Sermon Series: In Christ Together for the World

Four Soils: Four Hearts

Mark 4:1-9

January 30, 2011
Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship
Open the Eyes of My Heart
Open the eyes of my heart, Lord. Open the eyes of my heart. I want to see You. I want to see You.

To see You high and lifted up, shining in the light of Your glory. Pour out Your power and love, as we sing, “Holy, holy, holy.”

Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy; Holy, holy, holy. I want to see You.

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Prayer of Adoration

Scripture

Mark 4:1–4
Again he began to teach beside the sea. Such a very large crowd gathered around him that he got into a boat on the sea and sat there, while the whole crowd was beside the sea on the land. He began to teach them many things in parables, and in his teaching he said to them: “Listen! A sower went out to sow.

And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and the birds came and ate it up.

Confession

Lord, open unto me
Open unto me-light for my darkness.
Open unto me-courage for my fear.
Open unto me-hope for my despair.
Open unto me-peace for my turmoil.
Open unto me-joy for my sorrow.
Open unto me-strength for my weakness.
Open unto me-wisdom for my confusion.
Open unto me-forgiveness for my sins.
Open unto me-love for my hates.
Open unto me-thy Self for my self.

Lord, Lord, open unto me! Amen.

Augustine (354–430)
Scripture

Mark 4:1-3, 5-6

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5 Other seed fell on rocky ground, where it did not have much soil, and it sprang up quickly, since it had no depth of soil. 6 And when the sun rose, it was scorched; and since it had no root, it withered away.

Silent Confession

Scripture

Mark 4:1-3, 7

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7 Other seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no grain.

Confession

Worship Song

Amazing Love

I’m forgiven because You were forsaken, I’m accepted, You were condemned.
I am alive and well, Your spirit is within me, Because You died and rose again. (Repeat)

Amazing love, How can it be That You, my King, should die for me?
Amazing love, I know it’s true. It’s my joy to honor You, (Repeat)

In all I do, I honor You.

You are my King (Repeat x4)
Amazing love, How can it be That You, my King, should die for me?
Amazing love, I know it’s true. It’s my joy to honor You, (Repeat)

In all I do, I honor You.

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

Children’s Message (9:30)  
Children in the Bridges and Gateways classes are dismissed.

Beth Crowder

Offertory  
Time to Believe

During the Offertory, please pass the Friendship Pad.
Children in the Bridges class are dismissed.

Scott Cross

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture  
Mark 4:1-3, 8-9  Page 35/38 NT
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8 Other seed fell into good soil and brought forth grain, growing up and increasing and yielding thirty and sixty and a hundredfold.”

9 And he said, “Let anyone with ears to hear listen.”

Pete James

Sermon  
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Hymn
Fairest (Fairest Lord Jesus)    arr. Galbraith

Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature, Oh, Thou of God and man the Son;
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor, Thou my soul's glory, joy and crown.

Fair are the meadows; fairer still the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, Who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Chorus
You are fairer than the fairest of ten thousand,
Lovelier than all I’ve ever seen;
You are brighter than the brightest star in heaven;
Jesus, You’re everything to me; Jesus, You’re everything to me.

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight, and all the twinkling starry host;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels Heaven can boast. (Chorus 2x)

Beautiful Savior, Lord of all the nations, Son of God and Son of Man.
Glory and honor, praise, adoration Now and forevermore be Thine.

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Benediction

Postlude
Prayers

Grieving: Mary Fitzella (mother); Berta Garcia (brother); the family of Cameron Hays; the family of Khristin Kyllo; the family of Lera Dean (Dean) Lumpkin (former member); Karen MacVeans (sister); the family of Laura McCabe; the family of Gen. John Peters; Blanton Satterfield (father); Janet Schuchmann (mother)

Hospitalized: Jay DeCarlo's father; Garth Jensen's father; Joe & Stella Lansing's friend Jerry; Stephanie Sefcik's friend Anabel (2/1-2) & family

Facing Tests or Surgery: Karen Dunlop; Ingrid Mohn; Judy Sommerfeld; Sam & Carolyn Belk's son-in-law; Mary Wisenbaugh's son

Ill or Convalescing: Emily Anderson (15); Bea Blasdell; Annie Collier; Mona Flinn; Phyllis Foley; Alan Haas; Gordon Hamlet; Charles Kilborn; Mildred Kratovil; Amanda Lawing; Shirley Leedy; Roland Lucus; Adriana Manik; Bill Phillips; Jerry Schnell; Gloria Sladek; Cynthia Rahal Styers; Rick Thompson; Jay Tyroler; Philip Wilcox

