life is... messy.

Vienna Presbyterian Church
A Disciple-Making Community

Sermon Series: Life Is Messy

Under the Highest Leadership


February 17, 2013
Sunday Worship 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00

Prelude (9:30 & 11am)  
Junior Bells

Majestic  
Brewster

Oh Lord, our Lord, How majestic is Your name in all the earth. *(repeat)*

*First Chorus:*
The heavens declare Your greatness, the oceans cry out to You.
The mountains, they bow down before You. So, I’ll join with the earth and I’ll give my praise to You!

*Repeat Verse*

*Second Chorus:*
The heavens declare Your greatness, the oceans cry out to You.
The mountains, they bow down before You. So, I’ll join with the earth and I’ll sing…
The heavens declare Your greatness, the oceans cry out to You.
The mountains, they bow down before You. So, I’ll join with the earth and I’ll give my praise to You!

I will worship you. (4x) We will worship you. (2x)

*Repeat Second Chorus*

So, I’ll join with the earth and I’ll give my praise to You!
So, I’ll join with the earth and I’ll give my praise to You!

*Prayer of Adoration*  
Glenda Simpkins Hoffman

*Jesus Messiah*

He became sin who knew no sin;  
That we might become His righteousness  
He humbled Himself and carried the cross.

*Chorus:*
Love so amazing, love so amazing; Jesus Messiah, Name above all names;  
Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel; the Rescue for sinners, the Ransom from heaven;  
Jesus Messiah, Lord of all.

His body the bread, His blood the wine,  
Broken and poured out, all for love.  
The whole earth trembled, and the veil was torn. *(Chorus)*

All our hope is in You, all our hope is in You.  
All the glory to You, God, You’re the light of the world. *(Chorus)*

Jesus Messiah, Lord of all, You’re the Lord of all! The Lord of all.

Please request large-print hymnals from ushers.

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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.
Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

You Are My King (Amazing Love)

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

(Chorus) Amazing love, how can it be, That You, my King, would 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; You are my King; You are my King; You are my King. (Chorus)
In all I do, I honor You.

Prayers of the People and Lord’s Prayer (8am)

Minute for Witness (9:30 & 11am) Don Long

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

9:30am Children in Bridges and Gateways are dismissed.
11am Children’s Choirs are dismissed.

Offertory
King of Glory

During the Offertory, please pass the Friendship Pad.

Scripture

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Prayer of Commitment

Lord Jesus, I invite you into my life. I confess that you died for my sins and extend to me the unconditional gift of forgiveness. I endeavor from this moment forward to live for you and follow you as Lord of my life.
I trust that you will transform me into the person you want me to become. Fill me with your Spirit’s presence so that I may share this faith and love with other people. I offer this prayer with gratitude in Jesus’ name. Amen.

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less, Hymn #379

Benediction

Postlude

Today’s flowers given in loving memory of Herb Entwistle by his family.
Prayers

Grieving: Julie Headley (uncle); Julie Zepp (mother)

Hospitalized: Yvonne Malloy's godson Charlie (2-1/2); Katherine Masyn's brother; Kristine Morris's mother; Mark Winkle's father; Kaila's friend Amira

Homebound: Hans Anspach

Ill or Convalescing: Tom Addams; Beverly Bender; Mark Bragaw; Polly Brentlinger; Dee Burns; Bill Comerford; Jim Delanoy; Chuck Garland; Barbara Greig; Kyle Hard; George Harris; Myrna Ives; Lisa LeJune; Dellis Markowski (Hospice); Katherine Masyn; Amy Moir; Audrey Neeson; Kate Parthum; Sabrina Remy (2); Mark Rosenbaum; Dineke Shirley; Nancy Thiel; Bob Whittington; Alice Winters (former missionary to Colombia supported by VPC); Roger Woodin; Carol Yates

