



# northside church

OF RICHMOND

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## **Meditation**

Our God is sovereign. That means there's no such thing as luck. Anything that happens to you, good or bad, must pass through His fingers first. There are no accidents with God.

- Tony Evans

*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.*

*The Holy God is present with us in worship, and He invites us to come to Him with true adoration.*

### **Just a Closer Walk**

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### **Psalm 113:1-5**

*Please stand if able.*

# God calls us into His presence to worship

## **Song of Gathering**

I am weak but Thou art strong;  
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;  
I'll be satisfied as long  
As I walk, dear Lord, close to Thee.

Just a closer walk with Thee,  
Grant it, Jesus, this my plea,  
Daily walking close to Thee,  
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

Through this world of toil and snares,  
If I falter, Lord, who cares?  
Who with me my burden shares?  
None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee.

*chorus*

When my feeble life is o'er,  
Time for me will be no more;  
Guide me gently, safely o'er,  
to Thy kingdom shore, to Thy shore!

*chorus (x2)*

## **Call to Worship**

Leader: *Praise the LORD!*

**People:** ***Praise, O servants of the LORD,  
praise the name of the LORD!***

Leader: *Blessed be the name of the LORD  
from this time forth and forevermore!*

**People:** ***From the rising of the sun to its setting,  
the name of the LORD is to be praised!***

Leader: *The LORD is high above all nations,  
and his glory above the heavens!*

**People:** ***Who is like the LORD our God,  
who is seated on high?***

## 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*

## 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

*There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.  
For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.*

## *Arise, My Soul, Arise*

*Words: Charles Wesley  
Music: Kevin Twit  
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*Psalm 57:8*

*"my Surety" refers to Jesus.  
Hebrews 7:22 says "Jesus has  
become a **surety** of a better  
covenant." (NKJV)  
The sacrifice of Jesus is the  
solid foundation for a reconciled  
relationship with God.*

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

**Romans 8:1-2**

## ***Let Me Find Thee***

*Words: Joachim Neander*

*Music: Matthew S. Smith*

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## **Song of Renewal**

Behold me here, in grief draw near,  
Pleading at Thy throne, oh King.  
To Thee each tear, each trembling fear,  
Jesus, Son of Man, I bring.

Let me find Thee, let me find Thee.  
Let me find Thee,  
Lord of mercy, King of grace.

Look down in love, and from above,  
With Thy Spirit, satisfy.  
Thou hast sought me, Thou hast bought me,  
And Thy purchase, Lord, am I.

Let me find Thee, let me find Thee.  
Let me find Thee,  
here on earth and then on high.

Hear the broken, scarcely spoken,  
Longings of my heart to Thee.  
All the crying, all the sighing,  
Of Thy child, accepted be.

Let me find Thee, let me find Thee.  
Let me find Thee,  
wounded healer, suffering Lord.

*repeat*

*Being reconciled with God  
through Christ enables us to  
seek peace with each other  
and participate in His work.*

## **Passing of the Peace**

## **Community Life**

Baptism: Ella and Jessa Reilly

*God designed worship to  
include the voluntary giving  
of offerings by His people.*

## **Offering**

## Scripture Reading

*Bel bows down; Nebo stoops; their idols are on beasts and livestock;  
these things you carry are borne as burdens on weary beasts.  
They stoop; they bow down together; they cannot save the burden, but themselves go into captivity.  
“Listen to me, O house of Jacob, all the remnant of the house of Israel,  
who have been borne by me from before your birth, carried from the womb;  
even to your old age I am he, and to gray hairs I will carry you.  
I have made, and I will bear; I will carry and will save.  
“To whom will you liken me and make me equal, and compare me, that we may be alike?  
Those who lavish gold from the purse, and weigh out silver in the scales,  
hire a goldsmith, and he makes it into a god; then they fall down and worship!  
They lift it to their shoulders, they carry it, they set it in its place, and it stands there;  
it cannot move from its place.  
If one cries to it, it does not answer or save him from his trouble.  
“Remember this and stand firm, recall it to mind, you transgressors, remember the former things of old;  
for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me,  
declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done,  
saying, ‘My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my purpose,’  
calling a bird of prey from the east, the man of my counsel from a far country.  
I have spoken, and I will bring it to pass; I have purposed, and I will do it.*

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

## Song of Preparation

My God is awesome, He can move mountains,  
Keep me in the valley, hide me from the rain.

My God is awesome, heals me when I'm broken,  
Strength where I've been weakened,  
forever He will reign.

My God is awesome, awesome,  
awesome, awesome!

My God is awesome, awesome,  
awesome, awesome!

My God is awesome, Savior of the whole world  
Giver of salvation, by His stripes I am healed.

My God is awesome, today I am forgiven,

His grace is why I'm living, praise His holy name!

