



# northside church

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## **Meditation**

Jesus invites us—especially when marriages and friendships get difficult—to see ourselves and each other as he sees us. Jesus sees us and knows us with an everlasting love, with a love that has saved us from ourselves and that guarantees our future perfection. In our present condition, Jesus sees us as the acorns that will become oak trees, the apple seeds that will become orchards, the caterpillars that will become butterflies, and the random cacophonies of words and notes that will become musical masterpieces.

- Scott Sauls

*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.*

### **Before I Knew**

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# God calls us into His presence to worship

## **Song of Gathering**

Before I knew what freedom was,  
Jesus set me free.

With no control, a slave to sin,  
God was my enemy.

But then He broke my rusty chains  
to share eternity.

Before I knew what freedom was,  
Jesus set me free.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah,  
Hallelujah, Jesus set me free!

Before I knew what loving was,  
He showed His love for me.  
He knew me in my mother's womb,  
He knew my sinful tendencies.

Adopted by His saving grace  
into His family.

Before I knew what loving was,  
He showed His love for me.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah,  
Hallelujah, He showed His love for me!

Before I knew what living was,  
He gave His life for me.

I was defeated in my sins,  
death had the victory.

Then all my guilt was placed on Him,  
That day on Calvary.

Before I knew what living was,  
He gave His life for me.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah,  
Hallelujah, He gave His life for me!

Hallelujah, Hallelujah,  
Hallelujah, Jesus set me free!

### **Psalm 69:30-34**

*Please stand if able.*

## **Call to Worship**

Leader: *I will praise the name of God with a song;  
I will magnify him with thanksgiving.  
This will please the LORD more than an ox  
or a bull with horns and hoofs.*

**People: *When the humble see it they will be glad;  
you who seek God, let your hearts revive.***

Leader: *For the LORD hears the needy  
and does not despise his own people who are prisoners.*

**People: *Let heaven and earth praise him,  
the seas and everything that moves in them.***

## 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

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

*This is love: not that we loved God,  
but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.*

## *All Creatures of Our God and King*

*Words:*

*Francis of Assisi, 1225*

*Music:*

*Peter von Brachel, 1623*

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*Psalm 148*

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

*Please read together*

**1 John 4:10**

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

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*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**

Update and prayer: Women's summer book study; Young Life camp

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

## **Offering**

## Scripture Reading

And he came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives, and the disciples followed him. And when he came to the place, he said to them, "Pray that you may not enter into temptation." And he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, and knelt down and prayed, saying, "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done." And there appeared to him an angel from heaven, strengthening him. And being in agony he prayed more earnestly; and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground. And when he rose from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping for sorrow, and he said to them, "Why are you sleeping? Rise and pray that you may not enter into temptation."

While he was still speaking, there came a crowd, and the man called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He drew near to Jesus to kiss him, but Jesus said to him, "Judas, would you betray the Son of Man with a kiss?"

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

## Song of Preparation

I'll just say yes; You lead the way.

I'm not afraid of what it means for me to say,

That this life You gave is not my own.

I'm trusting You to hear my yes and lead me on.

Yes Lord, yes Lord – my life is Yours.

verse

Yes Lord, yes Lord – my life is Yours.

Yes Lord, yes Lord – my life is Yours.

And there is peace when I say yes.

I might not see it now, but You save the best.

For all who trust You and obey,

there is an answer, no more delay.

I'll just say yes.

Yes Lord, yes Lord – my life is Yours.

Yes Lord, yes Lord – my life is Yours.

And there is peace when I say yes.

I might not see it now, but You save the best.

For all who trust You and obey,

there is an answer, no more delay.

*repeat*

I'll just say yes.

Yes Lord, yes Lord – my life is Yours.

Yes Lord, yes Lord – my life is Yours.

**Luke 22:39-48**

### *I'll Just Say Yes*

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Luke 9:23-25  
James 1:25  
1 John 2:3-6

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

# God feeds us with His Word

## Sermon Text

Genesis 27:1-33

When Isaac was old and his eyes were dim so that he could not see, he called Esau his older son and said to him, "My son"; and he answered, "Here I am." 2 He said, "Behold, I am old; I do not know the day of my death. 3 Now then, take your weapons, your quiver and your bow, and go out to the field and hunt game for me, 4 and prepare for me delicious food, such as I love, and bring it to me so that I may eat, that my soul may bless you before I die."

