Sermon Series: In Christ Together for the World

Mountaintop Experiences

Mark 9:1-8

March 6, 2011
Sunday Worship 8:00

Prelude
Be Thou My Vision

Youth Orchestra
Pethel

Welcome

Worship Song
Blessed Be Your Name

Redman & Redman

Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful, Where Your streams of abundance flow, blessed be Your name.
Blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place, Though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be Your name.
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Bridge
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Prayer of Adoration
Connie Jordan-Haas, Parish Associate

Hymn #75
O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair

Neale

O wondrous sight, O vision fair, Of glory that the church shall share,
Which Christ up on the mountain shows, Where brighter than the sun He glows!

From age to age the tales declare, How with the three disciples there,
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The Father’s voice from out the cloud, Proclaims His only Son aloud.

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What glory shall be theirs above, Who joy in God with perfect love.

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Prayers of the People and Lord’s Prayer

Please request large-print hymnals from ushers.
Assistive listening devices are available in the balcony from the Sound Technician.
During the Offertory, please pass the Friendship Pad.
Children in the Bridges class are dismissed.

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture
Mark 9:1-8

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Communion
Laudate Dominum

Worship Song
Psalm 23

The Lord’s my Shepherd, I’ll not want. He makes me lie in pastures green.
He leads me by the still, still waters, His goodness restores my soul.

Chorus
And I will trust in You alone, and I will trust in You alone;
For Your endless mercy follows me, your goodness will lead me home.

He guides my ways in righteousness, and He anoints my head with oil;
And my cup, it overflows with joy, I feast on His pure delights. (Chorus)

And though I walk the darkest path, I will not fear the evil one;
For You are with me, and Your rod and staff are the comfort I need to know. (Chorus)

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God Is Our Refuge and Strength
Johann Pachelbel, arr. Gary Olson

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Children’s Message (9:30)
Dawn Geschiere

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For God So Loved the World

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Benediction

Postlude
Sonata from \textit{Die Bankelsangerlieder}

Today’s flowers are given by Larry and Kate Parthum in celebration of Andrew Parthum and Alfred Parthum’s birthdays. Also given by Ed and Eileen Roccella and Denny and Karen Schillings in loving memory of Andrew M. Roccella and Corinne Schillings.


**Prayers**

**Grieving:** Louise Findlay (nephew); Barbara Kneeland (husband); Ed O'Donnell (cousin); Pam Priester (cousin)

**Hospitalized:** Arayanna Darst's uncle; Gordon Hamlet's sister; Joe Lansing's brother Richard; Stephanie Sefcik's friend Anabel (3) & family

**Facing Tests or Surgery:** Judy Sommerfeld; Sam & Carolyn Belk's son-in-law

**Homebound:** Audrey Moore

**Ill or Convalescing:** Jody Amberly; Emily Anderson (15); Jack Barmby; Bea Blasdell; Annie Collier; Phyllis Foley; Alan Haas; Gordon Hamlet; Myrna Ives; Mary Ellen Keaton; Charles Killion; Mildred Kratovil; Ellen LaVoun; Roland Lucas; Jane MacDuff; Adriana Manik; Donna Mayne; Ingrid Mohn; Bill Phillips; Joy Simmons; Bob Simpson; Gloria Sladek; Cynthia Rahal Styers; Rick Thompson; Holly Traxler; Jay Tyroler; Harriett Whitbread; James Yun

**Family and Friends:** Ruth Anne Buterbaugh's friend Walter; William Buterbaugh's sister and sister-in-law; Tracy Chin's father-in-law; Susan Christopher's friend Tony; Beth Crowder's brother; Christa Davison's mother, former member Jacque Jeutter; Stephanie Downer's friend Lynn; Kathryn Gilchrist's brother, Hunt Cooley and cousin Caroline (4); Nina Graves's brother-in-law; Carol Houtz's mother; Garth Jensen's father and mother; Linda Kerr's mother and mother-in-law; Joe Lansing's sister-in-law Theresa; Stella Lansing's nephew; Tana Leasure's father and mother; Linda Lyon's son-in-law; Debbie Scozzie's friend Liz; Mary Ann Singlaub's mother; Ginny Smoot's friend Amy; Bev Strean's goddaughter and friends Louise & Jim; Dick Strean's friend Bruce; Hendrika Vande Kemp's sister

**Other:** David Anspaugh; Asia Bibi (Pakistan); Greg Coats; Kurt Gilchrist; Vilma Gronning; Elaine Frankland's son Michael & son-in-law Mark; new Intervarsity Grad & Faculty Ministry at GMU; peaceful resolution of the conflicts in Africa and the Middle East; the people of Haiti and New Zealand and all those working on their behalf; Haymarket Crossroads Mission; persecuted Christians in the Sudan, Iraq, Pakistan

**Congratulations to:** Susan (Little) & Will Hinz on the birth of Jacob Warren Hinz on March 1. Betty Little is the proud grandmother.


