Sermon Series: Best Spiritual Practices

Is God Green?

Genesis 1:25-31, 2:15

August 15, 2010
Sunday Worship 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00

Prelude

Welcome

Hymn 473
For the Beauty of the Earth

Prayer of Adoration

Worship Song
Lord, Reign in Me

Over all the earth You reign on high, ev’ry mountain stream, ev’ry sunset sky.
But my one request, Lord, my only aim is that You reign in me again.

Chorus
Lord reign in me, reign in Your pow’r. Over all my dreams, in my darkest hour.
You are the Lord of all I am. So won’t You reign in me again.

Over ev’ry thought, over ev’ry word may my life reflect the beauty of the Lord.
‘Cause You mean more to me than any earthly thing, so won’t You reign in me again. (Chorus)

So won’t You reign in me again. (2x)

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Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Anthem
At the Cross

Minute for Witness

Please request large-print hymnals from ushers.
Assistive listening devices are available in the balcony from the Sound Technician.
Prayers and The Lord’s Prayer

Children’s Message (9:30 & 11:00) Rita Lockwood

Children may return to their parents after the message.

Offertory

I Am Schultz

During the Offertory, please pass the Friendship Pad. Children in 8:00 Bridges are dismissed.

Scripture

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Sermon Pete James

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Hymn 554 ASH GROVE

Let All Things Now Living

Benediction

Postlude
Prayers

Grieving: Rob Brooke (brother); Matthew & Cathy Wills Brudvig (father/father-in-law); Bonnie Downs (father); Linda Hannah (brother-in-law); Rick Reiter (grandmother); Brigid Runyon (mother); Mindy Thomas (sister)

Hospitalized: Lucy Anne Black; Jackson & Weston Ott (newborn preemies); Joe Brower’s mother; Yvonne Malloy’s aunt; Nancy Martin’s friends Bill & Laura Dunlap

Facing Tests or Surgery: Louis Crandell; Tom Jones; Adriana Manik; Margaret Cundiff’s sister Katherine; Mike Hughes’s niece Karen

Homebound: Audrey O’Shea

Ill or Convalescing: Sheila Breuer; Dianne Clemons; Annie Collier; Chuck Garland; Barbara Greig; Elaine Hamlet; Gordon Hamlet; Pat Harper; Melissa Jenkins; Mary Ellen Keaton; Charles Kilion; Mildred Kratovil; Laura Nickell (12); Bill Phillips; Jerry Schnell; Corine Stoepker; Bill Windle

Family and Friends: Ed Brogan’s mother (Hospice); Ruth Anne Buterbaugh’s friend Walter; William Buterbaugh’s sister-in-law; Mary Flounlacker’s friend Tammy; Kathryn Gilchrist’s cousin Caroline (4) and her friends Phil and Sterling & son, Grant; Kurt Gilchrist’s cousin Kimberly; Celeste Kacedan’s Aunt Sue; Emily Kerstetter (hurt in Uganda bombing); Tana Leasure’s father; Linda Lyon’s son-in-law; Kelly Miller’s friend Kirk; Lois Poland’s mother; Jeni Porter’s mother; Mary Ann Singlaub’s mother; Mary Spence Smith’s friend Robin; Bev Strean’s goddaughter and her friends Louise and Bruce; Ele Woglom’s nephew Glenn

Missions/Missionaries of the week: Caleb Lucien, Hosean International Ministries, Haiti (International); Henry Tarlton, Intervarsity, UNC, Chapel Hill (National); RPJ Housing Development Corp., Arlington (Local)

Lord, we are grateful for all that you have done, are doing and will do in the life of VPC. We ask your continued blessing as we seek to do your will through the commitment of our financial resources to your kingdom. Amen.

Other: Chip Bachmann; Dianne Clemons; Greg Coats; Kurt Gilchrist; Holly Heiderer; Melinda Mayes; Blanca Urquia & family; Bob & Joanne Bower's son (Brit) and daughter-in-law; Dana Burnette’s friend Nicole; the people of Haiti and all those working on their behalf; Haymarket Crossroads Mission

Praise God for Mario Funari, who turns 90 on Aug. 16!

Congratulations to Jeff & Lila Boulier, who celebrated their marriage at VPC on Aug. 7.

