



northside church

OF RICHMOND

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Meditation

Because of Jesus's death evil is a passing thing - a shadow. There is light and high beauty forever beyond its reach because evil fell into the heart of Jesus. The only darkness that could have destroyed us forever fell into his heart... It is going to be all right.

~ Tim Keller, *King's Cross*

*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.*

God is present with us in worship, and we ask Him to turn our hearts and minds toward Him.

Oh Give Thanks

Words and music:
Judith McAllister

Psalm 118:1

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Psalm 107:1-3, 7-9

Please stand if able.

We gather in the presence of God

Song of Gathering

Oh give thanks unto the Lord,
For He is good, yes He is good!
Oh give thanks unto the Lord,
For He is good, yes He is good!

For He is worthy, worthy!
For He is good, yes He is good!
For He is worthy, worthy!
For He is good, yes He is good!

Welcome and Call to Worship

Leader: *Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever!*

People: *Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,
whom he has redeemed from trouble
and gathered in from the lands,*

Leader: *from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.*

People: *He led them by a straight way
till they reached a city to dwell in.*

Leader: *Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,
for his wondrous works to the children of man!*

People: *For he satisfies the longing soul,
and the hungry soul he fills with good things.*

Song of Praise

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

Scripture Reading

*The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:
"Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.
Shall not the land tremble on this account,
and everyone mourn who dwells in it,
and all of it rise like the Nile,
and be tossed about and sink again, like the Nile of Egypt?"
"And on that day," declares the Lord GOD,
"I will make the sun go down at noon
and darken the earth in broad daylight.
I will turn your feasts into mourning
and all your songs into lamentation;
I will bring sackcloth on every waist
and baldness on every head;
I will make it like the mourning for an only son
and the end of it like a bitter day."*

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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Music: Ashael Nettleton
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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.

Amos 8:7-10

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

Please read together.

2 Corinthians 5:21

In Christ Alone

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Keith Getty & Stuart Townend
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We confess our sin and receive grace

Confession of Sin

Lord Jesus Christ, by Your steadfast love and atoning sacrifice,
You took our place and proved Yourself to be the Friend of sinners.
You were punished that we might be pardoned, and broken that we would be made whole.
In Your resurrection You demonstrated Your power over death,
and showed us our future - triumphant, redeemed, and blessed eternally.

While we await this, we have been faithless and anxious in heart.
In our restlessness we have sought peace for our souls where there is none to be found.
Apart from You, we find ourselves alone, tired, and worn. Forgive us, Savior!
Renew our faith and restore to us the true rest You alone offer us. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin,
so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.*

Song of Renewal

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song.
This Cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save.
'Til on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied.
For every sin on Him was laid,
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
Up from the grave He rose again.
And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine,
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand.
'Til He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

We respond to the grace received

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

Passing of the Peace

Community Life

New Member Vows - Kristin Tam

Offering

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

Song of Preparation

I am weak but Thou art strong;
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long
As I walk, dear Lord, close to Thee.

chorus

When my feeble life is o'er,
Time for me will be no more;
Guide me gently, safely o'er,
to Thy kingdom shore, to Thy shore!

chorus (x2)

Just a closer walk with Thee,
Grant it, Jesus, this my plea,
Daily walking close to Thee,
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

Through this world of toil and snares,
If I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares?
None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee.

Just a Closer Walk

*Words and music:
John C. Hallett
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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

33 And when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. 34 And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" 35 And some of the bystanders hearing it said, "Behold, he is calling Elijah." 36 And someone ran and filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." 37 And Jesus uttered a loud cry and breathed his last. 38 And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. 39 And when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was the Son of God!"

40 There were also women looking on from a distance, among whom were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. 41 When he was in Galilee, they followed him and ministered to him, and there were also many other women who came up with him to Jerusalem.

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

People: Praise be to God!

Sermon

Isaiah 40:8

*Today's sermon is given by
Joe Brown, Associate Pastor
at West End Presbyterian
Church.*

*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 forth to love and
serve God and neighbor.*

God sends us out refreshed

Leaning On The Everlasting Arms

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

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), 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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