



northside church

OF RICHMOND

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Meditations

Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you and you will honor me.

- Psalm 50:15

Some parts of life, of course, are orderly and manageable. Cars don't run without gas, flossed teeth develop fewer problems; families don't get along as well without an involved husband and father. Things that are doable should be done. Where life can be managed, it should be managed well. But the most important parts of life, those parts that make up what Christianity is all about, seem to us more mysterious than manageable, more chaotic than orderly.

- Larry Crabb, *The Silence of Adam*

*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.

Oh To Be Loved By Jesus

Words, music:
Thad Cockrell

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Psalm 147:1, 3-5, 10-11

Please stand if able.

We gather in the presence of God

Song of Gathering

Oh to be loved by Jesus,

Oh to be loved by Him.

Oh to have joy and peace within,

Oh to be loved by Him.

chorus

And if no other will love me
in this life I own,

Oh there'd be no love I would long for,
I know I am His own.

He knows the names of my sorrows,

He knows the names of my fears.

Why should I let them bother me?

For I know He is near.

chorus

Welcome and Call to Worship

Leader: *Praise the LORD!*

*For it is good to sing praises to our God;
for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.*

**People: *He heals the brokenhearted
and binds up their wounds.***

Leader: *He determines the number of the stars;
he gives to all of them their names.*

**People: *Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;
his understanding is beyond measure.***

Leader: *His delight is not in the strength of the horse,
nor his pleasure in the legs of a man,*

**People: *but the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear him,
in those who hope in his steadfast love.***

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

Then some of the scribes and Pharisees answered him, saying, "Teacher, we wish to see a sign from you." But he answered them, "An evil and adulterous generation seeks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. For just as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Matthew 12:38-40

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

Please read together.

Daniel 9:9, 18

All Must Be Well

*Words: Mary Bowley-Peters,
alt by Matthew S. Smith*

Music: Matthew S. Smith.

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We confess our sin and receive grace

Confession of Sin

Almighty God, though You guide and protect us as our Shepherd, we flee from You.
Though You rule heaven and earth as King, we give our all to our tiny kingdom.
Though You comfort us as our Shepherd, we console ourselves with our sins.
Though Your cross has made peace, we foolishly war against You and one another.
Though You declare "New creation!" we just prefer the old.

Heavenly Father, have mercy upon us.
Lord Jesus Christ, deliver us from our sins.
Holy Spirit, renew us after the image of our Creator. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*The Lord our God is merciful and forgiving, even though we have rebelled against Him . . .
We do not make requests of You because we are righteous, but because of Your great mercy.*

Song of Renewal

Through the love of God our Savior,
all will be well.
Free and changeless is His favor,
all is well.
Precious is the blood that healed us,
Perfect is the grace that sealed us,
Strong the hand stretched forth to shield us,
All must be well.

Though we pass through tribulation,
all will be well.
Ours is such a full salvation,
all is well.
Happy still in God confiding,
Fruitful if in Christ abiding,
Steadfast through the Spirit's guiding
All must be well.

We expect a bright tomorrow;
all will be well.
Faith can sing through days of sorrow,
all is well.
On our Father's love relying,
Jesus every need supplying,
Yes in living or in dying,
All must be well.

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Jesus every need supplying,
Yes in living or in dying,
All must be well.

We respond to the grace received

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

Passing of the Peace

The peace God made with us is extended to those around us.

Community Life

Prayers of the People

The world: Hope International, a Christian microfinance organization

The Northside: Young Men's Academy, Thursday night meeting with middle school boys

Our church: Urban Fellows Program, begins July 1

Offering

Today we are collecting an offering for the mercy fund in 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

You are the God who loves,
You are the God who listens,
I cast my cares at Your feet.
You are the God who hears,
You are the God who answers,
You know just what I need.

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You are the God who answers,
You know just what I need.

chorus (x2)

Nothing is impossible for You.
Heaven and earth are at Your command.
Nothing is impossible for You.
You are the great I AM.

repeat

chorus (x2)

All Who Call

*Words and music:
Josh Davis
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*Romans 10:12-13
Luke 1:37*

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

God feeds us with His Word

Jonah 2

Sermon Text

- 1 Then Jonah prayed to the LORD his God from the belly of the fish, 2 saying,
"I called out to the LORD, out of my distress, and he answered me;
out of the belly of Sheol I cried, and you heard my voice.
3 For you cast me into the deep, into the heart of the seas, and the flood surrounded me;
all your waves and your billows passed over me.
4 Then I said, 'I am driven away from your sight; yet I shall again look upon your holy temple.'
5 The waters closed in over me to take my life; the deep surrounded me;
weeds were wrapped about my head 6 at the roots of the mountains.
I went down to the land whose bars closed upon me forever;
yet you brought up my life from the pit, O LORD my God.
7 When my life was fainting away, I remembered the LORD,
and my prayer came to you, into your holy temple.
8 Those who pay regard to vain idols forsake their hope of steadfast love.
9 But I with the voice of thanksgiving will sacrifice to you; what I have vowed I will pay.
Salvation belongs to the LORD!"
10 And the LORD spoke to the fish, and it vomited Jonah out upon the dry land.*

Isaiah 40:8

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

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

People: Praise be to God!

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

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

'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!

chorus

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

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.

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

*Words: Louisa Stead
Music: William Kirkpatrick
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We go forth to love and
serve God and neighbor.

God sends us out refreshed

The Sands of Time Are Sinking

Words: Anne Cousins
(based on Samuel Rutherford's letters)
Traditional folk tune (arr.
Philip Palmertree)
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Music.

Song of Rejoicing

The sands of time are sinking,
the dawn of heaven breaks,
The summer morn I've sighed for,
the fair sweet morn awakes.

Dark had been the midnight
but dayspring is at hand,
And glory, glory dwelleth
in Emmanuel's land.

O Christ, He is the Fountain
the deep sweet well of love.
The streams on earth I've tasted
more deep I'll drink above.

There to an ocean fullness
His mercy doth expand,
And glory, glory dwelleth
in Emmanuel's land.

The bride eyes not her garment
but her dear Bridegroom's face.
I will not gaze at glory
but on my King of grace.

Not at the crown He giveth
but on His pierced hand.
The Lamb is all the glory
of Emmanuel's land.

Oh! I am my Beloved's
and my Beloved is mine!
He brings a poor vile sinner
into His house of wine.

I stand upon His merit,
I know no other stand,
Not e'en where glory dwelleth
in Emmanuel's land.

repeat

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

Each Sunday at 4pm in the fellowship hall of Battery Park Christian Church, located on the corner of Brook Rd and Bellevue Ave.

Visitors are always welcome!

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