



northside church

OF RICHMOND

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Meditation

Thanking God when our situation is bleak shows that we place more belief in Him than we do in our natural circumstances. God wants to intervene on our behalf. He wants to bring His glory into our lives. But He'll allow the darkness to swallow us for a time, so we can learn to claim His light by faith. The most powerful declaration we can make during hard times is a thanksgiving of God's faithfulness. His Holy Spirit will help us to do just that.

*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.

Awesome

Words and music:
Charles Jenkins

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We gather in the presence of God

Song of Gathering

My God is awesome, He can move mountains,
Keep me in the valley, hide me from the rain. He's mighty, He's mighty, He's mighty, He's mighty!
My God is awesome, heals me when I'm broken, Awesome, awesome!
Strength where I've been weakened,
forever He will reign. He's holy, He's holy, He's holy, He's holy!
repeat Awesome, awesome!

My God is awesome, awesome,
awesome, awesome! He's great, He's great, He's great, He's great!
My God is awesome, awesome, Awesome, awesome!
awesome, awesome! Provider, Provider, Provider, Provider!

My God is awesome, Savior of the whole world
Giver of salvation, by His stripes I am healed. Awesome, awesome!
My God is awesome, today I am forgiven,
His grace is why I'm living, praise His holy name! Protector, Protector, Protector, Protector!
Awesome, awesome!

chorus Deliverer, Deliverer, Deliverer, Deliverer!
Awesome, awesome!

Welcome and Call to Worship

Leader: *I will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.*

**People: *My soul makes its boast in the LORD;
let the humble hear and be glad.***

Leader: *Oh, magnify the LORD with me,
and let us exalt his name together!*

**People: *I sought the LORD, and he answered me
and delivered me from all my fears.
Those who look to him are radiant,
and their faces shall never be ashamed.***

Psalm 34:1-5

Please stand if able.

Song of Praise

Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears,
The bleeding Sacrifice on my behalf appears.
Before the throne my **Surety** stands,
Before the throne my Surety stands,
My name is written on His hands.

Arise, arise, arise!
Arise my soul, arise!

Arise, arise, arise!
Arise my soul, arise!
Shake off your guilty fears and rise!

He ever lives above, for me to intercede,
His all-redeeming love, His precious blood to plead,
His blood atoned for every race,
His blood atoned for every race,
And sprinkles now the throne of grace.

chorus

My God is reconciled, His pard'ning voice I hear,
He owns me for His child, I can no longer fear,
With confidence I now draw nigh,
With confidence I now draw nigh,
And "Father, Abba Father," cry.

chorus

Arise, My Soul, Arise

Words: Charles Wesley
Music: Kevin Twit
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"Surety" refers to Jesus, and is derived from Hebrews 7:22: "by so much more Jesus has become a **surety** of a better covenant." (NKJV) It means that Jesus' work on the cross is the solid foundation for reconciliation with God.

Scripture Reading

Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Romans 1:1-6

*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 have loved us with an everlasting love,
but we have gone our own way and broken your laws.
We are sorry for our sins and turn away from them.

For the sake of your Son who died for us,
forgive us, cleanse us, and change us.

By your Holy Spirit, enable us to live for you,
and to please you more and more;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

All the prophets testify about Jesus Christ that everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins through His name.

Song of Renewal

Acts 10:43

It Is Well With My Soul

*Words: Horatio G. Spafford
Music: Philip P. Bliss
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When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll,
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
"It is well, it is well with my soul."

It is well (it is well),
with my soul (with my soul),
It is well, it is well with my soul!

My sin – oh, the joy of this glorious thought:
My sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, oh, my soul!

chorus

O Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trump shall resound,
and the Lord shall descend,
Even so, it is well with my soul.

chorus (x2)

It is well, it is well with my soul!

We respond to the grace received

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

Passing of the Peace

Community Life

Update and Prayer - Raun and Christina Swafford

Offering

On the first Sunday of each month Northside collects an offering for the mercy fund using a tan basket in addition to the weekly general fund offering in the multi-colored basket. The mercy fund is used for financial assistance to those in need from our church and the Northside.

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

Song of Preparation

Come Holy Spirit, come
Let Thy bright beams arise;
Dispel the darkness from our minds,
And open all our eyes.

Convince us of our sin,
Then lead to Jesus' blood,
And to our wondering view reveal
The secret love of God.

Revive our drooping faith,
Our doubts and fears remove,
And kindle in our breast the flame
Of never-dying love.

'Tis Thine to cleanse the heart,
To sanctify the soul,
To pour fresh life in every part,
And new-create the whole.

Dwell therefore in our hearts,
Our minds from bondage free;
Then we shall know, and praise, and love
The Father, Son, and Thee.

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The Father, Son, and Thee.

Come Holy Spirit, Come

*Words: Joseph Hart
Music: Hiram Ring
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*Our mind, body, and spirit
are nourished with food
that does not perish.*

Jonah 1:1-3

Isaiah 40:8

*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.*

God feeds us with His Word

Sermon Text

Now the word of the LORD came to Jonah the son of Amittai, saying, "Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it, for their evil has come up before me." But Jonah rose to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD. He went down to Joppa and found a ship going to Tarshish. So he paid the fare and went down into it, to go with them to Tarshish, away from the presence of the LORD.

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, nut-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

There's nothing worth more,
that will ever come close,
No thing can compare, You're our living hope.
Your presence, Lord.

I've tasted and seen, of the sweetest of loves,
Where my heart becomes free,
and my shame is undone,
in Your Presence, Lord.

Holy Spirit You are welcome here,
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere,
Your glory God is what our hearts long for,
To be overcome by Your presence, Lord.

repeat

There's nothing worth more,
that will ever come close,
No thing can compare, You're our living hope.
Your presence, Lord.

I've tasted and seen, of the sweetest of loves,
Where my heart becomes free,
and my shame is undone,
in Your Presence, Lord.

chorus

Let us become more aware of Your presence,
Let us experience the glory of Your goodness.

repeat

chorus

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.

Holy Spirit

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Torwalt*

*2 Corinthians 3:17
Psalm 96: 8-13*

We go forth to love and
serve God and neighbor.

God sends us out refreshed

Blessed Be Your Name

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Matt and Beth Redman
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Job 1:21-22
Psalm 113:2-3
Daniel 2:20-23

Song of Rejoicing

Blessed be Your name
In the land that is plentiful,
Where Your streams of abundance flow
Blessed be Your name.
Blessed be Your name
When I'm found in the desert place,
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed be Your name.

Every blessing You pour out
I'll turn back to praise.
When the darkness closes in, Lord,
Still I will say,

Blessed be the name of the Lord,
Blessed be Your name!
Blessed be the name of the Lord,
Blessed be Your glorious name!

Blessed be Your name
When the sun's shining down on me,
When the world's all as it should be,
Blessed be Your name.
Blessed be Your name
On the road marked with suffering,
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be Your name.

Every blessing You pour out
I'll turn back to praise.
When the darkness closes in, Lord,
Still I will say,

chorus (x2)

You give and take away,
You give and take away,
My heart will choose to say
"Lord, blessed be Your name."

repeat

chorus

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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