



# northside church

## OF RICHMOND

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### **Meditation**

The peace of God is not the absence of fear. It, in fact, is his presence.

- Tim Keller

*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.*

### ***Up On A Mountain***

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***Psalm 66:1-2, 5, 8-9,  
16-17, 20***

*Please stand if able.*

# **We gather in the presence of God**

## **Song of Gathering**

Up on a mountain our Lord is alone,  
Without a family, friends, or a home.  
He cries, "Oh, oh, oh, will you stay with me?"  
He cries, "Oh, oh, oh, will you wait with me?"

Up on a mountain our Lord is afraid,  
Carrying all the mistakes we have made.  
And He knew it's a long way down.  
Do you know it's a long way down?

Up in the heavens our Lord prays for you,  
He sends His Spirit to carry us through.  
So it's true that you're not alone.  
Do you know he came all the way down?

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## **Welcome and Call to Worship**

**Leader:** *Shout for joy to God, all the earth;  
sing the glory of his name;  
give to him glorious praise!*

**People:** ***Come and see what God has done:  
he is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man.***

**Leader:** *Bless our God, O peoples;  
let the sound of his praise be heard,  
who has kept our soul among the living  
and has not let our feet slip.*

**People:** ***Come and hear, all you who fear God,  
and I will tell what he has done for my soul.***

**Leader:** *I cried to him with my mouth,  
and high praise was on my tongue.*

**People:** ***Blessed be God,  
because he has not rejected my prayer  
or removed his steadfast love from me!***

## 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

Words: Isaac Watts  
Music: John Hatton  
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## Scripture Reading

*As we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners much gain by fortune-telling. She followed Paul and us, crying out, "These men are servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation." And this she kept doing for many days. Paul, having become greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.*

*But when her owners saw that their hope of gain was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the rulers. And when they had brought them to the magistrates, they said, "These men are Jews, and they are disturbing our city. They advocate customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to accept or practice." The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates tore the garments off them and gave orders to beat them with rods. And when they had inflicted many blows upon them, they threw them into prison, ordering the jailer to keep them safely. Having received this order, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks.*

*About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them, and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken. And immediately all the doors were opened, and everyone's bonds were unfastened. When the jailer woke and saw that the prison doors were open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul cried with a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." And the jailer called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." And they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their wounds; and he was baptized at once, he and all his family. Then he brought them up into his house and set food before them. And he rejoiced along with his entire household that he had believed in God.*

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

**Acts 16:16-34**

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

*Please read together.*

*Ephesians 2:13*

### ***Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing***

*Words: Robert Robinson  
Music: Ashael Nettleton  
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*“Ebenezer” means “stone of  
help.” It was the name of a  
monument to God’s faith-  
fulness erected by Samuel, a  
judge of ancient Israel. See  
1 Samuel 7:12.*

*A “fetter” is a chain or  
shackle placed on the feet.*

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

## **Confession of Sin**

Lord Jesus Christ, by Your steadfast love and atoning sacrifice,  
You took our place and proved Yourself to be the Friend of sinners.  
You were punished that we might be pardoned, and broken that we would be made whole.  
In Your resurrection You demonstrated Your power over death,  
and showed us our future - triumphant, redeemed, and blessed eternally.

While we await this, we have been faithless and anxious in heart.  
In our restlessness we have sought peace for our souls where there is none to be found.  
Apart from You, we find ourselves alone, tired, and worn. Forgive us, Savior!  
Renew our faith and restore to us the true rest You alone offer us. Amen.

## **Silent Confession**

## **Assurance of Pardon**

*But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.*

## **Song of Renewal**

Come thou fount of ev’ry blessing,  
tune my heart to sing Thy grace.  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount, I’m fixed upon it –  
mount of God’s unchanging love.

Here I raise my **Ebenezer**,  
hither by Thy help I’ve come;  
And I hope by Thy good pleasure,  
safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
wand’ring from the fold of God.  
He, to rescue me from danger,  
interposed His precious blood.

O, to grace, how great a debtor,  
daily I’m constrained to be.  
Let that grace, now, like a **fetter**,  
bind my wand’ring heart to Thee.

Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it –  
prone to leave the God I love.  
Here’s my heart, Lord, take and seal it –  
seal it for Thy courts above.

*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

### Prayers of the People

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

The Northside: Youth Life Foundation - tutoring/mentoring for elementary and middle schoolers

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

## Offering

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

## Song of Preparation

You are the God who loves,  
You are the God who listens,  
I cast my cares at Your feet.  
You are the God who hears,  
You are the God who answers,  
You know just what I need.

Abba, Father,  
You are near to all who call  
upon Your name.  
Savior, Healer,  
You are near to all who call  
upon Your name.

You are the God who loves,  
You are the God who listens,  
I cast my cares at Your feet.  
You are the God who hears,  
You are the God who answers,  
You know just what I need.

*chorus (x2)*

Nothing is impossible for You.  
Heaven and earth are at Your command.  
Nothing is impossible for You.  
You are the great I AM.

*repeat*

*chorus (x2)*

### *All Who Call*

*Words and music:*  
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*Romans 10:12-13*  
*Luke 1:37*

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

**Matthew 28:18-20**

**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.*

# God feeds us with His Word

## Sermon Text

*18 And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.  
19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."*

**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

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word;  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son;  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,  
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:  
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,  
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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*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.*

### **Be Thou My Vision**

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*Music: Slane, of Irish folk origin*  
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*We go forth to love and  
serve God and neighbor.*

# God sends us out refreshed

## **Salvation to the Lamb**

*Words: Joseph Hart,  
alt. Justin Smith  
Music: Justin Smith  
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*The title of this song comes  
from Revelation 7:10, which  
depicts the great multitude  
of God's redeemed people  
declaring "Salvation belongs  
to our God who sits on the  
throne, and to the Lamb!"*

*The "paschal lamb" was  
the sacrifice at the first  
Passover (see Exodus 12).  
Here Jesus is spoken of as  
the perfect Paschal Lamb  
whose blood completely  
atones for sin.*

## **Song of Rejoicing**

Poor sinner come, cast off thy fear,  
And raise thy drooping head.  
Come sing with all poor sinners here,  
Jesus, who once was dead.

Salvation sing no word more meet  
To join to Jesus' name.  
Let every thankful tongue repeat:  
"Salvation to the Lamb,  
salvation to the Lamb!"

Saints from the garden to the cross  
Your conquering Lord pursue,  
Who, dearly to redeem your loss  
Groaned, bled, and died for you.

Now reigns victorious over death,  
The glorious great I Am.  
Let every soul repeat with faith,  
"Salvation to the Lamb,  
salvation to the Lamb!"

When we incurred the wrath of God,  
Alas! What could be worse?  
He came, and with His heart's own blood,  
Redeemed us from the curse.

This **Paschal Lamb**, His blood can meet,  
And cleanse ye from each stain.  
Repeat, ye ransomed souls, repeat:  
"Salvation to the Lamb,  
salvation to the Lamb!  
Salvation to the Lamb,  
salvation to the Lamb!"

## **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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