5 Now Rebekah was listening when Isaac spoke to his son Esau. So when Esau went to the field to hunt for game and bring it, 6 Rebekah said to her son Jacob, "I heard your father speak to your brother Esau, 7 'Bring me game and prepare for me delicious food, that I may eat it and bless you before the Lord before I die.' 8 Now therefore, my son, obey my voice as I command you. 9 Go to the flock and bring me two good young goats, so that I may prepare from them delicious food for your father, such as he loves. 10 And you shall bring it to your father to eat, so that he may bless you before he dies." 11 But Jacob said to Rebekah his mother, "Behold, my brother Esau is a hairy man, and I am a smooth man. 12 Perhaps my father will feel me, and I shall seem to be mocking him and bring a curse upon myself and not a blessing." 13 His mother said to him, "Let your curse be on me, my son; only obey my voice, and go, bring them to me."

14 So he went and took them and brought them to his mother, and his mother prepared delicious food, such as his father loved. 15 Then Rebekah took the best garments of Esau her older son, which were with her in the house, and put them on Jacob her younger son. 16 And the skins of the young goats she put on his hands and on the smooth part of his neck. 17 And she put the delicious food and the bread, which she had prepared, into the hand of her son Jacob.

18 So he went in to his father and said, "My father." And he said, "Here I am. Who are you, my son?" 19 Jacob said to his father, "I am Esau your firstborn. I have done as you told me; now sit up and eat of my game, that your soul may bless me." 20 But Isaac said to his son, "How is it that you have found it so quickly, my son?" He answered, "Because the Lord your God granted me success." 21 Then Isaac said to Jacob, "Please come near, that I may feel you, my son, to know whether you are really my son Esau or not." 22 So Jacob went near to Isaac his father, who felt him and said, "The voice is Jacob's voice, but the hands are the hands of Esau." 23 And he did not recognize him, because his hands were hairy like his brother Esau's hands. So he blessed him. 24 He said, "Are you really my son Esau?" He answered, "I am." 25 Then he said, "Bring it near to me, that I may eat of my son's game and bless you." So he brought it near to him, and he ate; and he brought him wine, and he drank.

26 Then his father Isaac said to him, "Come near and kiss me, my son." 27 So he came near and kissed him. And Isaac smelled the smell of his garments and blessed him and said,

"See, the smell of my son is as the smell of a field that the Lord has blessed!

28 May God give you of the dew of heaven and of the fatness of the earth and plenty of grain and wine.

29 Let peoples serve you, and nations bow down to you.

Be lord over your brothers, and may your mother's sons bow down to you.

Cursed be everyone who curses you, and blessed be everyone who blesses you!"

30 As soon as Isaac had finished blessing Jacob, when Jacob had scarcely gone out from the presence of Isaac his father, Esau his brother came in from his hunting. 31 He also prepared delicious food and brought it to his father. And he said to his father, "Let my father arise and eat of his son's game, that you may bless me." 32 His father Isaac said to him, "Who are you?" He answered, "I am your son, your firstborn, Esau." 33 Then Isaac trembled very violently and said, "Who was it then that hunted game and brought it to me, and I ate it all before you came, and I have blessed him? Yes, and he shall be blessed."

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

There's nothing worth more,  
that will ever come close,  
No thing can compare, You're our living hope.  
Your presence, Lord.

I've tasted and seen, of the sweetest of loves,  
Where my heart becomes free,  
and my shame is undone,  
in Your presence, Lord.

Holy Spirit, You are welcome here,  
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere.  
Your glory, God, is what our hearts long for,  
To be overcome by Your presence, Lord.

*repeat*

There's nothing worth more,  
that will ever come close,  
No thing can compare, You're our living hope.  
Your presence, Lord.

I've tasted and seen, of the sweetest of loves,  
Where my heart becomes free,  
and my shame is undone,  
in Your presence, Lord.

*chorus*

Let us become more aware of Your presence,  
Let us experience the glory of Your goodness.

*repeat*

*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.*

## Holy Spirit

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*2 Corinthians 3:17  
Psalm 96: 8-13*

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

### **You Are Good**

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Music

Psalm 100:5, 106:1

# God sends us out refreshed

## Song of Rejoicing

Lord You are good,  
and Your mercy endureth forever!  
Lord You are good,  
and Your mercy endureth forever!

*chorus*

Yes, You are! Yes, You are! Yes, You are!  
So good, so good!

*repeat*

People from every nation and tongue,  
from generation to generation...

You are good all the time;  
all the time You are good!

*repeat*

We worship You! Hallelujah, Hallelujah!  
We worship You for who You are!  
We worship You! Hallelujah, Hallelujah!  
We worship You for who You are -  
You are good!

*verse*

People from every nation and tongue,  
from generation to generation...

*verse*

*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 Battery Park Christian Church, on the corner of Brook and Bellevue. Visitors are always welcome!

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