



northside church

OF RICHMOND

June 10th, 2012

Meditations

"Let us try to teach generosity and altruism, because we are born selfish."

- Richard Dawkins

Readings to help you engage with God and worship, as Jesus said, "in spirit and in truth."

When you hear the first song begin, please come take a seat and continue preparing for worship by praying, reading the meditation quotes above, or singing along.

Jesus, Cast a Look On Me

Words: John Berridge
Music: Matthew Perryman
Jones
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A recognition of the presence of God among us, which influences the posture of our hearts.

Psalm 67

Please stand if able.

Song of Gathering

Jesus cast a look on me,
Give me sweet simplicity;
Make me poor and keep me low,
Seeking only Thee to know.

All that feeds my busy pride,
Cast it evermore aside;
Bid my will to Thine submit,
Lay me humbly at Thy feet.

Make me like a little child,
Of my strength and wisdom spoiled;
Seeking only in Thy light,
Walking only in Thy might.

Leaning on Thy loving breast,
Where a weary soul can rest;
Feeling well the peace of God,
Flowing from His precious blood.

In this posture let me live,
And hosannas daily give;
In this temper let me die,
And hosannas ever cry!

We gather in the presence of God

Welcome and Call to Worship

Leader: *May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,
that your way may be known on earth,
your saving power among all nations.*

**People: *Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!***

Leader: *Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth.*

**People: *Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!***

Leader: *The earth has yielded its increase;
God, our God, shall bless us.*

**People: *God shall bless us;
let all the ends of the earth fear him!***

Song of Praise

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He has said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled.

Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed,
For I am your God and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you,
and cause you to stand
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

When through the deep waters I call you to go,
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
For I will be with you, your troubles to bless,
And sanctify to you your deepest distress.

When through fiery trials
your pathways shall lie,
My grace, all sufficient, shall be your supply;
The flame shall not hurt you; I only design
Your dross to consume, and your gold to refine.

The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
That soul, though all hell
should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake.

That soul, though all hell
should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake.

How Firm a Foundation

*Words: John Rippon
Music: Early American
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Scripture Reading

If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

James 2:15-17

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

Please read together.

Matthew 20:28

Rock of Ages

*Words: Augustus Toplady
Music: Thomas Hastings
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We confess our sin and receive grace

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 while we languished in a chaos of our own design.
Though we know Jesus as Sovereign King,
we have rebelled just as Israel did long ago,
we have negotiated with the Enemy by our secret sins and proud skepticism,
we have betrayed our Heavenly Father in our daily refusal of Peace, Freedom, and Refuge.
For our treason, You died; For our restoration, You rose again.
Draw us close to You in this week,
that our eyes may catch the vision of Your tears,
and our hearts, the wonder of Your grace.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

Song of Renewal

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee.
Let the water and the blood,
From Thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure,
Cleanse me from its guilt and power.

Not the labors of my hands,
Can fulfill Thy law's demands.
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone,
Thou must save, and Thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring,
Simply to Thy cross I cling.
Naked come to Thee for dress,
Helpless, look to Thee for grace.
Foul, I to the fountain fly,
Wash me, Savior, or I die!

While I draw this fleeting breath,
When mine eyes shall close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown,
See thee on Thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee.

We respond to the grace received

Being set right with God enables us to participate in his work.

Passing of the Peace

The peace God made with us is extended to those around us.

Community Life

Work in Progress - Meredith Schorr

A "Work in Progress" is an update from someone in our church on how God is working in their life.

Offering

We see giving as a part of worship. If you feel the same way we invite you to participate.

Song of Preparation

I once was lost in sin, but Jesus took me in.
Then a little light from heaven healed my soul.
Well He bathed my heart in love,
and He wrote my name above.
Just a little talk with Jesus makes it right.

You may have doubts and fears,
And your eyes be filled with tears,
But Jesus is a friend who watches
day and night.
He wrote my name above,
And he bathed my heart in love.
Just a little talk with Jesus makes it right.

chorus (x2)

We'll just have a little talk with Jesus,
And we'll tell him all about our troubles.
He will hear our faintest cry,
He will answer by and by.
When you feel a little prayerful yearning,
You will know a little fire is burning.
Just a little talk with Jesus makes it right.

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Then a little light from heaven healed my soul.
Well He bathed my heart in love,
and He wrote my name above.
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Just a Little Talk With Jesus

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

God feeds us with His Word

Matthew 6:1-4

1 "Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven.

2 "Thus, when you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. 3 But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, 4 so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

Isaiah 40:8

Leader: *The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.*

People: Praise be to God!

Sermon

*Today's sermon is given by
Pastor Matt Lorish.*

*We encourage you to use
this space to take notes or
write questions. Sermon
discussion is the primary
material of study in our
Northside Groups.*

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

When you are ready, please come to one of the communion stations.

You will circle the communion station with others in a group of about 6.

Gluten-free wafers are located in the wooden boxes; grape juice is available upon request.

If you would like, a communion distributor will pray for your children.

There is a person at the back of the fellowship hall ready to pray with and for you, if desired.

Song of Communion

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

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Thy mercy my God is the theme of my song,
The joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue.

Thy free grace alone from the first to the last,
Hath won my affection and bound my soul fast.

Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live here,
Sin would reduce me to utter despair.

But through Thy free goodness my spirits revive,
And He that first made me still keeps me alive.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart,
Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart.

Dissolved by Thy goodness, I fall to the ground,
And weep to the praise of the mercy I've found.

Great Father of mercies, Thy goodness I own,
And the covenant love of Thy crucified Son.

All praise to the Spirit whose whisper divine,
Seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine!

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Seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine!

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Parents who would like for their nursery-aged children to be present and prayed for during communion meal should pick them up at this time.

1 Corinthians 11:23b-26

Communion at Northside is a patient, relaxed time. As others take communion please feel free to pray, sing along, or talk quietly with your neighbor.

Thy Mercy My God

*Words: John Stocker
Music: Sandra McCracken
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*We go forth to love and
serve God and neighbor.*

God sends us out refreshed

The Sands of Time Are Sinking

*Words: Anne Cousins
(based on Samuel Ruther-
ford's letters)
Traditional folk tune (arr.
Philip Palmertree)
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Music.*

Song of Rejoicing

The sands of time are sinking,
the dawn of heaven breaks,
The summer morn I've sighed for,
the fair sweet morn awakes.
Dark had been the midnight
but dayspring is at hand,
And glory, glory dwelleth
in Emmanuel's land.

O Christ, He is the Fountain
the deep sweet well of love.
The streams on earth I've tasted
more deep I'll drink above.
There to an ocean fullness
His mercy doth expand,
And glory, glory dwelleth
in Emmanuel's land.

The bride eyes not her garment
but her dear Bridegroom's face.
I will not gaze at glory
but on my King of grace.
Not at the crown He giveth
but on His pierced hand.
The Lamb is all the glory
of Emmanuel's land.

Oh! I am my Beloved's
and my Beloved is mine!
He brings a poor vile sinner
into His house of wine.

I stand upon His merit,
I know no other stand,
Not é'en where glory dwelleth
in Emmanuel's land.

(repeat)

*At the end of the service,
please pick up your children
from the nursery.*

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

Each Sunday at 4pm in the fellowship hall of Battery Park Christian Church, located on the corner of Brook Rd and Bellevue Ave.

Visitors are always welcome!

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