



northside church

OF RICHMOND

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Meditations

We need God's rescue every day and in every way because we are, in the words of John Calvin, "partly unbelievers until we die." This is Jonah. He's still clearly in need of some rescue.

- Tullian Tchividjian

*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.

Just a Little Talk With Jesus

Words and music: Rev.
Cleavant Derricks
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Psalm 149:1-5

Please stand if able.

We gather in the presence of God

Song of Gathering

I once was lost in sin,
but Jesus took me in.
Then a little light from heaven healed my soul.
Well He bathed my heart in love,
and He wrote my name above.
Just a little talk with Jesus makes it right.

We'll just have a little talk with Jesus,
And we'll tell him all about our troubles.
He will hear our faintest cry,
He will answer by and by.
When you feel a little prayerful yearning,
You will know a little fire is burning.
Just a little talk with Jesus makes it right.

You may have doubts and fears,
And your eyes be filled with tears,
But Jesus is a friend who watches
day and night.
He wrote my name above,
And he bathed my heart in love.
Just a little talk with Jesus makes it right.

chorus

verse 1

Welcome and Call to Worship

Leader: *Praise the Lord!
Sing to the Lord a new song,
his praise in the assembly of the godly!*

**People: *Let Israel be glad in his Maker;
let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!
Let them praise his name with dancing,
making melody to him with tambourine and lyre!***

Leader: *For the Lord takes pleasure in his people;
he adorns the humble with salvation.*

**People: *Let the godly exult in glory;
let them sing for joy on their beds.***

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

And he said, "There was a man who had two sons. And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.' And he divided his property between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

"But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants."' And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate.

"Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.' But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, 'Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!' And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Luke 15:11-32

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

Please read together.

We confess our sin and receive grace

Confession of Sin

Lord and Father, every faculty I have betrays my sin:

My mouth boasts and speaks ill of others; my mind is self-obsessed and confused.

My eyes find things to covet; my ears hear compliments rather than the needs of others.

My hands serve myself and grab for more; my feet dig in their heels against Your calling.

All this comes from a heart that doubts Your love and seeks its own glory.

Wretched person that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?

Only Your Son, Jesus Christ, whose righteousness is mine by grace through faith.

Forgive my sin and renew me, for Jesus' sake and for Your glory.

Through the Holy Spirit, make me more like Him in my thoughts, words, and deeds. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

Song of Renewal

1 Peter 1:3

Great God From Thee

Words: John Newton

Music: Justin Smith

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Great God from Thee there's nought concealed,
Thou seest my inward frame.
To Thee I always stand revealed, exactly as I am.

His life and death in my behalf,
And calls my sins His own.

Since I can hardly therefore bear,
What in myself I see,
How vile and dark must I appear,
Most holy God to Thee?

What wondrous love, what mysteries,
In this appointment shine:
My breaches of the law are His,
And His obedience mine!

But since my Savior stands between,
In garments dyed in blood,
'Tis He instead of me is seen,
When I approach to God.

Great God from Thee there's nought concealed,
Thou seest my inward frame.
To Thee I always stand revealed, exactly as I am.

Thus though a sinner, I am safe,
He pleads before the throne,

What wondrous love, what mysteries,
In this appointment shine:
My breaches of the law are His,
And His obedience mine!

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: Christ School in Bundibugyo, Uganda

The Northside: Timothy Project, outreach to John Marshall High School

Our church: Internal pledging period, ends June 2

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

Jonah 4:1-4

Sermon Text
1 But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he was angry. 2 And he prayed to the LORD and said, "O LORD, is not this what I said when I was yet in my country? That is why I made haste to flee to Tarshish; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from disaster. 3 Therefore now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." 4 And the LORD said, "Do you do well to be angry?"

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

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.
When other helpers, fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, abide with me.

Thou on my head, in early youth did smile;
And, though rebellious, and perverse meanwhile,
Thou hast not left me, oft as I left Thee,
On to the close Lord, abide with me.

I need Thy presence, every passing hour.
What but Thy grace, can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, abide with me.

I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless,
Ills have no weight, tears lose their bitterness.
Where is thy sting death? Where grave thy victory?
I triumph still, abide with me.

Hold up Thy cross, before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.
Heaven's morning breaks,
and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, Lord, abide with me.

Abide With Me

Words: Henry Lyte, alt by Justin Smith

*Music: Justin Smith
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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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