



# northside church

OF RICHMOND

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## **Meditation**

The best we can hope for in this life is a knothole peek at the shining realities ahead. Yet a glimpse is enough. It's enough to convince our hearts that whatever sufferings and sorrows currently assail us aren't worthy of comparison to that which waits over the horizon.

- Joni Eareckson Tada

*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.*

### **You Alone Are God**

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# God calls us into His presence to worship

## Song of Gathering

Before all worlds began,  
You are the great I AM,  
Father, Spirit, and Son,  
Eternal Three-In-One.  
Fulfilled within Yourself,  
in need of no one else,  
Even though all things change,  
You still remain the same.

You alone are God!

You spoke, it came to pass:  
a universe so vast.  
Most things no eye can see,  
Yet still bring You glory.  
Although all things are Yours,  
You made Yourself so poor.  
You left Your awesome throne,  
To seek and save Your own.

Mighty is our God!

So blind I had no clue.  
Oh, how I ran from You!  
Wickedness had me bound,  
Until You tracked me down.  
Your law revealed my sin,  
My corruption within,  
It drove me to Your cross,  
Where You paid my sin's cost.

Faithful is our God!

Jesus, You died for me,  
and now abide in me.  
What can I give to You?  
Lord, help me live for You!  
Help me stay in Your word,  
Help me obey You, Lord.  
And when we finally meet,  
I'll cast my crown at Your feet.

Holy is our God!

Faithful is our God!

Mighty is our God!

You alone are God!

## Call to Worship

Leader: *Blessed be the LORD!  
For He has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.*

**People:** *The LORD is my strength and my shield;  
in Him my heart trusts, and I am helped;  
my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to Him.*

Leader: *The LORD is the strength of his people;  
He is the saving refuge of His anointed.*

**People:** *Oh, save Your people and bless Your heritage!  
Be their shepherd and carry them forever.*

*Psalm 28:6-9*

*Please stand if able.*

## Song of Praise

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.

Abba, Father,  
You are near to all who call  
upon Your name.  
Savior, Healer,  
You are near to all who call  
upon Your name.

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.

*chorus*

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*

## Confession of Sin

King of Glory, You came to us as true peace in the midst of our warfare,  
as true freedom to release us from our bondage to sin,  
as true refuge from our unrest and affliction.

Yet we have rebelled from Your authority,  
and negotiated with the enemy with our secret sins and proud skepticism.  
For our treason, You died; for our restoration, You rose again.

Draw us close to You this week and renew our allegiance,  
increase our faith, amaze us with Your grace,  
and make us willing and able to follow You. Amen

## Silent Confession

## Assurance of Pardon

*But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.*

## *All Who Call*

*Words and music:*  
*Josh Davis*  
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*Psalm 145:18*  
*Romans 10:12-13*  
*Luke 1:37*

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

*Ephesians 2:13*

## ***It Is Well With My Soul***

*Words: Horatio G. Spafford  
Music: Philip P. Bliss  
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## **Song of Renewal**

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,  
When sorrows like sea billows roll,  
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,  
"It is well, it is well with my soul."

It is well (it is well),  
with my soul (with my soul),  
It is well, it is well with my soul!

Though Satan should buffet,  
though trials should come,  
Let this blest assurance control,  
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,  
And has shed His own blood for my soul.

*chorus*

My sin – oh, the joy of this glorious thought:  
My sin, not in part, but the whole,  
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more.  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, oh, my soul!

*chorus*

O Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,  
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,  
The trump shall resound,  
and the Lord shall descend,  
Even so, it is well with my soul.

*chorus (x2)*

*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**

Announcement and Prayer: Tim Cole, Northside Jobs For Life

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

## **Offering**

## Scripture Reading

*By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.*

*These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.*

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

## Song of Preparation

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

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*

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

*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.

*chorus (x2)*

**Hebrews 11:8-16**

***We Are Not Overcome***

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*Job 1:21  
Lamentations 3*

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

# God feeds us with His Word

## Sermon Text

### Genesis 23

*Sarah lived 127 years; these were the years of the life of Sarah. 2 And Sarah died at Kiriath-arba (that is, Hebron) in the land of Canaan, and Abraham went in to mourn for Sarah and to weep for her. 3 And Abraham rose up from before his dead and said to the Hittites, 4 "I am a sojourner and foreigner among you; give me property among you for a burying place, that I may bury my dead out of my sight." 5 The Hittites answered Abraham, 6 "Hear us, my lord; you are a prince of God among us. Bury your dead in the choicest of our tombs. None of us will withhold from you his tomb to hinder you from burying your dead." 7 Abraham rose and bowed to the Hittites, the people of the land. 8 And he said to them, "If you are willing that I should bury my dead out of my sight, hear me and entreat for me Ephron the son of Zohar, 9 that he may give me the cave of Machpelah, which he owns; it is at the end of his field. For the full price let him give it to me in your presence as property for a burying place."*

*10 Now Ephron was sitting among the Hittites, and Ephron the Hittite answered Abraham in the hearing of the Hittites, of all who went in at the gate of his city, 11 "No, my lord, hear me: I give you the field, and I give you the cave that is in it. In the sight of the sons of my people I give it to you. Bury your dead." 12 Then Abraham bowed down before the people of the land. 13 And he said to Ephron in the hearing of the people of the land, "But if you will, hear me: I give the price of the field. Accept it from me, that I may bury my dead there." 14 Ephron answered Abraham, 15 "My lord, listen to me: a piece of land worth four hundred shekels of silver, what is that between you and me? Bury your dead." 16 Abraham listened to Ephron, and Abraham weighed out for Ephron the silver that he had named in the hearing of the Hittites, four hundred shekels of silver, according to the weights current among the merchants.*

*17 So the field of Ephron in Machpelah, which was to the east of Mamre, the field with the cave that was in it and all the trees that were in the field, throughout its whole area, was made over to Abraham as a possession in the presence of the Hittites, before all who went in at the gate of his city. 19 After this, Abraham buried Sarah his wife in the cave of the field of Machpelah east of Mamre (that is, Hebron) in the land of Canaan. 20 The field and the cave that is in it were made over to Abraham as property for a burying place by the Hittites.*

### 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.

**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.*

**1 Corinthians 11:23b-26**

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.

*As others take communion please feel free to pray, sing along, or talk quietly with your neighbor.*

## Song of Communion

I have a Maker,  
He formed my heart.  
Before even time began,  
My life was in His hands.

He knows my name,  
He knows my every thought.  
He sees each tear that falls,  
and He hears me when I call.

I have a Maker,  
He formed my heart.  
Before even time began,  
My life was in His hands.

I have a Father,  
He calls me His own.  
He'll never leave me,  
No matter where I go.

*chorus*

### ***He Knows My Name***

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

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

Words: Samuel Stennet  
Music: Christopher Miner  
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Music

*In this song the Christian  
life is compared to when the  
Israelites looked forward to  
entering rest in the promised  
land of Canaan on the other  
side of the Jordan River.  
Though we endure difficul-  
ties in this life, in Christ we  
look forward with hope 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), planted in October 2011.

### **Worship Service**

Sunday at 4pm in the fellowship hall of Battery  
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