



northside church

OF RICHMOND

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Meditation

- 1) Cheer up, you're a lot worse than you think you are.
- 2) Cheer up, God's grace is a lot bigger than you think it is.

- Jack Miller

*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.

Our God

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*Romans 8:31
Psalm 135:5*

Psalm 93

Please stand if able.

God calls us into His presence to worship

Song of Gathering

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?

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

My God reigns; our God reigns.
Lord, You reign above every name!

My God reigns; our God reigns.
Lord, You reign above every name!

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

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

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

You reign! You reign! You reign!
repeat

You Reign

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Confession of Sin

Holy God, together we confess our sinful attitudes and actions:

We act like our own providers, fail to give You thanks, and then use our resources selfishly.

We often have eyes only for our own concerns and not for those of our neighbors.

And in difficult circumstances we doubt Your love and accuse You of neglect.

We repent from our sins and turn to You alone for forgiveness.

Lord Jesus, teach us that true freedom is found in submission to Your loving authority.

Holy Spirit, renew our heart and will, and conform us to the likeness of Christ.

Heavenly Father, be glorified in our lives. Amen.

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

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God. 1 Peter 3:18a

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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“Ebenezer” means “stone of help.” It was the name of a monument to God’s faithfulness erected by Samuel, a judge of ancient Israel. See 1 Samuel 7:12.

A “fetter” is a chain or shackle placed on the feet.

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

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

Song of Renewal

Come thou fount of ev’ry blessing,
tune my heart to sing Thy grace.
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount, I’m fixed upon it –
mount of God’s unchanging love.

Here I raise my **Ebenezer**,
hither by Thy help I’ve come;
And I hope by Thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wand’ring from the fold of God.
He, to rescue me from danger,
interposed His precious blood.

O, to grace, how great a debtor,
daily I’m constrained to be.
Let that grace, now, like a **fetter**,
bind my wand’ring heart to Thee.

Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it –
prone to leave the God I love.
Here’s my heart, Lord, take and seal it –
seal it for Thy courts above.

repeat

Passing of the Peace

Community Life

Update and prayer: Charity Smith, Mario Jackson, and Corinne Tucker

Offering

Scripture Reading

If anyone teaches a different doctrine and does not agree with the sound words of our Lord Jesus Christ and the teaching that accords with godliness, he is puffed up with conceit and understands nothing. He has an unhealthy craving for controversy and for quarrels about words, which produce envy, dissension, slander, evil suspicions, and constant friction among people who are depraved in mind and deprived of the truth, imagining that godliness is a means of gain. But godliness with contentment is great gain, for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Song of Preparation

Draw me close to You, never let me go.
I lay it all down again,
to hear You say that I'm Your friend.

Lord, You're my desire; no one else will do.
'Cause nothing else can take Your place,
to feel the warmth of Your embrace.
Help me find the way, bring me back to You.

Oh, oh, oh...
You're all I want;
You're all I've ever needed.
You're all I want;
Help me know You are near!

verse

chorus

Draw me nearer, nearer blessed Lord,
to the cross where Thou hast died;
Draw me nearer, nearer blessed Lord,
to Thy precious, bleeding side.

1 Timothy 6:3-10

Draw Me Close

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Draw Me Nearer

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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 29:31-30:24

31 When the Lord saw that Leah was hated, he opened her womb, but Rachel was barren. 32 And Leah conceived and bore a son, and she called his name Reuben, for she said, "Because the Lord has looked upon my affliction; for now my husband will love me." 33 She conceived again and bore a son, and said, "Because the Lord has heard that I am hated, he has given me this son also." And she called his name Simeon. 34 Again she conceived and bore a son, and said, "Now this time my husband will be attached to me, because I have borne him three sons." Therefore his name was called Levi. 35 And she conceived again and bore a son, and said, "This time I will praise the Lord." Therefore she called his name Judah. Then she ceased bearing.