Please keep these military men and women in your prayers:


Non-military in Harm’s Way: Trisha Nellessen

Need Prayer for Yourself or Someone You Love?

USE the cards in the Friendship Pad in your pew or at the rear of the church, and place them in the collection plate or the wooden box in the lobby/narthex; or

CALL the church office at 703.938.9050, x301; or

E-MAIL linda.kemple@viennapres.org; or enter a prayer request via www.viennapres.org.

Please make sure that you have permission before submitting a prayer request on behalf of someone else. Confidentiality requests are strictly honored.

If requested for the weekly bulletin, prayer notices will be made for up to four weeks but can certainly be extended upon request.
Announcements

VPC CORDIALLY WELCOMES OUR VISITORS AND GUESTS.

We are delighted you are here. The opportunities listed below serve as the compass for taking your first steps on the spiritual journey at VPC. For more information, please visit www.viennapres.org/firststeps.

Step 1: Visit the Welcome Table in the entrance for a special gift, then join us between services for coffee in the Great Hall.

Step 2: Orientation to the Journey: A great way to meet new people while learning who we are as a church and what we believe. Join us at the next gathering—Sept. 12, 11am in the 2nd-floor Conference room—for light refreshments.

Step 3: Invitation to a Journey class offers an opportunity to learn what it means to follow Jesus here at VPC. Explore our mission, beliefs, values and practices. Let us help you discover what it means to live your life as Jesus would. This three-week class is required for membership at VPC. The next series: 10:45am on Sept. 19 & 26 and Oct. 3.

Step 4: Share the Journey in a Small Group to help you grow in Christ and connect with other people at VPC. Find all sorts of groups at www.viennapres.org/ministries/adults/.

New to faith, small groups, or to VPC? A great place to start: Christianity Explored. See p. 7 for more info.

Labor 4 Your Neighbor

Info and Signups: www.viennapres.org/l4yn

Just added: Fun Fair at Cunningham Park Elementary School, for children in the neighborhood

► Distribute school supplies (pencils, glue sticks, crayons, etc. needed; please donate to box in the narthex.)
► Assist with arts and crafts, face painting and games. This is a great opportunity for high school students!

FAQ’s
► I won’t be in town Sept. 5. How can I help? Join our food drive to support CHO, at Giant Foods in Vienna on Aug. 22.
► We have small children. What opportunities are available for families like ours? Picking up trash or handing out water on the W&OD trail, painting a fence, and making cards for service personnel.

Sept. 5: Choose from 3 worship services (8, 9:30 & 11). Join our celebration at 4pm!
GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

College students: Today is the last College Students Lunch and Fellowship of the summer. Join us at 12 noon in the 2nd-floor Conference Room. All current and incoming students are welcome.

BridgePoint events:
• Are you in transition or do you know someone who is? Bridgepoint Transitions support and networking group welcomes you, Wednesdays, 7:30-9pm, in Rooms 108A/108B. We offer encouragement, networking and job-seeking tips. Invite a friend or come yourself to serve as a resource.
  phil.kratovil@viennapres.org or 703.937.1897
• Career Networking Night: Join us in the Great Hall, Sept. 8, 6:30-8:30pm, for a delicious dinner, inspirational speaker and employment resource fair.
  Free childcare with advance reservation at x351; free dinner for those in job transition.
• Invite a friend or neighbor to commemorate 9/11 at “The Brethren” outreach concert on Sept. 11, 7pm in the sanctuary, with a reception to follow in the Great Hall. Free childcare with advance reservation at x351.
  Info: www.viennapres.org/brethren, phil.kratovil@viennapres.org or 703.937.1897
Sanctuary Choir fall retreat: Sanctuary Choir is looking for new singers to join the “family.” If you are interested, we need you. Our Fall Retreat on Sept. 11, 8-11am, is a great time to try us out and get your feet wet. Breakfast and lunch will be served and is free to first timers. Lance Vining, x132

Part-time position: VPC is seeking a Worship Coordinator to support our worship team and produce all worship media. We need a self-starter with the ability to multi-task, meet deadlines, and have excellent computer skills. A complete job posting can be found at www.viennapres.org. Please direct questions and resumes to lynn.taylor@viennapres.org.

