

# northside church of RICHMOND

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#### Meditation

Jesus Christ embodied all the truth of divine revelation, and was himself the message of God to fallen humanity.

- Thabiti M. Anyabwile

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.

#### Just a Little Talk With Jesus

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# 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.

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We'll just have a little talk with Jesus,

And we'll tell him all about out 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**

Psalm 57:2, 5, 9-11

Leader: I cry out to God Most High,

to God who fulfills his purpose for me.

Please stand if able.

People: Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let your glory be over all the earth!

Leader: I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples;

I will sing praises to you among the nations. For your steadfast love is great to the heavens,

your faithfulness to the clouds.

People: Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let your glory be over all the earth!

# **Song of Praise**

All creatures of our God and King, Lift up your voice and with us, sing, O praise him! Alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam, Thou silver moon with softer gleam, O praise him! O praise him! Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong, Ye clouds that sail in heav'n along, O praise him! Alleluia!

Thou rising moon, in praise, rejoice, Ye lights of evening, find a voice, O praise him! O praise him! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! Let all things, their Creator, bless, And worship him in humbleness, O praise him! Alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, And praise the Spirit, three in one, O praise him! O praise him! Alleluia, Alleluia!

repeat

#### All Creatures of Our God and King

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# **Scripture Reading**

The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn:

to grant to those who mourn in Zion - to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit; that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he may be glorified. They shall build up the ancient ruins; they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.

Leader: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God!** 

Isaiah 61:1-4

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**

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**

The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

#### Matthew 20:28

#### We Are Not Overcome

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Lamentations 3

## **Song of Renewal**

Flesh will fail, and bones will break; Thieves will steal, the earth will shake. Night will fall, the light will fade; The Lord will give and take away.

Because of His great love, We are not overcome! Because of His great love, We are not overcome!

Put no trust in the earth, In the sod you stand upon. Flowers fade into dust; The Lord will make a place for us. chorus

Have no fear for your life, Turn your cheek, turn your cheek. Bear the yoke of love and death, The Lord will give life and breath.

chorus (x2)

# We respond to the grace received

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

# **Passing of the Peace**

# **Community Life**

Work in Progress - Matt Lorish

# Offering

# **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 alone are 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!

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!

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!

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

#### 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

#### Romans 1:1-4

1 Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, 2 which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, 3 concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh 4 and was declared to be the Son of God in power accord-

ing to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord

Isaiah 40:8

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

People: Praise be to God!

**Sermon Text** 

#### Sermon

Today's sermon is given by Raun Swafford, ordained teaching elder in the PCA, former Senior Pastor of New Beginnings Community Church (PCA) in Memphis, TN.

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.

1 Corinthians 11:23b-26

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.

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

# **Song of Communion**

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take Him at His Word; Just to rest upon His promise, just to know, "Thus saith the Lord!"

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust Him more!

O how sweet to trust in Jesus, Just to trust His cleansing blood; And in simple faith to plunge me 'Neath the healing, cleansing flood! Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus, Just from sin and self to cease; Just from Jesus simply taking Life and rest, and joy and peace.

chorus

I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee, Precious Jesus, Savior, Friend; And I know that You are with me, Will be with me to the end.

chorus

'Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus

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chorus

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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 © 2012 Alex Mejias Music

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**

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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