



# northside church

OF RICHMOND

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## **Meditation**

You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God: or else a madman or something worse. You can shut him up for a fool; you can spit at him and kill him for a demon; or you can fall at his feet and call him Lord and God. But let us not come with any patronizing nonsense about his being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to.

- C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

*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 Reign**

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*Psalm 33:1-4, 20-22*

*Please stand if able.*

# God calls us into His presence to worship

## **Song of Gathering**

*Call and response:*

My God reigns.  
Our God reigns.

*Together:*

Lord, You reign above every name.  
*repeat*

With power and majesty,  
dominion, authority - You reign!

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dominion, authority - You reign!

Over my circumstance,  
You've given me another chance – You reign!

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You've given me another chance – You reign!

Over my circumstance,  
You've given me another chance – You reign!

Over my circumstance,  
You've given me another chance...

You reign! You reign! You reign!  
*repeat*

## **Call to Worship**

*Leader: Shout for joy in the LORD, O you righteous!  
Praise befits the upright.  
Give thanks to the LORD with the lyre;  
make melody to him with the harp of ten strings!*

**People: Sing to him a new song;  
play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.  
For the word of the LORD is upright,  
and all his work is done in faithfulness.**

*Leader: Our soul waits for the LORD;  
he is our help and our shield.*

**People: For our heart is glad in him,  
because we trust in his holy name.  
Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us,  
even as we hope in you.**

## Song of Praise

Water You turned into wine,  
opened the eyes of the blind.  
There's no one like You, none like You.

Into the darkness You shine,  
out of the ashes we rise.  
There's no one like You, none like You.

Our God is greater, our God is stronger.  
God, You are higher than any other!  
Our God is healer, awesome in power -  
Our God, our God!

And if our God is for us,  
then who could ever stop us?  
And if our God is with us,  
then what could stand against?

## Confession of Sin

Most holy and merciful God, we confess before You our own sinfulness:

We have hungered after that which does not satisfy, and have compromised with evil;  
We have doubted Your power to protect us, and have sought comfort in idolatry;  
We have been obsessed with creating a life of constant pleasure;  
We have been indifferent to our neighbors, and have gained from unjust systems;  
We have neglected Your wise and gracious Law.

Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us for our weak faith!  
Restore in us such trust and love that we walk in Your ways and delight in doing Your will.  
Amen.

## Silent Confession

## Assurance of Pardon

*Therefore, since we have been justified by faith,  
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

## **Our God**

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*Romans 8:31  
Psalm 135:5*

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

**Romans 5:1**

## ***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**

New Member Vows: Jennifer Saval

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

## **Offering**

## Scripture Reading

*The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to grant to those who mourn in Zion—to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit; that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he may be glorified. They shall build up the ancient ruins; they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.*

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

## Song of Preparation

You don't have to worry,  
and don't you be afraid.  
Joy comes in the morning,  
troubles they don't last always.  
For there's a friend named Jesus,  
who will wipe your tears away.  
And if your heart is broken,  
just lift your hands and say:

Oh, I know that I can make it,  
I know that I can stand.  
No matter what may come my way,  
my life is in Your hands.

verse 1

Oh, I know that I can make it,  
I know that I can stand.  
No matter what may come my way,  
my life is in Your hands.  
With Jesus I can take it,  
with Him I know I can stand.  
No matter what may come my way,  
my life is in Your hands.

So when your tests and trials,  
they seem to get you down.  
And all your friends and loved ones,  
are nowhere to be found.  
Remember there's a friend in Jesus,  
who will wipe your tears away,  
And if your heart is broken,  
just lift your hands and say:

chorus 2

**Isaiah 61:1-4**

### ***My Life Is In Your Hands***

*Words and music:*  
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*Deuteronomy 31:6*  
*Isaiah 25:8*  
*James 1:2*

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

# God feeds us with His Word

**Luke 4:14-22**

## Sermon Text

*14 And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and a report about him went out through all the surrounding country. 15 And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified by all.*

*16 And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. 17 And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written,*

*18 "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,*

*because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor.*

*He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind,*

*to set at liberty those who are oppressed,*

*19 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."*

*20 And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. 21 And he began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." 22 And all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth. And they said, "Is not this Joseph's son?"*

**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

*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, 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

Bread of heaven, sent down from glory,  
Many things you were on Earth:  
A Holy King, a carpenter.  
You are the living Word.

Awesome Ruler, gentle Redeemer,  
God with us, the Living Truth,  
And what a friend we have in You.  
You are the living Word.

Jesus, Jesus - that's what we call You,  
Manger born, put on a tree,  
You died to save humanity.  
You are the living Word!

*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.*

***You Are the Living Word***

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*John 1:1, 6:35  
Matthew 21:5*

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

### ***Leaning On The Everlasting Arms***

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

# God sends us out refreshed

## **Song 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](http://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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