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God's momentous act of redemption did not merely rescue Israel from political, economic and social oppression and then leave them to their own devices to worship whom they pleased. Nor did God merely offer spiritual comfort of hope for some brighter future in home beyond the sky while leaving their historical condition unchanged. No, the exodus effected real change in the people's real historical situation and at the same time called them into a real new relationship with the living God.

- Christopher Wright, The Mission of God

God gathers us together for worship

Worship in Song

"Oh Give Thanks"

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Psalm 136:1-3, 23-26

Call to Worship

Leader:

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,

Give thanks to the God of gods,

Give thanks to the Lord of lords,

It is he who remembered us in our low estate,

and rescued us from our foes.

he who gives food to all flesh,

Give thanks to the God of heaven,

People:

for his steadfast love endures forever.

for his steadfast love endures forever.

for his steadfast love endures forever;

for his steadfast love endures forever;

for his steadfast love endures forever:

for his steadfast love endures forever.

for his steadfast love endures forever.

Worship in Song

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

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John Rippon | Music: Oliver Holden
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This is a time to be honest with God about our sin and ask Him for forgiveness through Jesus.

Confession and Assurance

Generous God, You sent us the Spirit of courage, but we act out of fear.

You sent us the Spirit of truth, but we often trust lies instead.

You sent us the Spirit of healing, but we cannot let go of our hurts.

Now our hearts are suspicious, our minds are confused, and our faith is timid.

Hear our confession, and come near to us with Your mercy.

We hold out to You our burdens of guilt and sin.

Help us rest in Your forgiveness, and rejoice in Your power to change sinners.

Teach us to love You wholly, and to walk in Your ways. Amen.

- silent confession -

John 1:29

The next day [John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

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Worship in Song

"Healer"

Having been reconciled with God through Christ, we can share peace with one another and participate in His work.

Passing of the Peace

Community Life

Membership vows: Brian Aylor

Scripture Reading

John 14:1-7

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

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Offering, Worship in Song

"In Christ Alone"

God feeds us with His Word

Sermon

13 Now there was no food in all the land, for the famine was very severe, so that the land of Egypt and the land of Canaan languished by reason of the famine. 14 And Joseph gathered up all the money that was found in the land of Egypt and in the land of Canaan, in exchange for the grain that they bought. And Joseph brought the money into Pharaoh's house. 15 And when the money was all spent in the land of Egypt and in the land of Canaan, all the Egyptians came to Joseph and said, "Give us food. Why should we die before your eyes? For our money is gone." 16 And Joseph answered, "Give your livestock, and I will give you food in exchange for your livestock, if your money is gone." 17 So they brought their livestock to Joseph, and Joseph gave them food in exchange for the horses, the flocks, the herds, and the donkeys. He supplied them with food in exchange for all their livestock that year. 18 And when that year was ended, they came to him the following year and said to him, "We will not hide from my lord that our money is all spent. The herds of livestock are my lord's. There is nothing left in the sight of my lord but our bodies and our land. 19 Why should we die before your eyes, both we and our land? Buy us and our land for food, and we with our land will be servants to Pharaoh. And give us seed that we may live and not die, and that the land may not be desolate."

20 So Joseph bought all the land of Egypt for Pharaoh, for all the Egyptians sold their fields, because the famine was severe on them. The land became Pharaoh's. 21 As for the people, he made servants of them from one end of Egypt to the other. 22 Only the land of the priests he did not buy, for the priests had a fixed allowance from Pharaoh and lived on the allowance that Pharaoh gave them; therefore they did not sell their land.

23 Then Joseph said to the people, "Behold, I have this day bought you and your land for Pharaoh. Now here is seed for you, and you shall sow the land. 24 And at the harvests you shall give a fifth to Pharaoh, and four fifths shall be your own, as seed for the field and as food for yourselves and your households, and as food for your little ones." 25 And they said, "You have saved our lives; may it please my lord, we will be servants to Pharaoh." 26 So Joseph made it a statute concerning the land of Egypt, and it stands to this day, that Pharaoh should have the fifth; the land of the priests alone did not become Pharaoh's.

27 Thus Israel settled in the land of Egypt, in the land of Goshen. And they gained possessions in it, and were fruitful and multiplied greatly. 28 And Jacob lived in the land of Egypt seventeen years. So the days of Jacob, the years of his life, were 147 years.

29 And when the time drew near that Israel must die, he called his son Joseph and said to him, "If now I have found favor in your sight, put your hand under my thigh and promise to deal kindly and truly with me. Do not bury me in Egypt, 30 but let me lie with my fathers. Carry me out of Egypt and bury me in their burying place." He answered, "I will do as you have said." 31 And he said, "Swear to me"; and he swore to him. Then Israel bowed himself upon the head of his bed.

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

People: Praise be to God!

Genesis 47:13-31

Isaiah 40:8

Today's sermon is given by Kyle Dickerson, church planting assistant at Cross Community Church in Rockville, MD.

1 Corinthians 11:23b-26

Gluten and nut-free wafers can be found in the wooden boxes.

At the front right of the room stands a person ready to pray with and for you.

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The Lord's Supper

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.

Worship in Song

"The Anthem"

"Friend of God"

Benediction

About

Northside Church of Richmond is a church of the James River Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in America (www.pcanet.org), planted in Oct 2011.

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Held every Sunday at 4pm in the fellowship hall of Battery Park Christian Church, on the corner of Brook and Bellevue. Visitors are always welcome!

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