



northside church

OF RICHMOND

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Meditation

"Have you ever noticed what happens when you become anxious about something? It begins to dominate your thinking, and you see everything in light of your anxiety. It seems (to you) that everything depends on resolving your anxiety, and, indeed (to you), everything in your life seems related to it. You get caught in a vicious cycle."

- Sinclair Ferguson

*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. Declaring this together turns our hearts and minds toward Him.

Greater Is He Who Is In Us

Words, music: Kirk Ward
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1 John 4:4

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Psalm 33:1-4, 11-12, 20-22

Please stand if able.

We gather in the presence of God

Song of Gathering

Greater is He who is in us,
Greater is He who is in us, *chorus*

Greater is He who is in us
Than he who is in the world.
repeat

I will fight, fight, fight for the Kingdom.
I will praise, praise, praise the Holy One.
I will never run from the struggle.
For His work on the cross is already done.

I will fight fight fight... for the Kingdom.
I will praise praise praise... the Holy One.
I will never run... from the struggle.
For His work on the cross is already done.
repeat

chorus

Welcome and Call to Worship

Leader: *Shout for joy in the LORD, O you righteous!
Praise befits the upright.
Give thanks to the LORD with the lyre;
make melody to him with the harp of ten strings!*

**People: *Sing to him a new song;
play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.
For the word of the LORD is upright,
and all his work is done in faithfulness.***

Leader: *The counsel of the LORD stands forever,
the plans of his heart to all generations.
Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD,
the people whom he has chosen as his heritage!*

**People: *Our soul waits for the LORD;
he is our help and our shield.***

Leader: *For our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name.*

**People: *Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us,
even as we hope in you.***

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

Scripture Reading

*You are the God who works wonders;
you have made known your might among the peoples.*

*You with your arm redeemed your people,
the children of Jacob and Joseph. Selah*

*When the waters saw you, O God,
when the waters saw you, they were afraid;
indeed, the deep trembled.*

*The clouds poured out water;
the skies gave forth thunder;
your arrows flashed on every side.*

*The crash of your thunder was in the whirlwind;
your lightnings lighted up the world;
the earth trembled and shook.*

*Your way was through the sea,
your path through the great waters;
yet your footprints were unseen.*

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

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.*

Psalms 77:14-19

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

Please read together.

Romans 5:6, 8

***How Deep the Father's
Love For Us***

*Words and music:
Stuart Townend
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We confess our sin and receive grace

Confession of Sin

Almighty God, together we confess that our attitudes and actions often do not reflect You. We strive for recognition and acclaim from others, growing bitter if we do not get it. We are preoccupied with our own concerns, ignoring others except when it serves our purposes. And our worship of You recedes when circumstances turn difficult.

Together we repent from our sins and turn to you alone for forgiveness. Jesus, teach us that we only achieve greatness by giving our lives away. Spirit, renew our heart and will, and conform us to the likeness of Christ, Father, be glorified in our lives. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*At just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly.
God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

Song of Renewal

How deep the Father's love for us,
how vast beyond all measure,
That He should give His only Son,
to make a wretch His treasure!

How great the pain of searing loss,
the Father turned His face away,
As wounds which mar the chosen one,
bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross,
my sin upon His shoulders.
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
call out among the scoffers.

It was my sin that held Him there
until it was accomplished.
His dying breath has brought me life;
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything;
no gifts, no power, no wisdom,
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death and resurrection.

Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer,
But this I know with all my heart:
His wounds have paid my ransom.

repeat

We respond to the grace received

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

Passing of the Peace

Community Life

Prayers of the People

The world: Kevin and Katie Shaffer - church plant in London

The Northside: Youth Life Foundation - need more mentors

Our church: To grow into a strong financial position

Offering

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

Song of Preparation

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.

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.

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

chorus (x2)

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

We Are Not Overcome

*Words and music: Isaac Wardell, Robert Heiskell
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Lamentations 3

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

Matthew 14:22-36

Isaiah 40:8

*Today's sermon is given by
Pastor Matt Lorish.*

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

God feeds us with His Word

Sermon Text

22 Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. 23 And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, 24 but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. 25 And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. 26 But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" and they cried out in fear. 27 But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid."

28 And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." 29 He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. 30 But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." 31 Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" 32 And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. 33 And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

34 And when they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret. 35 And when the men of that place recognized him, they sent around to all that region and brought to him all who were sick 36 and implored him that they might only touch the fringe of his garment. And as many as touched it were made well.

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 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

Jesus my great High Priest offered His blood and died

My guilty conscience seeks no sacrifice beside.

His pow'rful blood did once atone,

And now it pleads before the throne,

And now it pleads before the throne.

To this dear Surety's hand will I commit my cause;

He answers and fulfills His Father's broken laws.

Behold my soul at freedom set -

My **Surety** paid the dreadful debt,

My Surety paid the dreadful debt.

Now I approach the throne,

and I have confidence,

For Jesus, my great High Priest,

offered His blood and died...

Now I approach the throne,

and I have confidence,

For Jesus, my great High Priest,

offered His blood and died for me.

My Advocate appears for my defense on high.

The Father bows His ears and lays His thunder by.

Not all that hell or sin can say

Shall turn His heart, His love, away

Shall turn His heart, His love, away.

chorus

Should all the hosts of death

and pow'rs of hell unknown,

Put their most dreadful forms

of rage and mischief on,

I shall be safe, for Christ displays

His conqu'ring power and guardian grace;

His conqu'ring power and guardian grace.

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.

Jesus My Great High Priest

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Music: Kirk Ward

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Hebrews 4:14-5:10

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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

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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