Family and Friends: Ruth Anne Buterbaugh's friend Walter; William Buterbaugh's sister and sister-in-law; Susan Christopher's friend Tony; Stephanie Clark's father; Beth Crowder's brother; Wendy Culberson's father; Christa Davidson's mother, former member Jacque Jeutter; Kathryn Gilchrist's brother, Hunt Cooley, cousin Caroline (4) and friend Amy & father; Nina Graves's brother-in-law; Karen Imler's friend Marshall; Garth Jensen's mother; Connie Kanady/Gary Kanady's niece/cousin; Tana Leasure's father and s mother; Sharon Lewis's husband Howard; Linda Lyon's son-in-law; Mary Monie's mother; Ruth Mulkerin's daughter Whitney Little; Chris Nelson's cousin Melissa; Mary Ann Singlaub's mother; Ginny Smoot's friend Amy; Lisa Stickel's mother and cousin; Bev Strean's goddaughter and friends Louise & Jim; Dick Strean's friend Bruce

Other: David Anspaugh; Greg Coats; Kurt Gilchrist; Melinda Mayes; new Intervarsity Grad & Faculty Ministry at GMU; the people of Haiti and all those working on their behalf; Haymarket Crossroads Mission; persecuted Christians in the Sudan, Iraq

Congratulations to: Virginia Burkart & Rich Barron, who were married at VPC on January 15.

Missions/Missionaries of the week: Caleb Lucien, Hosean International Ministries, Haiti (International); Derek & Susan Mondeau, Intervarsity, UVA (National); WellSpring Ministries, Chantilly (Local)

Notes of Thanks: “I would like to express my thanks to the many members and friends of VPC who so lovingly cared for me during my surgery and hospitalization. I felt your love through the flowers, visits, cards, calls, food and prayers. Shirley Leedy” AND “We can’t begin to express our gratitude, appreciation, thankfulness and love for all you did to support us this week. We are truly blessed to have you in our community and in our lives. We hope to be part of your family for many years to come. Julie & Tom Kyllo”


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.
VISITORS AND GUESTS – WELCOME TO VPC!

We are delighted you are here. Here are some ways to make the first steps on your spiritual journey at VPC easier. For more information, please visit www.viennapres.org/firststeps or contact Shannon Jordan at 703.938.9050 x123 or shannon.jordan@viennapres.org.

Step 1: Visit the Welcome Table in the narthex for a gift, then visit the Great Hall for coffee.

Step 2: Orientation to the Journey: Next Session: Feb 13, Room 109 11am. We’ll give you a brief look at who we are as a church and what we believe. Ask questions and find where you fit. Light refreshments served.

Step 3: “Invitation to the Journey” class: In this more in-depth look at our mission, beliefs, values and practices, discover what we mean by “learning to follow Jesus with your life” and “living your life as Jesus would.” This 3-week class is required for membership at VPC. Please contact Linda Kemple (x100) for more information. Next class series: May 1, 15 & 22.

Step 4: Share the Journey in a Small Group: Grow in Christ and connect with others. For information, go to viennapres.org/smallgroups.

New to faith, small groups, or VPC? The next Christianity Explored class will begin on Feb 13, 2nd floor conference room, 11am. If you have any questions, please contact Phil Kratovil at 703.938.9050 x115 or Phil.Kratovil@viennapres.org

Agenda items are:

* Memorial for our dear VPC members who passed away in 2010
* 2010 Annual Report
* Session-approved 2011 Budget

Please plan to attend!

Annual reports are available in the narthex and online
GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gospel of Mark Resources - For the sermon series and Small Group study, see the Adult Library display table in the Ministry Center second-floor hallway window. All items may be checked out.

Celebrate and strengthen your marriage: Focus on God's best for you as a couple!

Marriage Encounter Weekend: dates are April 29-May 1, and Oct 28-30. For more information, go to www.unitedmarriage.org or contact Pastor Glenda at glenda.simpkinhoffman@viennapres.org 703.938.9050

Weekend to Remember Conference; Feb. 11-13 (Gaylord Center); March 11-13 (Hyatt Regency Reston); March 18-20 (Baltimore Hyatt Inner Harbor). Save 50% using our group code: VPC. Brochures available in the narthex. Register at www.familylife.com or 1-800-FL-TODAY. Questions? Contact Bruce & Julie Knight 703.691.3406 or B_JKnight@msn.com.

Military or Civilian folks serving overseas? The SOS Ministry wants to send a letter of support. Please submit address or APO to Amy MacDonald 703.319.0749, or amymacdonald@verizon.net.

Men: Looking for Something to Do This Spring? Join the VPC men’s softball team for fellowship and fun. Season begins in April and ends in July. Tim Donaldson, 703.242.6253 or whisdonald9847@verizon.net.

