Sermon Series: Life Is Messy

Tale of Two Wives

Genesis 29:1-14

October 14, 2012
Holy Is the Lord
Tomlin/Giglio

We stand and lift up our hands, For the joy of the Lord is our strength. We bow down and worship Him now. How great, how awesome is He. And together we sing...Everyone sing...

Chorus
Holy is the Lord, God Almighty, The earth is filled with His glory. (2x)
The earth is filled with His glory.

(Repeat in entirety) (Repeat Chorus)

Bridge
It's rising up all around, It's the anthem of the Lord's renown. (4x)
And together we sing...Everyone sing...

(Chorus 2x)

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Prayer of Adoration
David Jordan-Haas

Praise Ye the Lord, Hymn #482

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

Bless the Lord, oh my soul, oh, my soul. Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, oh, my soul. I worship Your holy name.

The sun comes up. It's a new day dawning. It's time to sing Your song again. Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me, let me be singing when the evening comes.

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Sing like never before, oh, my soul. I worship Your holy name.

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger. Your name is great and Your heart is kind. For all Your goodness I will keep on singing, ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

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And on that day when my strength is failing, the end draws near and my time has come, Still my soul will sing Your praise unending, ten thousand reasons and then forever more.

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Yes, I will worship Your holy name. Lord, I worship Your holy name.

Please request large-print hymnals from ushers.

Assistive listening devices are available in the balcony from the Sound Technician. A hearing loop is installed under the rear balcony. Please switch your hearing aid to T-coil.
Haiti Mission Project Commissioning
Gail Doughty, Brenda Gardiner, Mary Hall, Sue Hamblen, Emmy Parker, Louis Pugliese, Barbara Pugliese, Michelle Rahal, Meredith Roberts

Prayer of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

Offertory
He Is Mine
Jon Wright, Soloist; Youth Choir Hopson

During the Offertory, please pass the Friendship Pad.

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture
Genesis 29:1-14

Sermon
Tale of Two Wives
Sermon Series: Life Is Messy

Mighty to Save
Galbraith

Everyone needs compassion, love that's never failing. Let mercy fall on me.
Everyone needs forgiveness, the kindness of a Savior, the hope of nations.

Chorus
Savior, He can move the mountains.
My God is mighty to save, He is mighty to save.
Forever, Author of salvation,
He rose and conquered the grave, Jesus conquered the grave.

So take me as You find me, all my fears and failures. Fill my life again.
I give my life to follow everything I believe in. Now I surrender. (Chorus)

Bridge
Shine Your light and let the whole world see.
We're singing for the glory of the risen King...Jesus.
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(Chorus 2x) (Bridge 2x) (Chorus 2x)

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Benediction

Postlude
Prelude
I Sing the Mighty Power of God
Gustafson

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Children’s Message (9:30)  
Daryl Wright

Baptisms  
(11:00)  Ruth Bailey, James Ryan, and Elizabeth Joy Seckinger; children of Nathaniel Ryan and Stephanie Lee Wright Seckinger  
Annabelle Mae Holmes, child of Michael Bradley and Julie Allisa Boncarosky Holmes

Children in Bridges and Gateways are dismissed.  
11am Children’s Choirs are dismissed.

Offertory  
Cathedral Brass and Sanctuary Choir  
Courtney

One Faith, One Hope, One Lord

During the Offertory, please pass the Friendship Pad.

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture
Genesis 29:1-14

Sermon
Pete James

Tale of Two Wives  
Sermon Series: Life Is Messy

Rejoice, the Lord Is King, Hymn 155  
Wesley

Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore!  
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, And triumph evermore:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

God's kingdom cannot fail, Christ rules o'er earth and heaven;
The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus given:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope! For Christ the Judge shall come  
To glorify the saints for their eternal home:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Benediction

Postlude  
Canzona Bergamasca  
Brass  
Scheidt
Grieving: Jeff Malick (father); Walt Schuchmann (mother); Bryan Troutman (brother); Hendrika Vande Kemp (sister); the family of Nora White

