as it should be,
Blessed be Your name.
Blessed be Your name
On the road marked with suffering,
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be Your name.

Every blessing You pour out
I'll turn back to praise.
When the darkness closes in, Lord,
Still I will say:

chorus

You give and take away,
You give and take away,
My heart will choose to say
"Lord, blessed be Your name."

repeat

chorus

Blessed Be Your Name

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Matt and Beth Redman
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*Job 1:21-22
Psalm 113:2-3
Daniel 2:20-23*

Scripture Reading

There were some present at that very time who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. And he answered them, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish."

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Luke 13:1-5

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

Please read together.

Isaiah 53:6

*Jesus! What a Friend for
Sinners*

*Words: Wilbur Chapman
Music: Rowland Pritchard
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We confess our sin and receive grace

Confession of Sin

Heavenly Father, You told us to love You with our whole being, but we have not.

We have fled from You in unbelief.

We have treasured the gifts rather than the Giver.

We have complained about our circumstances rather than rejoice in Your presence.

You told us to love our neighbor, but we have not.

Instead of speaking well of them, we have gossiped.

Instead of reconciling with them, we have held on to bitterness.

Instead of loving them, we have only loved ourselves.

Forgive us our sins, renew us by Your Spirit, and increase our faith as we follow You. 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

Jesus! What a friend for sinners!

Jesus! Lover of my soul;

Friends may fail me, foes assail me,

He, my Savior, makes me whole.

Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Hallelujah! What a friend!

Saving, helping, keeping, loving,

He is with me to the end.

Jesus! What a strength in weakness!

Let me hide myself in Him.

Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing,

He, my strength, my victory wins.

Jesus! What a help in sorrow!

While the billows over me roll,

Even when my heart is breaking,

He, my Comfort, helps my soul.

chorus

Jesus! I do now adore Him,
more than all in Him I find.

He hath granted me forgiveness,
I am His, and He is mine.

chorus

chorus

We respond to the grace received

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

Passing of the Peace

The peace God made with us is extended to those around us.

Community Life

Prayers of the People

The world: Anthony and Lukeythia Bastardi, preparing to be with the Shaffers in London

The Northside: YoungLives, ministry to teenage moms in the Northside

Our church: Vision for gospel ministry this summer

Offering

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

Song of Preparation

Before all worlds began,
You are the great I AM.
Father, Spirit, and Son,
Eternal Three-In-One.
Fulfilled within Yourself,
in need of no one else,
Even though all things change,
You still remain the same.
You alone are God!

So blind I had no clue.
Oh, how I ran from You!
Wickedness had me bound,
Until You tracked me down.
Your law revealed my sin,
My corruption within,
It drove me to Your cross,
Where You paid my sin's cost.
Faithful is our God!

You spoke, it came to pass:
a universe so vast.
Most things no eye can see,
Yet still bring You glory.
Although all things are Yours,
You made Yourself so poor.
You left Your awesome throne,
To seek and save Your own.
Mighty is our God!

Jesus, You died for me,
and now abide in me.
What can I give to You?
Lord, help me live for You!
Help me stay in Your word,
Help me obey You, Lord.
And when we finally meet,
I'll cast my crown at Your feet.
Holy is our God!
Faithful is our God!
Mighty is our God!
You alone are God!

You Alone Are God

*Words and music:
Shai Linne*

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

God feeds us with His Word

Sermon Text

1 Now the word of the LORD came to Jonah the son of Amittai, saying, 2 “Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it, for their evil has come up before me.” 3 But Jonah rose to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD. He went down to Joppa and found a ship going to Tarshish. So he paid the fare and went down into it, to go with them to Tarshish, away from the presence of the LORD.

4 But the LORD hurled a great wind upon the sea, and there was a mighty tempest on the sea, so that the ship threatened to break up. 5 Then the mariners were afraid, and each cried out to his god. And they hurled the cargo that was in the ship into the sea to lighten it for them. But Jonah had gone down into the inner part of the ship and had lain down and was fast asleep. 6 So the captain came and said to him, “What do you mean, you sleeper? Arise, call out to your god! Perhaps the god will give a thought to us, that we may not perish.”

7 And they said to one another, “Come, let us cast lots, that we may know on whose account this evil has come upon us.” So they cast lots, and the lot fell on Jonah. 8 Then they said to him, “Tell us on whose account this evil has come upon us. What is your occupation? And where do you come from? What is your country? And of what people are you?” 9 And he said to them, “I am a Hebrew, and I fear the LORD, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land.” 10 Then the men were exceedingly afraid and said to him, “What is this that you have done!” For the men knew that he was fleeing from the presence of the LORD, because he had told them.

11 Then they said to him, “What shall we do to you, that the sea may quiet down for us?” For the sea grew more and more tempestuous. 12 He said to them, “Pick me up and hurl me into the sea; then the sea will quiet down for you, for I know it is because of me that this great tempest has come upon you.” 13 Nevertheless, the men rowed hard to get back to dry land, but they could not, for the sea grew more and more tempestuous against them. 14 Therefore they called out to the LORD, “O LORD, let us not perish for this man’s life, and lay not on us innocent blood, for you, O LORD, have done as it pleased you.” 15 So they picked up Jonah and hurled him into the sea, and the sea ceased from its raging. 16 Then the men feared the LORD exceedingly, and they offered a sacrifice to the LORD and made vows.

17 And the LORD appointed a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

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

People: Praise be to God!

Sermon

Jonah 1

Isaiah 40:8

Today’s sermon is given by
pastor Matt Lorish.

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

I have a Maker,
He formed my heart.
Before even time began,
My life was in His hands.

I have a Maker,
He formed my heart.
Before even time began,
My life was in His hands.

He knows my name,
He knows my every thought.
He sees each tear that falls,
and He hears me when I call.

I have a Father,
He calls me His own.
He'll never leave me,
No matter where I go.

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.

He Knows My Name

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

God sends us out refreshed

Now the Green Blade Rises

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

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

Each Sunday at 4pm in the fellowship hall of Battery Park Christian Church, located on the corner of Brook Rd and Bellevue Ave.

Visitors are always welcome!

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