Part-time administrative positions:
• Children’s Administrative Assistant (20 hours): VPC is seeking a highly-organized administrative person to support our children’s ministry team. We need a self-starter who loves kids and has excellent computer skills. A complete job posting can be found at www.viennapres.org. Please contact dawn.geschiere@viennapres.org.
• Stan Ott with the Vital Churches Institute is seeking a highly-organized administrative person with excellent writing, computer and telephone skills. A complete job posting will be sent upon inquiry. Visit www.vitalchurchesinstitute.com for more information about VCI. Please direct questions and resume to stan@vitalchurches.com.

Come to the Gathering: A spirit-filled praise and worship service for everyone, with music by Work In Progress. Child-friendly. Bring your friends! Aug. 28, 6-7pm, with coffee, dessert and fellowship.

The next Widow & Widower luncheon will take place Aug. 21, 12 noon, at the Red Lobster restaurant, 10325 Fairfax Hwy (Rte. 50). Irene Stadick, 703.938.1520

Now in Grapevine Books: The Lohrmann Family, who are singing this morning, have just released a CD called “A Legacy of God’s Love.” There are 17 songs, recorded live during worship services here at VPC. Check it out in the bookstore today!

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

As part of Labor for Your Neighbor, we are collecting school supplies—in particular, glue sticks, thin washable markers and composition notebooks. There is a crate in the narthex ready for donations. Thank you for your generosity. Nicole Abdullah, abullahva@yahoo.com

Breakfast + Student Ministries = Awesome. We are seeking volunteers to coordinate and/or help with breakfast on Sunday mornings this school year. melissa.jensen@viennapres.org or x155

Children’s Ministries urgently seeks teachers for the fall! Contact dawn.geschiere@viennapres.org or x127 for more information. Training is provided!
  9:30am: Lead Teachers for 3s, 4s, Grade 3 and Grade 4 (1-3 times/month)
  Assistants for 3s, 4s, Grade 1, Grade 3, Grade 5/6 boys and Bridges (1-2 times/month)
  11am: Lead Teachers for 3s, 4s and Grade 5/6 (1-4 times/month)
  Assistants/Youth Assistants for 3s thru Grade 5/6

If teaching children isn’t your thing, your technical assistance running Power Point, DVDs and sound effects in children’s ministries would be much appreciated. Training provided. dawn.geschiere@viennapres.org or x127

Wanted: Leaders for Small Groups! Student Ministries is seeking adults to lead new Sunday night D/C (discipleship & community) groups, as well as Confirmation Class small groups, beginning this fall. If you would like to join us, please contact Barry Hill, Director of Student Ministries, at barry.hill@viennapres.org.

Wanted: Adult Ministry Small Group Leaders/Teachers! If you enjoy learning and growing and helping others do the same, God may be calling you to be a small group leader. To indicate your interest, please contact shannon.jordan@viennapres.org.

More opportunities: www.viennapres.org/serve
STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Devotionals: Follow along with our current sermon series by accessing devotionals in a way that’s just right for you:

- Receive a daily devotional reading by email;*
- Visit www.viennapres.org/devotionals daily;
- Follow the series on Twitter "ViennaPres"; or
- Pick up a printed booklet in the narthex.

*To sign up, contact kelly.miller@viennapres.org

This fall in Adult Ministries: For people at all levels of spiritual maturity, VPC offers a variety of options, including:

- **Christianity Explored** is a 12-week study which looks at who Jesus is and what it means to be in relationship with Him. It’s for newcomers to Christianity or those just wishing to know more. The next class starts Sept. 12, 11am in Room 109, near Grapevine Books. Coordinator: Paul and Judy Chelson, pauljudy@cox.net

- **New Sunday Morning Class: Beginning in God’s Word** Haven’t studied the Bible much? Unsure where to begin? This class, beginning Sept. 12 at 9:30am, is just for you! Together we will discover how to connect knowing God and His Word to everyday life. This fall, we will explore the very beginning as we look at the Book of Genesis. Teachers: Pastors Glenda Simpkins Hoffman, Chris Hammond and Connie Jordan-Haas

- **In-depth Bible study:** Have you ever done a Bible study that surveyed the entirety of Scripture to give you the big picture? If not, then Disciple I may be for you. This 34-week favorite returns Sundays, 6:30-8:30pm. Register now online.