Hospitalized: Bill Comerford  Facing Tests or Surgery: Pamela O'Connell's father

Ill or Convalescing: Tom Addams; Beverly Bender; Bea Blasdell; Polly Brentlinger; Lamar Collier; Arayanna Darst; Chuck Garland; Barbara Greig; Kyle Hard; Barbara Mancini; Audrey Neeson; Audrey O'Shea; Kate Parthum; Bill Phillips; Sabrina Remy (21-mos.); Joan Sansone; Dottie Swink; Margaret Takesian; Roger Woodin

Homebound: Cathie Becker

Family and Friends: Susan Baker's friend Carol; Carey Bragaw's friends Emily Hope & Sara, and Abigail (infant); Dana Burnette's step-grandmother; William Buterbaugh's sister-in-law; Marsha Coe's friend Barbara; Sandra Crippen's brother; Kimberly Cummings' brother; Arayanna Darst's friend Mary; Donna DeLanoy's nephew Colgate; Gail Doughty's aunt (Hospice); Bill Downer's friend Carl; Nancy & Adrian Eley's friend Kaylee (3); Jay Flounlacker's brother; Mary Flounlacker's father; the Hamlet family's beloved Aunt Mimi; Elaine Hamlet's co-worker Kathy; Jim Jeffrey's friend Lee; Walter Johnson's daughter-in-law; Barb Jones's friend Jessica; Michelle Jones's sisters Donna & Sharon, brother Lamar, and friends Paulette and Sandra; Karen Dunlop's & Neil Kemple's friend Mike; Frank Kifer's sister Nancy; Valerie King's brother-in-law Danny; Lisa LeJune's mother; Lynn Lotocki's aunt (& uncle); Linda Lyon's son-in-law; Janet McKechnie's daughter-in-law; Mary Monie's mother; Libby Mosher's grandfather; Pam Priester's friend Mike; Michelle Rahal's mother; Trish Sand Erdoğan's mother; Bev Strean's goddaughter; Phyllis Swenson's brother; Mary Beth Savary Taylor's father (Hospice); Pamela Vining's friends Caden(2) and family, Joshua (12), and Peter; Karen Williams's friend Lauren; Daryl Wright's father

Other: The Aki family; Matt & Amber Bergstrom; Sarah Collins & family; Mike Hughes; Gwyn Ann Taylor; Violeta Villacorta; Sandra; Joe Garrett's mother Kathleen; Haymarket Crossroads Mission; peaceful resolution of the conflicts in Africa and the Middle East; the people across the US hit hard by natural disasters; the Haitian people recovering from Hurricane Isaac; persecuted Christians in Egypt, Iraq, Pakistan and the Sudan

Praise God for the life of Mayo Stuntz, who turns 97 on 10/15, and for the life of Thelma Haslam, who turns 92 on 10/19!

Congratulations to: Lydia Pang & Ken Au, who were married at VPC on October 6.

Please hold this mission trip in prayer this week: On October 16, a group of 9 teacher volunteers, in conjunction with Community Coalition for Haiti, will depart for the inaugural Haiti Teacher Training trip. While CCH is actively involved in caring for those less fortunate, particularly with medical and housing needs, this is the first attempt to promote and support the Haitian educational community. We ask for your prayers as we gingerly establish relationships with both rural and city schools and begin to share some of the bounty of Fairfax County Public Schools with our brothers and sisters in Haiti! Prayers for safe travels, discernment and fruitful discussions and trainings are very much appreciated!


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; CALL the church office at 703.938.9050, x301; E-MAIL linda.kemple@viennapres.org; or enter a prayer request ONLINE via www.viennapres.org/prayerrequest

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

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

**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](http://www.viennapres.org/firststeps) or contact Shannon Jordan at 703.938.9050 x123 or shannon.jordan@viennapres.org

Step 1: **Get Started:** Fill out the Friendship Pad in the pews during the service and we will contact you to help you get connected at VPC and answer any questions you may have. You are also invited to visit the Welcome Table in the narthex for a gift, and then visit the Great Hall for coffee between 8-11am.

