



# northside church

OF RICHMOND

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## God calls us into His presence to worship

### Song of Gathering

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,  
It's time to sing Your song again.  
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,  
Let me be singing when the evening comes.

You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger.  
Your name is great, and Your heart is kind.  
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

*chorus*

Bless the Lord O my soul,  
O my soul,  
Worship His Holy name.  
Sing like never before, O my soul.  
I'll worship Your Holy name!

And on that day when my strength is failing,  
The end draws near and my time has come.  
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending,  
Ten thousand years and then forevermore.

*chorus*

### Call to Worship

Leader: *Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me, for in you my soul takes refuge;  
in the shadow of your wings I will take refuge, till the storms of destruction pass by.*

**People:** *I cry out to God Most High, to God who fulfills his purpose for me.*

Leader: *He will send from heaven and save me; he will put to shame him who tramples on me.  
God will send out his steadfast love and his faithfulness!*

**People:** *I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples;  
I will sing praises to you among the nations.  
For your steadfast love is great to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.*

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

**10,000 Reasons  
(Bless the Lord)**

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*Psalm 103:1-5*

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**Psalm 57:1-3, 9-10**

*Please stand if able.*

## ***All Creatures of Our God and King***

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1225*

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*Psalms 148*

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

*Please read together*

**1 John 4:9**

## **Song of Praise**

All creatures of our God and King,  
Lift up your voice and with us, sing,  
O praise him! Alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam,  
Thou silver moon with softer gleam,  
O praise him! O praise him!  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,  
Ye clouds that sail in heav'n along,  
O praise him! Alleluia!

Thou rising moon, in praise, rejoice,  
Ye lights of evening, find a voice,  
O praise him! O praise him!  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Let all things, their Creator, bless,  
And worship him in humbleness,  
O praise him! Alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
And praise the Spirit, three in one,  
O praise him! O praise him!  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*repeat*

## **Confession of Sin**

Merciful Father, we confess that we often wander from You:

We try to live by our own rules rather than obey Your word.

We try to find rest in sin instead of in Your presence.

All the while, we refuse to listen to Your Spirit.

Just as You promise, have mercy and restore those who confess their faults:

Refresh us through humility and submission to Your will.

Remind us that life and health are only found in You.

Give us grace and strength to follow where Your Spirit leads.

In the name of Jesus our Savior, to the glory of Your holy Name. Amen.

## **Silent Confession**

## **Assurance of Pardon**

*This is how God showed His love among us:*

*He sent His one and only Son into the world that we might live through Him.*

## Song of Renewal

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.

*repeat*

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!

**Awesome**

*Words and music:*

*Charles Jenkins*

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## Community Life

Announcement and Prayer: Northside Summer Interns

## Offering

## Scripture Reading

*What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness." Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works:*

*"Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven,*

*and whose sins are covered;*

*blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin."*

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

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

**Romans 4:1-8**

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

# God feeds us with His Word

## Sermon Text

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." 2 But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" 3 And Abram said, "Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir." 4 And behold, the word of the Lord came to him: "This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir." 5 And he brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." 6 And he believed the Lord, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

7 And he said to him, "I am the Lord who brought you out from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to possess." 8 But he said, "O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" 9 He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." 10 And he brought him all these, cut them in half, and laid each half over against the other. But he did not cut the birds in half. 11 And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

12 As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell on Abram. And behold, dreadful and great darkness fell upon him. 13 Then the Lord said to Abram, "Know for certain that your offspring will be sojourners in a land that is not theirs and will be servants there, and they will be afflicted for four hundred years. 14 But I will bring judgment on the nation that they serve, and afterward they shall come out with great possessions. 15 As for you, you shall go to your fathers in peace; you shall be buried in a good old age. 16 And they shall come back here in the fourth generation, for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete."

17 When the sun had gone down and it was dark, behold, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. 18 On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your offspring I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates, 19 the land of the Kenites, the Kenizzites, the Kadmonites, 20 the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Rephaim, 21 the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Girgashites and the Jebusites."

## Genesis 15

## 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!**

## How Great Thou Art

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## Sermon

## 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.

That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
He bled and died, to take away my sin.

*chorus*

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!

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!"

And when I think that God, his Son, not sparing,  
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in –

*chorus (x2)*