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**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: March 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

MARCH 18 - 19, 2011 // MARK LABBERTON
The Dangerous Act of Learning to Love Your Neighbor: Seeing Others Through the Eyes of Jesus

register viennapres.org/MarkLabberton

Free children’s program through age 12: age-appropriate activities and games to help the children learn to love their neighbor as well. Advance registration required.

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

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner: March 8, Great Hall, 5:45pm – 7:30pm. Cost $3 per person, max $10 per family, to be paid at the door. See you there!

ESOL International Pot Luck Dinner: Tuesday, March 22, 7-9 pm, Great Hall. All ESOL students, families, volunteers, and VPC members and families are invited. RSVP by March 16. Sign up in the narthex or contact Bonnie Grouge, 703.938.9050 ext. 102.

Christian Fiction: Perkins Memorial Library (Ministry Center 2nd floor) is receiving donations of Christian fiction. Drop-off basket available for books and audio books. These items will become available for check-out.

Marriage Prep Class: March 20 – April 10. Required for those being married by our pastors, but open to others also. Linda Kemple, 703.938.9050; enroll at www.viennapres.org under Marriage Preparation. Next seminar: June 2011.

Celebrate and strengthen your marriage:
Weekend to Remember Conference: March 11-13 (VA); March 18-20 (MD). Save 50% with group code: VPC. Find brochures in the narthex. Register at www.familylife.com or 1-800-FL-TODAY. Bruce & Julie Knight, 703.691.3406, B_JKnight@msn.com
Marriage Encounter Weekend: April 29-May 1; Oct 28-30; www.unitedmarriage.org or contact Pastor Glenda 703.938.9050 glenda.simpkinshoffman@viennapres.org

Widow & Widowers Luncheon: March 12, 12 noon. Amphora Restaurant, 377 Maple Ave, W. All widow and widowers are invited. There is no age restriction. Casual dress. Contact Harry Mason, 703.281.2634


So Others Might Eat, Empty Bowl Event: VPC member, Virginia Christ, currently interning at SOME, invites us to the annual Empty Bowl Event. Select a beautiful handmade bowl, enjoy a hearty soup supper, and support the homeless and hungry. March 15, Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Washington, DC. March 16, St. Charles Church, Arlington. Contact Virginia Christ at vchrist@sone.org for more details.

Come to the Gathering: A spirit-filled praise and worship service for everyone. Music by Work In Progress. Child friendly. Bring friends! March 19th, 6-7 pm. Stay for coffee, dessert and fellowship after the service. Sponsored by the Great Banquet

Vienna Presbyterian Church Preschool is in the process of searching for a Preschool Director. Applicants for this part-time (30 hrs/week, 12 month) position must affirm the values, vision, and mission of VPC; hold a bachelors degree; have experience in early childhood education; demonstrate qualities of collaborative team leadership; and, most important, maintain a nurturing environment for young children to learn and grow in God’s love. Please send resumes to PreschoolSearch@viennapres.org. For additional information: viennapres.org/jointhestaff

Children’s Ministries is seeking one more summer intern. This paid 9-week commitment from June 6-August 5 is geared toward college students or recent college grads who want a meaningful ministry experience working closely with children and volunteers. For more info, go to: www.viennapres.org/jointhestaff

Student Ministries is looking for 2 summer interns. See www.viennapres.org/jointhestaff

ReFuel: March 10, 7:15pm, VPC Great Hall. Connecting 20s, 30s, Singles, & Marrieds socially and spiritually to help them refuel themselves in the Spirit. Email: vpcyoungadults@gmail.com

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

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: Plastic bags collection: cloakroom off the narthex. Imaqueen10@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.

More Opportunities: www.viennapres.org/serve

CenterPoint Spring Term
Sundays starting March 13 for 5 weeks, Rev. Dr. John Y. Lee presents "Global Missions in Our Postmodern World."
Tuesdays starting March 15 for 5 weeks, Dr. Eileen Guenther presents "The Power of Music."
Pick up a flyer/enrollment form in the narthex or visit www.viennapres.org/centerpoint
Follow along with the ongoing sermon series in Part Two of *The Gospel of Mark*. You can access the devotionals in a way that is just right for you:

- Receive the day’s devotional reading by email each day*
- Visit the VPC website each day ([www.viennapres.org/devotionals](http://www.viennapres.org/devotionals))
- Pick up a copy of a printed booklet available in the narthex.

*To sign up to receive the daily emails please contact Kelly Miller at kelly.miller@viennapres.org. Those currently receiving daily devotional emails will continue to do so.

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March 9, 7:30pm
Sanctuary

**ASH WEDNESDAY**

Join us as we enter into the Lenten Season

Communion will be served

Music by Danielle Talamantes, Keely Rhodes, Patrick Sobolik, Joshua Hong

*Remember, O man, that you are dust, and unto dust you shall return.* — Genesis 3:19

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**SMP Reunion and Interest Meeting:**

Sunday, March 13, 12:30pm

Underground

Did you go on an SMP in 2010? Would you like to go on an SMP in 2011? Then come to the interest meeting. See you there!