Step 2: **Get Oriented:** Orientation to the Journey class is an opportunity to look at who we are as a church, find out what we believe, ask questions, and find how to best connect. (Next class: November 11 at 11am in room 108C.)

Step 3: **Get Going:** Invitation to the Journey class is a 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.” Please go to [viennapres.org/firststeps](http://viennapres.org/firststeps) for information and to register, or contact Linda Kemple (x100). Classes begin today and continue October 21 and 28. Next Classes: January 2013.

Step 4: **Get Connected:** Share the Journey! Being part of a group or community to grow in Christ, connect with others, and serve is critical in our faith development. We would love to help you find the best place for you! For more information contact Shannon at shannon.jordan@viennapres.org or call 703-938-9050 x123.

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**Naked and Unashamed**

Saturday, October 20, 9:30am-3:30pm

**Marriage workshop:**
Presented by Rev. Sam Kim and Alice Kim (LCSW) sharing biblical reflections, clinical and pastoral experience, and personal lessons from their own marriage.

For more information or to register: [viennapres.org/marriageworkshop](http://viennapres.org/marriageworkshop); stop by the narthex for a brochure; or contact Glenda at glenda.simpkinhoffman@viennapres.org

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**It's that time again...**

**Time for the annual Student and Youth Worship Ministries Fall Retreat!**

**November 16-18 at Camp Horizons:**

What will be this year’s late-night game? Who will win?
Could this year’s skit be funnier than last year’s?

Cost: $125
(high ropes and climbing wall are $25 apiece)
12th-grade and confirmation students get a discount!
Transportation included.

[viennapres.org/SMretreat](http://viennapres.org/SMretreat)
General Announcements

Drop off donations Oct 15-Nov 15 for Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoe boxes in memory of Jack Donaldson. Hotwheels cars, hard candy, playing cards, small toys such as Beanie Babies and yo-yo's, hygiene items (toothpaste, toothbrushes, bar soap, hairbrushes, combs) barrettes, and jewelry. You drop off the donations in Grapevine Books; VPC youth will assemble and ship the boxes for you!

Meet the Artist: Sunday, October 28, 9am-12:30pm, Grapevine Books. Meet Shawnte of Holly Lane Designs and view her enormous selection of Christian jewelry and find out about the inspiration behind each piece. Bring your Christmas lists!

Dine to Make a Difference at Bob Evans Restaurant, 10443 White Granite Drive, Oakton, on October 18. Pick up a flyer in the narthex or at the church office, present it when you pay, and 15% of your bill will go to the Vienna CROP Hungry Walk.

Interested in becoming a member of VPC? Come to the Invitation to the Journey classes offered at 10:30am, today, October 21, and 28. Contact Linda Kemple, 703.938.9050 ext. 100 or viennapres.org/firststeps to register. (Next time offered: Jan-Feb, 2013)

Flowers and Plants in the Bible: View the library window display and check out the newly dedicated Mary Nichols Memorial books on flowers and plants cited in the Bible.

Serve

CROP Walk: Sunday, November 11, Town Green: Local 3-mile CROP Hunger Walk. Start your own team or join an established team. Find all the info at www.viennacropwalk.org or contact Sue Hamblen at sue.hamblen@viennapres.org

Lambs Center: Knit adult hats at home and leave them in the office or come to a stitch session on Saturday, October 27, 2-4pm. All skill levels welcome; we can teach you! Laura Macqueen, lmacqueen10@gmail.com

Adult Library: help with check-out desk and general information on Sundays, 9-11am. Experience is helpful, but we will train you. Contact Librarian@viennapres.org or 703.938.9050 ext. 148.

Connect

Widow and Widowers Luncheon: October 20, noon, Olive Garden located at 8133 Leesburg Pike, Vienna. Contact Denver Roche at 703.938.8338 for additional information.

