



northside church

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Meditation

God has prepared for Himself one great song of praise throughout eternity, and those who enter the community of God join in this song. It is the song that the “morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy” at the creation of the world. (Job 38:7). It is the victory song of the children of Israel after passing through the Red Sea, the Magnificat of Mary after the annunciation, the song of Paul and Silas in the night of prison, the song of the singers on the sea of glass after their rescue, the “song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb” (Rev. 15:3) It is the song of the heavenly fellowship.

- Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *Life Together: The Classic Exploration of Faith in Community*

*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.

Come Holy Spirit, Come

Words: Joseph Hart
Music: Hiram Ring
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Psalm 93

Please stand if able.

We gather in the presence of God

Song of Gathering

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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Welcome and Call to Worship

Leader: *The LORD reigns; he is robed in majesty;
the LORD is robed; he has put on strength as his belt.*

**People: *Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved.
Your throne is established from of old;
you are from everlasting.***

Leader: *The floods have lifted up, O LORD,
the floods have lifted up their voice;
the floods lift up their roaring.*

**People: *Mightier than the thunders of many waters,
mightier than the waves of the sea,
the LORD on high is mighty!
Your decrees are very trustworthy;
holiness befits your house,
O LORD, forevermore.***

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

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ. **Matthew 16:13-20**

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

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

Please read together.

1 Peter 1:3

Rock of Ages

*Words: Augustus Toplady
Music: Thomas Hastings
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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

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

Song of Renewal

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee.
Let the water and the blood,
From Thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure,
Cleanse me from its guilt and power.

Not the labors of my hands,
Can fulfill Thy law's demands.
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone,
Thou must save, and Thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring,
Simply to Thy cross I cling.
Naked come to Thee for dress,
Helpless, look to Thee for grace.
Foul, I to the fountain fly,
Wash me, Savior, or I die!

While I draw this fleeting breath,
When mine eyes shall close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown,
See thee on Thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee.

We respond to the grace received

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

Passing of the Peace

Community Life

Announcement and Prayer - Internal Giving Pledge Season

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.*

God feeds us with His Word

Acts 4:32-37

Sermon Text

32 Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. 33 And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. 34 There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold 35 and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need. 36 Thus Joseph, who was also called by the apostles Barnabas (which means son of encouragement), a Levite, a native of Cyprus, 37 sold a field that belonged to him and brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet.

Isaiah 40:8

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

People: Praise be to God!

*Today's sermon is given by
Jerry Jones, preaching staff
at Qingdao International
Christian Fellowship from
2010-2013.*

Sermon

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

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**

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

God sends us out refreshed

Leaning On The Everlasting Arms

*Words: Elisha A. Hoffman
Music: Anthony J. Showalter
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Deuteronomy 33:27

Songs of Rejoicing

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
leaning on the everlasting arms.
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

Leaning, leaning,
safe and secure from all alarms.
Leaning, leaning,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
leaning on the everlasting arms.
Oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

chorus

What have I to dread? What have I to fear,
leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

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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