- **Disciple 3** begins Sept. 8, 7:30-9:30pm, and meets on Wednesdays for 34 weeks: “Remember Who You Are” discusses the Prophets and the letters of Paul. Register via lee.taylor@viennapres.org or x103.

- **Women’s Tuesday morning Bible Study** will look at Paul’s letter to the Ephesians. Come explore the person God created you to be. This class begins Sept. 14; register by Sept. 6. Childcare is available with advance registration at x351. For information, contact shannon.jordan@viennapres.org. Register now online.

- **Women’s Tuesday Evening Bible Study** will reconvene in October. Stay tuned for more information.

- **New Men’s Bible Study** will reconvene in October. Stay tuned for more information.

Sunday Morning Adult Classes: See page 8 and www.viennapres.org/SundayAMclasses.

More Opportunities: www.viennapres.org/study

CARE MINISTRIES

At VPC, several ministries are dedicated to caregiving, healing and support. To learn more, visit www.viennapres.org/ministries/careprayer.

- **Caring for Aging Parents** provides hope and direction to those concerned about the health and well-being of aging parents, an ill spouse, or a relative. Lois Poland, lpoland@tmaresources.com or 703.502.8502

- **Christian Cancer Companions (CCC)** support newly-diagnosed cancer patients. Trained volunteers call or visit individuals in that time between initial diagnosis and entering the care of experienced healthcare staff. Rita Lockwood, 703.573.6168 or luckylister32@verizon.net

- **GriefShare**, a seminar and support group for people grieving the death of someone close, meets Sundays, 6:30-8pm, in Room 205. The next cycle of sessions begins Sept. 12. Inajo Cox, 703.624.1747, or Bill and Sherrie Steinbach, 703.938.3106

- **NewSpring: Hope for the Sexually Abused** educates and informs our community about sexual abuse and offers resources for hope and healing. david.jordan-haas@viennapres.org and 703.938.9050

- **Join NewSpring's Leadership Team!** We’re seeking people to help with event planning; praying for the community; caring for abuse survivors; and researching safe-church practices. If interested, contact Jeanie Thomas, jthom1231@verizon.net or david.jordan-haas@viennapres.org and 703.938.9050

- **Passages** provides support to those experiencing the pain of marital separation or divorce. A new seminar will begin Sept. 28. passages@viennapres.org or 703.938.3106

- **Stephen Ministers** offer confidential, one-on-one care for people going through crises. They can offer a listening ear in a distinctively Christian way to people with all types of spiritual and emotional needs. lee.taylor@viennapres.org or x103
Sunday Mornings at VPC

Children’s Room Assignments -Summer Schedule

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Children’s Ministries

* 9:30 & 11:00am: Kindergarten through Grades 5/6 classes are NOT meeting in August or on Sept. 5. All classes will resume Sept. 12.

Student Ministries

(Middle School/High School–Lower Level):

9:30-10:30am: Sunday School and PM Youth Groups are on hiatus for the rest of August and Sept. 5. The Underground A.M. (Sunday School) and the Underground P.M. (Youth Group) will resume Sept. 12.

Adult Education Classes

9:30am

Beyond Basics: Discussion of To Judge the Quick and the Dead —meanings and implications of “The Law of Christ” as used by the Apostle Paul. Leader: Stephen Skjei. Rooms 203/204.

Friendship Class: For adults with intellectual disabilities. Room 108C.

Lightseekers: In-depth discussion of this morning’s scripture text. Attendance at 8am service not required. Parlor.

Searchers in the Word will meet with the Beyond Basics class this summer.

Partners With Christ: Please join us beginning Sept. 12 in Room 205 for a study of John Ortberg’s The Me I Want To Be, coinciding with the sermon series. Books available at Grapevine Books. Newcomers always welcome. Questions? Please contact Martha Strauss at 703.319.7050 or wmstrauss@aol.com.

11:00am

Apprentices: Sunday School class is on hiatus for the summer and will resume after Labor Day. Have a wonderful summer. Elaine Ryan, 703.470.1338 or Isaiah122elaine@aol.com


ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) Bible Study: This class is on summer hiatus and will resume Sept. 19.

VPC Core Beliefs

As a disciple-making community, we believe...

Jesus is Lord
Scripture is our authority
Everyone is called to discipleship

VPC Mission

As a disciple-making community, we will...

Call people to faith
Equip people for discipleship
Send people to love and serve