SWATT (Christian Fellowship for Seniors 55+): Join us for fun and help support the Shepherd Center of Oakton-Vienna, October 28, 3pm, VPC Sanctuary. Doc Scantlin and his Imperial Palms Orchestra featuring the lovely ChouChou will perform Cab Calloway, George Gershwin, Irving Berlin favorites and more. Contact Harry Mason at 703.281.2634 or haroldcmason@aol.com or RonnieJean Irvin at 703.273.4113 or rbirvin@gmail.com for advance tickets at $20 ($25 at the door)

PitStop (Parents of Infants and Toddlers): Recharge, a dinner and play time for families with the youngest children. Come for pizza, salad, and fellowship! Visit viennapres.org/Pits for information and upcoming events or contact Shannon Jordan: shannon.jordan@viennapres.org

Club 56: 5th-6th graders. Friday, October 26, 7-9pm, 3rd floor. Are you talking to yourself or praying? Come find out!

Kids Nation 34: 3rd-4th graders. Friday, October 19, 7-8:30pm, 3rd floor. The activity will be ‘Fear Factor.’

Refuel (Young Adults): Thursday, October 18, 7:15pm, Underground. Contact Kevin Miller at kevin.miller@viennapres.org or visit viennapres.org/refuel for additional information.

Men’s and Women’s Fall Great Banquets: The Northern Virginia Great Banquet Community is currently preparing two Great Banquet Weekends. The one for men is November 1-4, and the women’s is November 8-1. Both are at VPC. This is a unique 72-hour Christian retreat for anyone who wishes to strengthen his or her spiritual life. As space is limited, we ask you to apply as soon as possible at our website: novagb.org
Halloween Hotdog Dinner
Spooktacular

Wednesday, October 24
5:30-7pm

Bring friends and neighbors to our annual family dinner preceding the Town of Vienna's Halloween Parade. This year we'll have a comedy magic show with loads of audience participation and laughs for all ages and FREE Child Identification and Fingerprinting provided by the Fairfax County Sheriff's Office.

Volunteers needed.
Contact phil.kratovil@viennapres.org

Monday Night Men’s Group
7–8:30pm, every Monday, 3rd floor Activity Center

Senior Pastor Pete James with
Rev. Ed Dawkins, Steve Garner, Phil Kratovil, and You!!

Guys among guys, who take the Bible seriously… learn, grow, laugh, and make life-long friends.
45 minute teaching time and 45-minute small group time.
Pizza, popcorn, drinks…
For more info: viennapres.org/men

Love God, Follow Jesus, Do Things that Matter!

Thank you for your faithful support!

Your contributions continue to be vital to making ministry happen at VPC! We are behind where we expected to be at this point in contributions for debt reduction. Please consider bringing your pledge up to date in this important area.

Ministry and Missions Funding
2012 Ministry and Missions Budget: $3,888,901
Anticipated M & M contributions through August: $2,171,903
Actual M & M contributions/income as of Aug. 31: $2,127,260
Contribution shortfall as of August 31: $44,643

Debt Retirement Funding
2012 Debt Retirement Budget (minimum payments): $436,200
Amount pledged for debt retirement in 2012: $743,774
Debt Retirement contributions recd. as of August 31: $282,345

Congregational Meeting
October 21
Immediately following the 11am service, Sanctuary

2013 Budget: Discussion and questions about the ministry, missions, and staffing plans and budget
Election of new church officers: Elders and Deacons
Remember Pastor Pete's Sept 9 sermon statistic: 80% of all American adults say that they don't have a spiritual growth plan...

Here are some ways we can help you:

Exploring Christ at VPC

Orientation to the Journey (1 hour, VPC 101)
November 11, 11am, Room 108C

Invitation to the Journey (3 weeks, VPC 101)
Begins today, Great Hall at 11am.
viennapres.org/firststeps for additional information.