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“**Conversations that Count**”

With Randy Newman

March 13,
12:15-1:30pm
Great Hall

Author and speaker Randy Newman will teach us to communicate our faith in an easy and natural way.

Cost $5

Reserve by 3/11

mary.flounlacker@viennapres.org
HIGHPOINT CHILDREN’S MINISTRIES
See page 12 for Sunday classroom assignments.

First Communion Sacraments Classes: Today, March 13, 20, and 27. Classes are for 3rd-, and 4th-graders, joined each year by some 5th-, and 6th-graders. Preregistration is required at www.viennapres.org/registernow.

First Communion, Sunday, April 3. Note: Your child must be baptized in order to participate in First Communion. Baptism will take place on April 3 during the 11:00am service.

Sign up for our weekly HighPoint Parent Information email to keep up with all Children’s Ministries events. Visit: viennapres.org/children

STUDENT MINISTRIES
Student Ministries programs:
Come for breakfast and Sunday school from 9-10:30am in the Underground (lower level). Youth Group meets:
• Middle School from 5-7pm • High School from 6:30-8:30pm. Stay on top of all the news: www.vpcstudents.org/smsignups

Student Ministries is collecting used cell phones. Please put phone and charger in a Ziploc bag and place them in the collection bin outside the Student Ministries Office (L-9).

Registration for the Middle School Friday Night Hub Event at Pump It Up is now Open!
http://www.viennapres.org/ministries/students/hub_events/ For details


Children’s Handbells: rehearsal times: Celebration Ringers, Sunday 12:30pm; Joy Ringers, Sunday 4pm.

2011 HighPoint Summer Camp Schedule

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www.viennapres.org/VBS
Volunteers needed for all summer camps at VPC
Contact dawn.geschiere@viennapres.org

We need your help with VBS @ VPC! Our theme this year is "PandaMania" - Where God is WILD about YOU! We need lots of help to minister to and teach 300 children that Jesus is wild about them! Will you help?
Contact elaine.wright@viennapres.org
Do you have a heart for congregational care?

VPC is seeking a Transitional Director for Congregational Care to support the Send ministries. This part-time position is an opportunity to develop and implement a ministry of comprehensive care for our aging population; provide visitation and support for our homebound, infirm, and hospitalized; and work with various care-mercy ministries. The position will begin April 4, 2011, and continue for 9 to 12 months. Mature Christian leader; graduate degree preferred in related field; 4-5 years experience in care ministry (lay or professional). Email cover letter and resume with references by March 4 to leetaylor@viennapres.org. Join our discipleship group and help demonstrate Christ’s love within the VPC church family. For info: www.viennapres.org/about_us/staff/openings/

Connections

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@tmaresources.com or 703.502.8502.

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

GriefShare: Information: 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 or 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 or 703.938.9050 x116.

Passages: For those experiencing marital separation or divorce. 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 703.938.9050 x103.

STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

On-going Bible Studies; New folks always welcome.

New Small Groups Forming: Looking to join a small group? Find one that is right for you by contacting: Shannon.jordan@viennapres.org

• Boundaries Class: March 23 7:00-8:30pm. Do you have trouble saying no? Can you set limits and still be a loving person? Healthy relationships depend on maintaining effective personal boundaries. This 9-week course is based on the best-selling book Boundaries by Drs. Cloud and Townsend. Learn how to improve the quality of your relationships in every sphere of life. Register at viennapres.org/adultsignup or contact Martha Strauss wmstrauss@aol.com or Romey McPherson romac7@comcast.net

• New 8-Week Women’s Evening Bible Study! Tuesdays, 7:30-9:00pm. Learn how Jesus lived his life as you study the Life and Ministry of the Messiah. Register: viennapres.org/adultsignup. Cost: $10. Scholarships available. Contact Debbie Johnston, 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, deb.crumbliss@viennapres.org or 703.938.9050 x108. Mondays, 7pm-8:30pm.

• Apprentices: How do we take our Christian beliefs and put them into practice? Join a 10-week study of Todd Hunter’s book Christianity Beyond Belief: Following Jesus for the Sake of Others, available at Grapevine. Newcomers are always welcome. Room 205, 11am. Elaine Ryan, 703-470-1338 or isaiah122elaine@aol.com.

• 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 room 109.

• Christianity Explored: An eight-week course designed for new members or newcomers to the Christian faith. Sundays, 11am-12noon, through April 3, 2nd floor conference room. Cost: $5 for study guide. Contact Phil Kratovil, 703.937.1897 or phil.kratovil@viennapres.org

For all Sunday morning study opportunities, see back page of bulletin.
Sunday Mornings at VPC

Children’s Room Assignments
8am Bridges Class meets in Room 320

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Adult Education Classes

**9:30am**

**Beyond Basics:** Beyond Basics is discussing the Gospel of John, Son of Zebedee, and using Barclay as a text. Steve Skjei, discussion leader. 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:** New Study, today-April 10, *Suffering: What's In It For Me?* Learn about God’s plan and provision for you in hard times by studying the lives of biblical characters. Newcomers always welcome. Room 205, Martha Strauss, wmstrauss@aol.com

**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.

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