



# northside church

## OF RICHMOND

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### **Meditation**

*Is it not yet a very little while until Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field, and the fruitful field shall be regarded as a forest? In that day the deaf shall hear the words of a book, and out of their gloom and darkness the eyes of the blind shall see. The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the LORD, and the poor among mankind shall exult in the Holy One of Israel.*

*Therefore thus says the LORD, who redeemed Abraham, concerning the house of Jacob:*

*"Jacob shall no more be ashamed, no more shall his face grow pale.*

*For when he sees his children, the work of my hands, in his midst,*

*they will sanctify my name;*

*they will sanctify the Holy One of Jacob and will stand in awe of the God of Israel."*

- Isaiah 29:17-19, 22-23

*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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### ***Psalm 84:1-4***

*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: *How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!*

**People:** *My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD;  
my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.*

Leader: *Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself,  
where she may lay her young,  
at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.*

**People:** *Blessed are those who dwell in your house,  
ever singing your praise!*

## 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, 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, Alleluia!

*repeat*

## *All Creatures of Our God and King*

*Words: Francis of Assisi,  
1225*

*Music: Peter von Brachel,  
1623*

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## Scripture Reading

*A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing the man of God bread of the firstfruits, twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. And Elisha said, "Give to the men, that they may eat." But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred men?" So he repeated, "Give them to the men, that they may eat, for thus says the LORD, 'They shall eat and have some left.'" So he set it before them. And they ate and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.*

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**2 Kings 4:42-44**

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

*Please read together.*

**1 John 4:9**

**Search Me**

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# We confess our sin and receive grace

## Confession of Sin

Father, teach us not to sin with such abandon. We do it all 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

*This is how God showed His love among us:*

*He sent His one and only Son into the world that we might live through Him.*

## Song of Renewal

Search me, and know my heart  
Test me, and know my thoughts.  
See into me: is there any sin?  
And Lord, lead me in the everlasting way.

Search me, and know my heart  
Test me, and know my thoughts.  
See into me: is there any sin?  
And Lord, lead me in the everlasting way.

Where there is fear, make me courageous,  
Where there is doubt, give me faith.  
Where there is pride, Lord make me humble.  
Where there is silence, give me praise.

Search me, and know my heart  
Test me, and know my thoughts.  
See into me: is there any sin?  
And Lord, lead me in the everlasting way.

Jesus, Your love has made me righteous,  
For by your wounds I am healed.  
Jesus, Your death has paid the ransom,  
Your resurrection gives me life.

*chorus*

# 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 - Stephen Drake and Stephen Hogan

## Offering

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

## Song of Preparation

The Lord hears the cry of the poor,  
Blessed be the Lord!

I will bless the Lord at all times  
With praise ever in my mouth.  
Let my soul glory in the Lord,  
Who will hear the cry of the poor.

*chorus*

Let the lowly hear and be glad,  
The Lord listens to their pleas,  
And to hearts broken He is near,  
For He hears the cry of the poor.

*chorus*

Every spirit crushed, God will save,  
The Lord listens to their pleas,  
And to hearts broken God is near,  
He will hear the cry of the poor.

*chorus*

We proclaim your greatness, O God!  
Your praise ever in our mouths,  
Every face brightened in Your light,  
For You hear the cry of the poor!

*chorus*

## *The Cry of the Poor*

*Words and music:*  
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*Psalms 34:1-2, 17-18, 19, 22*

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

**Matthew 15:29-39**

**Isaiah 40:8**

*Today's sermon is given  
by Assistant Pastor P.D.  
Mayfield.*

*We encourage you to use  
this space to take notes or  
write questions.*

# God feeds us with His Word

## Sermon Text

*29 Jesus went on from there and walked beside the Sea of Galilee. And he went up on the mountain and sat down there. 30 And great crowds came to him, bringing with them the lame, the blind, the crippled, the mute, and many others, and they put them at his feet, and he healed them, 31 so that the crowd wondered, when they saw the mute speaking, the crippled healthy, the lame walking, and the blind seeing. And they glorified the God of Israel.*

*32 Then Jesus called his disciples to him and said, "I have compassion on the crowd because they have been with me now three days and have nothing to eat. And I am unwilling to send them away hungry, lest they faint on the way." 33 And the disciples said to him, "Where are we to get enough bread in such a desolate place to feed so great a crowd?" 34 And Jesus said to them, "How many loaves do you have?" They said, "Seven, and a few small fish." 35 And directing the crowd to sit down on the ground, 36 he took the seven loaves and the fish, and having given thanks he broke them and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. 37 And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up seven baskets full of the broken pieces left over. 38 Those who ate were four thousand men, besides women and children. 39 And after sending away the crowds, he got into the boat and went to the region of Magadan.*

**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

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

'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*

*chorus*

**'Tis So Sweet To Trust  
In Jesus**

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

### ***On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand***

*Words: Samuel Stennet  
Music: Christopher Miner  
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*In this song the Christian  
journey is compared to the  
Israelites' anticipated en-  
trance to the promised land  
of Canaan on the other side  
of the Jordan River. They  
had endured many hard-  
ships while waiting for God  
to fulfill his promises of land  
and rest. Though we endure  
difficulties in this life, in  
Christ we can look forward  
to when God's promises will  
come to fruition.*

# God sends us out refreshed

## **Song of Rejoicing**

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand,  
and cast a wishful eye,  
To Canaan's fair and happy land,  
where my possessions lie.

All o'er those wide extended plains,  
shines one eternal day.  
There God, the Son forever reigns,  
and scatters night away.

I am bound, (I am bound)  
I am bound, (I am bound)  
I am bound for the promised land.  
I am bound, (I am bound)  
I am bound, (I am bound)  
I am bound for the promised land.

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath,  
can reach that healthful shore,  
Sickness, sorrow, pain and death,  
are felt and feared no more.

*chorus*

When shall I reach that happy place,  
and be forever blest?  
When shall I see my Father's face,  
and in His bosom rest?

*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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