30:1 When Rachel saw that she bore Jacob no children, she envied her sister. She said to Jacob, "Give me children, or I shall die!" 2 Jacob's anger was kindled against Rachel, and he said, "Am I in the place of God, who has withheld from you the fruit of the womb?" 3 Then she said, "Here is my servant Bilhah; go in to her, so that she may give birth on my behalf, that even I may have children through her." 4 So she gave him her servant Bilhah as a wife, and Jacob went in to her. 5 And Bilhah conceived and bore Jacob a son. 6 Then Rachel said, "God has judged me, and has also heard my voice and given me a son." Therefore she called his name Dan. 7 Rachel's servant Bilhah conceived again and bore Jacob a second son. 8 Then Rachel said, "With mighty wrestlings I have wrestled with my sister and have prevailed." So she called his name Naphtali.

9 When Leah saw that she had ceased bearing children, she took her servant Zilpah and gave her to Jacob as a wife. 10 Then Leah's servant Zilpah bore Jacob a son. 11 And Leah said, "Good fortune has come!" so she called his name Gad. 12 Leah's servant Zilpah bore Jacob a second son. 13 And Leah said, "Happy am I! For women have called me happy." So she called his name Asher.

14 In the days of wheat harvest Reuben went and found mandrakes in the field and brought them to his mother Leah. Then Rachel said to Leah, "Please give me some of your son's mandrakes." 15 But she said to her, "Is it a small matter that you have taken away my husband? Would you take away my son's mandrakes also?" Rachel said, "Then he may lie with you tonight in exchange for your son's mandrakes." 16 When Jacob came from the field in the evening, Leah went out to meet him and said, "You must come in to me, for I have hired you with my son's mandrakes." So he lay with her that night. 17 And God listened to Leah, and she conceived and bore Jacob a fifth son. 18 Leah said, "God has given me my wages because I gave my servant to my husband." So she called his name Issachar.

19 And Leah conceived again, and she bore Jacob a sixth son. 20 Then Leah said, "God has endowed me with a good endowment; now my husband will honor me, because I have borne him six sons." So she called his name Zebulun. 21 Afterward she bore a daughter and called her name Dinah.

22 Then God remembered Rachel, and God listened to her and opened her womb. 23 She conceived and bore a son and said, "God has taken away my reproach." 24 And she called his name Joseph, saying, "May the Lord add to me another 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

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

Jesus my great High Priest offered His blood and died
My guilty conscience seeks no sacrifice beside. My Advocate appears for my defense on high.
His pow'rful blood did once atone, The Father bows His ears and lays His thunder by.
And now it pleads before the throne, Not all that hell or sin can say
And now it pleads before the throne. Shall turn His heart, His love, away
Shall turn His heart, His love, away.

To this dear Surety's hand will I commit my cause;
He answers and fulfills His Father's broken laws. *chorus*

Behold my soul, at freedom set -
My Surety paid the dreadful debt,
My Surety paid the dreadful debt.
Should all the hosts of death
and pow'rs of hell unknown,
Put their most dreadful forms
of rage and mischief on,
I shall be safe, for Christ displays
His conqu'ring power and guardian grace;
His conqu'ring power and guardian grace.

Now I approach the throne,
and I have confidence,
For Jesus, my great High Priest,
offered His blood and died...
Now I approach the throne,
and I have confidence,
For Jesus, my great High Priest,
offered His blood and died for me.

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.

Jesus My Great High Priest

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Hebrews 4:14-5:10

"dear 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.

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

Like No Other

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Philippians 2:9-11
Acts 4:12
Psalm 8:1
Psalm 124:8
Psalm 148:13

God sends us out refreshed

Song of Rejoicing

There is a name, a glorious name that I adore.
It's deserving of praise; marvelous things You will perform.
It brings calm to all my fears, and helps me to weather every storm.
You give strength that I need. No name is greater than Yours!

Women:

That name!
Jesus!
That name!
That name!

Men:

Something happens, when we call that name:
Every knee will bow, every tongue proclaim!
You have all power and Your power will remain.

Together: No other name!

It's a name that I call, no matter the day or the hour.
He'll protect when I fall; You show Your strength, You show Your power.
Heaven and earth, they will all pass away;
But it's Your name that won't waver Lord, it won't change.

chorus (x2)

It soothes like no other. It calms like no other.
It heals like no other. Reveals like no other.

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

Every Sunday at 4pm in the fellowship hall of Battery Park Christian Church, on the corner of Brook and Bellevue. Visitors are always welcome!

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