



# northside church

OF RICHMOND

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## **Meditation**

Sometimes *hesed* is translated “steadfast love.” It combines commitment with sacrifice. *Hesed* is one-way love. Love without an exit strategy. When you love with *hesed* love, you bind yourself to the object of your love, no matter what the response is. So if the object of your love snaps at you, you still love that person. If you’ve had an argument with your spouse in which you were slighted or not heard, you refuse to retaliate through silence or withholding your affection. Your response to the other person is entirely independent of how that person has treated you. *Hesed* is a stubborn love.

- 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.

### **But For You Who Fear My Name**

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Malachi 4:2; 3:17

### **The Doxology**

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### **Psalm 145:1-6**

Please stand if able.

# We gather in the presence of God

## **Song of Gathering**

But for you who fear My Name,  
The Son of righteousness will rise  
With healing in His wings.

And you shall go forth again,  
And skip about like calves  
Coming from their stalls at last.

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

## **Welcome and Call to Worship**

Leader: *I will extol you, my God and King,  
and bless your name forever and ever.*

**People:** *Every day I will bless you  
and praise your name forever and ever.*

Leader: *Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,  
and his greatness is unsearchable.*

**People:** *One generation shall commend your works to another,  
and shall declare your mighty acts.*

Leader: *On the glorious splendor of your majesty,  
and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.*

**People:** *They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds,  
and I will declare your greatness.*

## Song of Praise

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty,  
Early in the morning  
our song shall rise to Thee.  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,  
God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity.

Holy, holy, holy, all the saints adore Thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns  
around the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim  
falling down before Thee,  
Who wert and art and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy, though the darkness hide Thee,  
Though the eye of sinful man,  
Thy glory may not see.  
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,  
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty,  
All thy works shall praise Thy name  
in earth, and sky, and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy,  
merciful and mighty,  
God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity.

***Holy, Holy, Holy***

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## Scripture Reading

*Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." So we can confidently say,*

*"The Lord is my helper;  
I will not fear;  
what can man do to me?"*

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

***Hebrews 13:5-6***

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

*Please read together.*

*John 3:16*

*Rock of Ages*

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Music: Thomas Hastings  
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# We confess our sin and receive grace

## Confession of Sin

Father, when we are honest about ourselves, we have to admit that we sin so easily:

Pretend, lie, envy, lust, criticize, brood, ignore, deny,  
consume, hoard, defame, distort, make excuses,  
and then expect an easy forgiveness for the asking.

God, forgive us for our negligence of Your holy character.

Keep us from treating Your patience as permissiveness.

Astonish us with a godly fear, which will not drive us to despair,  
but cause us to number our days, and cling to the cross of Christ.

In His name, amen.

## Silent Confession

## Assurance of Pardon

*For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son,  
that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.*

## Song of Renewal

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
Let me hide myself in Thee.  
Let the water and the blood,  
From Thy riven side which flowed,  
Be of sin the double cure,  
Cleanse me from its guilt and power.

Not the labors of my hands,  
Can fulfill Thy law's demands.  
Could my zeal no respite know,  
Could my tears forever flow,  
All for sin could not atone,  
Thou must save, and Thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring,  
Simply to Thy cross I cling.  
Naked come to Thee for dress,  
Helpless, look to Thee for grace.  
Foul, I to the fountain fly,  
Wash me, Savior, or I die!

While I draw this fleeting breath,  
When mine eyes shall close in death,  
When I soar to worlds unknown,  
See thee on Thy judgment throne,  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
Let me hide myself in Thee.

# 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 - Chad and Jessica Miller

## Offering

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

## Song of Preparation

Thou poor, afflicted, tempted soul,  
With fears, and doubts, and tempests tossed.  
What if the billows rise and roll,  
And dash thy ship, it is not lost.

The winds and waves and fiends may roar,  
But Christ will bring thee safe on shore.

The winds and waves and fiends may roar,  
But Christ will bring thee safe on shore.

What ails those eyes bedewed with tears?  
Those laboring sighs that heave thy breast?  
Those oft repeated, broken prayers?  
Dost thou not long for Jesus' rest?

And can the Lord pass heedless by,  
And see a mourning sinner die?  
And can the Lord pass heedless by,  
And see a sad and mourning sinner die?

The winds and waves and fiends may roar,  
But Christ will bring thee safe on shore.  
The winds and waves and fiends may roar,  
But Christ will bring thee safe on shore.

## ***Thou Poor, Afflicted, Tempted Soul***

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

# God feeds us with His Word

## Sermon Text

**Ruth 1:14-22**

*14 Then they lifted up their voices and wept again. And Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.*

*15 And she said, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." 16 But Ruth said, "Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God. 17 Where you die I will die, and there will I be buried. May the Lord do so to me and more also if anything but death parts me from you." 18 And when Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more.*

*19 So the two of them went on until they came to Bethlehem. And when they came to Bethlehem, the whole town was stirred because of them. And the women said, "Is this Naomi?" 20 She said to them, "Do not call me Naomi; call me Mara, for the Almighty has dealt very bitterly with me. 21 I went away full, and the Lord has brought me back empty. Why call me Naomi, when the Lord has testified against me and the Almighty has brought calamity upon me?"*

*22 So Naomi returned, and Ruth the Moabite her daughter-in-law with her, who returned from the country of Moab. And they came to Bethlehem at the beginning of barley harvest.*

**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

## 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

Bread of heaven, sent down from glory,  
Many things you were on Earth:  
A Holy King, a carpenter.  
You are the living Word.

*repeat*

Awesome Ruler, gentle Redeemer,  
God with us, the Living Truth,  
And what a friend we have in You.  
You are the living Word.

*repeat*

Jesus, Jesus - that's what we call You,  
Manger born, put on a tree,  
You died to save humanity.  
You are the living Word!

*repeat*

*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.*

**You Are the Living Word**

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*John 1:1, 6:35  
Matthew 21:5*

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

# God sends us out refreshed

## *How Great Thou Art*

*Words and music:  
Stuart K. Hine  
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## Song of Rejoicing

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder,  
Consider all the works Thy hands have made,  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Then sings my soul,  
my Savior, God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!  
Then sings my soul,  
my Savior, God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

And when I think that God, his Son, not sparing,  
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in –  
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
He bled and died, to take away my sin.

*chorus*

When Christ shall come with shouts of acclamation,  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,  
And there proclaim,  
“My God, how great Thou art!”

*chorus (x2)*

## 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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