*chorus*

He's mighty, He's mighty, He's mighty, He's mighty!  
Awesome, awesome!

He's holy, He's holy, He's holy, He's holy!  
Awesome, awesome!

He's great, He's great, He's great, He's great!  
Awesome, awesome!

Provider, Provider, Provider, Provider!  
Awesome, awesome!

Protector, Protector, Protector, Protector!  
Awesome, awesome!

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

**Isaiah 46:1-11**

**Awesome**

*Words and music:*

*Charles Jenkins*

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

# God feeds us with His Word

## Sermon Text

**Genesis 30:25-43**

25 As soon as Rachel had borne Joseph, Jacob said to Laban, "Send me away, that I may go to my own home and country. 26 Give me my wives and my children for whom I have served you, that I may go, for you know the service that I have given you." 27 But Laban said to him, "If I have found favor in your sight, I have learned by divination that the Lord has blessed me because of you. 28 Name your wages, and I will give it." 29 Jacob said to him, "You yourself know how I have served you, and how your livestock has fared with me. 30 For you had little before I came, and it has increased abundantly, and the Lord has blessed you wherever I turned. But now when shall I provide for my own household also?" 31 He said, "What shall I give you?" Jacob said, "You shall not give me anything. If you will do this for me, I will again pasture your flock and keep it: 32 let me pass through all your flock today, removing from it every speckled and spotted sheep and every black lamb, and the spotted and speckled among the goats, and they shall be my wages. 33 So my honesty will answer for me later, when you come to look into my wages with you. Every one that is not speckled and spotted among the goats and black among the lambs, if found with me, shall be counted stolen." 34 Laban said, "Good! Let it be as you have said." 35 But that day Laban removed the male goats that were striped and spotted, and all the female goats that were speckled and spotted, every one that had white on it, and every lamb that was black, and put them in the charge of his sons. 36 And he set a distance of three days' journey between himself and Jacob, and Jacob pastured the rest of Laban's flock.

37 Then Jacob took fresh sticks of poplar and almond and plane trees, and peeled white streaks in them, exposing the white of the sticks. 38 He set the sticks that he had peeled in front of the flocks in the troughs, that is, the watering places, where the flocks came to drink. And since they bred when they came to drink, 39 the flocks bred in front of the sticks and so the flocks brought forth striped, speckled, and spotted. 40 And Jacob separated the lambs and set the faces of the flocks toward the striped and all the black in the flock of Laban. He put his own droves apart and did not put them with Laban's flock. 41 Whenever the stronger of the flock were breeding, Jacob would lay the sticks in the troughs before the eyes of the flock, that they might breed among the sticks, 42 but for the feebler of the flock he would not lay them there. So the feebler would be Laban's, and the stronger Jacob's. 43 Thus the man increased greatly and had large flocks, female servants and male servants, and camels and donkeys.

**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  
Pastor Matt Lorish.

## 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

I see the King of glory

Coming down the clouds with fire

The whole earth shakes, the whole earth shakes.

I see His love and mercy

Washing over all our sin

The people sing, the people sing.

Hosanna, Hosanna!

Hosanna in the highest!

Hosanna, Hosanna!

Hosanna in the highest!

I see a generation

Rising up to take their place

With selfless faith, with selfless faith.

I see a new revival

Stirring as we pray and seek

We're on our knees, we're on our knees.

*chorus*

Heal my heart and make it clean.

Open up my eyes to the things unseen.

Show me how to love like You have loved me.

Break my heart for what breaks Yours,

Everything I am for Your kingdom come.

As I walk from earth into eternity.

*chorus (x2)*

*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.*

### **Hosanna**

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*Brooke Ligertwood*

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*John 12:13*

*Mark 11:9-10*

*Matthew 21:9*

We go out with renewed  
faith to love our God and  
our neighbors.

### **Swallowed Up Death**

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and David Potter

Music: Luke and Megan  
Pettipole

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# God sends us out refreshed

## **Song of Rejoicing**

The whole of nature groans with longing,  
We ache for that promised glory.  
Still we rejoice because we know -  
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

The whole of nature groans with longing,  
We wait for that promised glory.  
Still we rejoice because we know,  
that sorrow's end is coming.

He will swallow up death  
and wipe the tears from our faces!  
He will swallow up death  
and wipe the tears from our faces!  
We'll sing, "This is our God we've waited for,  
and He saved us!"  
He will swallow up death  
and wipe the tears from our faces!

Here in the darkness of our mourning,  
We wait for the Light that's coming.  
And on that day we will return,  
with joy and gladness singing.

*chorus*

Behold, your God – He will come and save you!  
*repeat*

*chorus*

## **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**

Every Sunday at 4pm in the fellowship hall of  
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