Growing in Christ

God’s Big Story (Bible 101—fall session: Old Testament; spring session: New Testament), Thursdays, 7:30-9pm. Rooms 203/204/205

Bible Studies:
Monday Night Men’s, Tuesday am/pm Women’s

Or opportunities listed below

Close to Christ

Great Banquet Weekend (see page 8 for more details)
Sunday Morning Classes:
9:30am: Beyond Basics, Friendship Class, Partners with Christ, Foundations;
11am: Practical Christian Living, ESOL, Apprentices, Bereans

Care

Griefshare: A support group for people grieving the death of a loved one. Sundays, 6-7:30pm  Rm 203/204
Passages: for those going through separation or divorce. Tuesdays, 7-9pm, Rm 203/204
Christian Cancer Companions: Contact Rita Lockwood at 703.573.6168
Widows Dinner Group: 3rd Monday each month. Contact Betty Little at 703.938.9050 x121
Widows and Widowers Luncheons: 3rd Saturday each month. Linda Waters coordinator. See page 8.
Newspring: Contact David Jordan-Haas at 703.938.9050 x116

viennapres.org/study
Show your community support by helping neighbors in need!

Complete the Circle Event  
Sunday, October 21, 2-5pm  
10515 School Street (vacant lot) in Fairfax City

Service event for groups, individuals, and families. Come and join together to create a “living painting” to be photographed.

Food donations collected will “complete the circle” of giving by framing the picture that day and later feeding our neighbors in need.

To reserve your spot, email juliannerewald@yahoo.com or eburzenski@gmail.com by Wednesday, October 17. Include the name(s) of all people interested in attending in your party and their t-shirt sizes (adult medium or large; children's medium or large). Registration fee is $5 each and includes shirt (please turn in money to Julianne or Elizabeth at the event). Food donations will be collected at the event.

Visit odbfairfax.org/CompleteTheCircle for video from the last event and for additional details!

Sponsored by ReFuel: VPCs Young Adult Community

Serve on Sundays,  
There is a place for you!

Complete, tear out, and place this in the offertory or on the welcome table.

Name____________________________________

Email____________________________________

Phone____________________________________

Urgent Needs:  
please check all that interest you.

☐ AV Assistants (to advance slides in worship)

☐ Sound Technicians

☐ Ushers/Greeters

☐ Sunday Office Volunteers

☐ Sunday Morning Childcare

☐ Sunday School Teachers and Assistants

☐ Student Ministries Youth Group Volunteers

Thank You!  
You will be contacted shortly by a member of the Worship Planning Team!
Sunday Mornings at VPC

**Children’s Room Assignments**

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**Middle and High School Sunday Youth Services**

Lower Level, Light Breakfast Served, 9-9:30am
Sunday School, 9:30-10:30
Youth Groups: Middle School, 5-7pm; High School, 6:30-8:30pm

**Adult Education Classes**

9:30am

**Beyond Basics:** Fellowship, coffee, and a study of the minor prophets and the book *Be Amazed*. Leaders: Shun Ling and George Marling. Rm 205. Kate Lund, katejlund@yahoo.com

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

**Partners With Christ:** Come join us in our study of the classic Knowing God by J.I. Packer. All newcomers welcomed with a smile! Parlor. Questions? Martha Strauss: wmstrauss@aol.com

**Foundations Class:** Join us as we build on the twin foundations of scripture and friendship. No preparation required! John and Kathy Draper, 703.539.8300 or jkdraper@ymail.com. Room 203/204

11am

**Apprentices Class:** “Men and Women: Spirituality of Transformation.” Newcomers are always welcome. Elaine Ryan, 703.470.1338 or isaih122elaine@aol.com. Room 205.

**ESOL** (English for Speakers of Other Languages): Bonnie Grouge at bonnie.grouge@viennapres.org or 703.938.9050 x102. Room 311.

**Study of Corinthians 1 & 2:** Berean Adult Bible Study. All are welcome. John and Nancy Davidovich, 703.938.4775. Room 203/204.

**Practical Christian Living:** 2nd-floor conference room. All are welcome. Contact Phil Kratovil at phil.kratovil@viennapres.org

**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

Give Generously

...both individually and in community