Come to the Gathering: A spirit-filled praise and worship service with music by Work in Progress. Child-friendly. Bring your friends! Sponsored by the Great Banquet Community. Great Hall, Feb 19, 6-7pm

‘ReFuel’, A Young Adult Community: Feb 10, 7:15, Great Hall. We will look directly into God's design for all of our relationships (friendships/family, dating, marriage, etc). This promises to be an awesome time in discovering God's best for each of us in the most important area of life. Free childcare will now be provided with advance reservation; questions, email Andrew James at apjames80@gmail.com.

Grapevine Notes: Find Valentine's cards for children and adults in Grapevine Books.

February Blood Drive: Feb 20 7:30am-1:30pm, Great Hall. Event sponsored by SWATT. Reservations or information: contact Bryan Troutman 703.244.4727, btroutman@cox.net Walk-ins welcome.

Growing Your Child's Soul Parents Classes
Feb 6 & 13, 9:30am, Rooms 108A/B

All are welcome for interactive and discussion-based classes. Feb 6 topics include:

- Response to children’s spiritual questions.
- Create realistic goals for your child's faith.
- Significant spiritual milestones.
- How do we teach our children to pray?

On Feb 13, Stan Ott will help us work through his "With-Me Principle." We'll discuss practical ideas and insights to take home.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Do you have space? And would you be willing to provide housing for 10 weeks for a Student Ministries summer intern? Please contact Barry Hill, barry.hill@viennapres.org

New Coffee Connection Fun Seekers: We seek help with our hospitality-fellowship ministry. Two- hour commitments, one Sunday a month. Please contact Ken Workman, kworkman@aol.com

Lions Club: Lions’ Recycle for Sight program is collecting used prescription eyeglasses and sunglasses. Drop off your glasses in the basket located in the narthex.

Sleeping mats for the homeless: Crochet sleeping mats for the homeless on Feb 26, 1-4:00, Rm. 310. Crochet lessons provided. Plastic bags collection: cloak room off the narthex or Rm. 204. lmacqueen10@gmail.com

Bethany Women's Center: A homeless shelter needs your help. Easy-to-prepare recipes and sign-up sheet are available outside the kitchen door. Call Cindy Alls, 703.222.3657

Dreaming of summer? Adults interested in going on an (SMP) Summer Mission Project, the summer of 2011, contact Barry Hill at barry.hill@viennapres.org

More opportunities: www.viennapres.org/serve

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

Considering making a stock donation to VPC? Please contact Rob McLallen, rob.mclallen@viennapres.org.

Pledges for 2011 are still being accepted. Visit www.viennapres.org/pledgecard

VPC Members: Please remember to pay your per capita of $34. per member. See page 10 for more info.
**Griefshare:** a support group for people grieving the death of someone close. A place where you can be around people who understand what you’re going through and the pain of your loss.

GriefShare@viennapres.org

Next 13-week session begins Feb 20, 4pm, room 203

**Passages:** to support those who are experiencing the pain of marital separation or divorce, by offering an initial path towards recovery.

This program provides the opportunity, in a group setting, to rebuild self-esteem and develop self-awareness. The cost of $20 includes workbook and refreshments. Scholarships are available.

New 12-week session begins Feb 22, 7pm
Rooms 203/204

**Christianity Explored**

Who is Jesus? Why did he come? What is involved in following him?

An eight-week course especially designed for new members or newcomers to Christianity.

Explore the essentials of the Christian faith.

Sundays, 11am — 12:00noon,
February 13 — April 3
Second floor conference room (next to Church Offices)
Cost: $5 (for the study guide)

For more information or to reserve your spot, contact Phil Kratovil 703-937-1897 or phil.kratovil@viennapres.org

**Save the Date, March 18-19!**

It’s one thing to say you’ll act as Jesus does, it’s another to actually do so.

Come explore how to live out Jesus’ command to love your neighbor as yourself.

- Dr. Mark Labberton
- For more information and to register, go to viennapres.org/MarkLabberton

Questions? Contact Shannon Jordan at Shannon.jordan@viennapres.org, 703.938.9050 x123

**BridgePoint Luncheon Presents:**

“Leadership Lessons in Work and Life”
With special guest J. Knox Singleton, CEO, INOVA Health Systems

Bring a friend or coworker for free!
Cost: $20 includes lunch, program, free parking

Feb 11
12:00noon – 1:15pm
Maggiano’s
Tyson’s II Mall

RSVP by Feb 9 to Phil Kratovil
703.937.1897
www.bridgepointconnections.org/bpluncheon
Members Only
With the New Year comes the opportunity and obligation to support VPC’s PC(USA) denominational affiliation. The per capita fee this year is $34 per member.* If there are multiple members in your household, please calculate accordingly.
Thank you for supporting our commitment to strengthen our PC(USA) relationship. Please use the separate Per Capita envelope provided in the box of offering envelopes or write “Per Capita” and your envelope number on your check.
In the coming weeks, we look forward to sharing Per Capita Q&As to help everyone’s understanding of this important payment.

Question: What happens if I don’t pay my per capita? Can I still be a member?
Answer: Yes, but VPC is obligated to pay the Per Capita obligation on behalf of all members. Members are requested to cover this fee so that operating funds may be reserved for the ministry and missions of the church.

Question: How is per capita used?
Answer: Per Capita is used to pay for the essential administrative operation of the three governing bodies of the PC(USA): Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly.

*For complete information, see brochures on the Sign-Up Table rack and Communications Wall in the Gathering Space.

*The giving envelopes show an incorrect amount of $31.00 per member.
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: Lois Poland, lpoland@tmareources.com or 703.502.8502.

Christian Cancer Companions: Rita Lockwood, 703.573.6168 or luckylister32@verizon.net

GriefShare: Next cycle begins Feb 20. For information contact GriefShare@viennapres.org. Informational brochures are available in the narthex and the Gathering Space. Meets Sundays, 4pm, room 203.

NewSpring: Hope for the Sexually Abused: david.jordan-haas@viennapres.org and 703.938.9050.

Join NewSpring’s Leadership Team: Help with event planning, praying for the community, caring for abuse survivors, and researching safe-church practices. Jeanie Thomas, jthom1231@verizon.net, or david.jordan-haas@viennapres.org and 703.938.9050.

Passages: For those experiencing marital separation or divorce. New 12-week session begins Feb 22. Registrations on the website now being accepted. Information: passages@viennapres.org or Romey McPherson, 703.478.9794. Tuesdays, 7pm, Room 203/204.

Stephen Ministers: Offers confidential, one-on-one care for people going through crises. lee.taylor@viennapres.org or x103.

STUDY OPPORTUNITIES
On-going Bible Studies; New folks always welcome.

• New 8-Week Women’s Evening Bible Study!
Tuesday evenings, 7:30-9:00pm beginning Feb 22. See where Jesus walked and learn how Jesus lived his life as you study the Life and Ministry of the Messiah. This study will include a DVD teaching, homework, and small group discussion. Register at viennapres.org/adultsignup by Feb. 8 to ensure receipt of materials. $10 with scholarships available. Questions? Please contact Debbie Johnston at debbiej628@verizon.net or 703.798.5605.


• Women’s Tuesday Morning Bible Study: The Discipleship of Moses in Exodus 9:30-11:30am. Register at viennapres.org/adultsignup. Contact Shannon Jordan at 703.938.9050 x123 or shannon.jordan@viennapres.org

• Men's Bible Study From Wild to Wise: A Journey Through the Gospel of Mark. Pastors Pete James and Ed Dawkins will teach through the Gospel of Mark. Register, at viennapres.org/adultsignup or for more info, contact Deb Crumbliss at deb.crumbliss@viennapres.org or 703.938.9050 x108. Mondays, 7pm-8:30pm.

• Sunday Coffee and Conversation: From the profound to the hilarious, join us as we explore the “so what” of each Sunday’s sermon. All are invited! More info: John & Kathy Draper at jkdraper@ymail.com. 11am in room109 across from the Bookstore.

• CenterPoint Winter Term 2011: "REFORMED PORTRAITS--POST CIVIL WAR AMERICA."
We welcome back R. Bruce Douglass: Presbyterian layman, elder of Lewinsville Presbyterian Church in McLean, author of One Nation Under God? Explore the Presbyterian response to Darwin's theory of evolution, the emergence of an industrial economy, the invention of modern Biblical criticism, and the rise of fundamentalism. Tuesdays, 7:30pm to 9:00pm, Jan 18 through Feb 15, Rooms 322 and 323.
Sunday Mornings at VPC

Children’s Room Assignments
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Adult Education Classes

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Beyond Basics: Beyond Basics is discussing the Gospel of John, Son of Zebedee and using Barclay as a text. Steve Skjei is leading our discussions. Room 203/204, Coordinator: Kate Lund.

Friendship Class: For adults with intellectual disabilities. Room 108C. Teachers: Emmy Parker, Helen Neely, & Beth Gourley.

Lightseekers: In-depth discussion of this morning’s Scripture text. Attendance at 8am service not required. Meet in Parlor. Facilitator: Judy Chelson.

Searchers in the Word: The class will meet with Beyond Basics. Partners With Christ: Do you wish you knew more about how to address the questions we all have about belief in God? Please join us for a six-week discussion of Tim Keller’s book The Reason For God. Keller explains how the belief in a Christian God is, in fact, a sound and rational one. Newcomers are always welcome! Questions? Martha Strauss at 703-319-7050 wmstrauss@aol.com Room 205.

11am


ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) Bible Study: For adult ESOL students (intermediate/advanced). Gain a better understanding of the Bible and improve English listening, speaking and reading skills. Room 317. Shun and Doris Ling, leaders.