Family and Friends: Chuck & Donna Bertsch's friend Tom; Ruth Anne Buterbaugh's cousin; William Buterbaugh's sister-in-law; Barbara Carlson's cousin; Sandra Crippen's brother; Arayanna Darst's friends Kathy, Mary & family, and Sarah & Max; Christine Doss's sister; Gail Doughty's aunt (Hospice); Bill Downer's friends Bionda & family, Carl, and Dave; Mary Flounlacker's father; Charles Gescheire's father; Bonnie Grouge's first-father-in-law, Allan Kerr (Hospice); Avice Hill's brother Neil; Bob Hill's sister Lois Ann; Jim Jeffrey's friend Lee; Barb Jones's friend Jessica; Michelle Jones's sister-in-law Sue and friends Paulette and Ruby; Maggie Karns's mother; Liz Kellman's mother; Karen Dunlop's & Neil Kemple's friend Mike; Frank Kifer's sister Nancy; Valerie King's brother-in-law Danny; Julie Knight's brother Jim; Lisa LeJune's mother; Chet & Kate Lund's sister-in-law; Linda Lyon's son-in-law; Janet McKechnie's daughter-in-law; Libby Mosher's grandfather; Ginny Paul's friend Lindsey; Pam Priester's friend Mike; Michelle Rahal's mother; Wendy Rose's friend Mike and her late friend Cindy's family; Susan Scott's family-member Elizabeth; Mary Ann Singlaub's friend Tricia; Bev Strean's goddaughter; Kelly-Anne Thomson's mother; Pamela Vining's friends Caden(2) and family, Joshua (12), and Peter; Karen Williams's friend Lauren; Daryl Wright's father; Jayne Young's friend Kelly

Other: Shevonne Polastre; Eero Vahter; Jonathan Williams & friends; Rose & family; Sandra; Haymarket Crossroads Mission; the people of Newtown, CT; peaceful resolution of the conflicts in Africa and the Middle East; the people across the US hit hard by Hurricane Sandy and other natural disasters; persecuted Christians in Egypt, Iraq, Pakistan and the Sudan; world peace

Missions/Missionaries of the week: Keith & Marti Franchos, WEC International (International); Derek & Susan Mondeau, Intervarsity, UVA (National); Miriam’s Kitchen, Washington, DC (Local)


Non-military in Harm's Way: Christina Tomasetti, Erik H. Vining

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 offering 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.
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: **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: March 10, 11am, 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 for information and to register, or contact Linda Kemple (x100). Next classes begin in April.

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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**Free Preview and Luncheon:** Sunday, March 3, 12:15 pm

2nd-Floor Conference Room

Stop worrying about money, and start your journey to Financial Peace today! Achieve your financial goals by eliminating debt, saving for the future, and giving like never before. You will be challenged and motivated to make a plan for your money that will make a difference for the rest of your life!

Cost: $95 per family: Includes lifetime registration/membership and all materials needed.

Register at viennapres.org/financialpeace or contact Phil Kratovil at phil.kratovil@viennapres.org.
Summer Missions Projects Interest Meeting
Sunday, February 24, 12:30, in the Great Hall.

Each year Summer Missions Projects (SMP) sends over 150 people of all ages to serve others in locations across the nation and throughout the world.

Another great summer is in the works for 2013.

If you are interested in going on an SMP trip, or want to find out more information, this meeting is for you.

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Blood Drive
Sunday, March 3
7:30am-1:30pm
Great Hall

Contact Bryan Troutman, 703.790.5270 or btroutman@cox.net

Walk-ins welcome. Or to schedule a donation, contact inova.org/donateblood, sponsor code 0130.

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Spring Break Plans?

No worries, you can still join in worship!

viennapres.org/worshiplive

Watch all services live, Every Sunday.
April 6
Vienna Community Center

Hours: Set-up begins at 8:00am.
First shift begins at 10:00am.
Shifts run until 6pm.

How to Help:

Many helpers will be needed to set up and break down. This is a perfect service activity for youth or small groups! Also needed, help with fund-raising, publicity, and outreach to civic organizations. Contact Sue Hamblen at sue.hamblen@viennapres.org or call 703.938.9050 x113 or Katherine Hall at simonhall2@aol.com.

Visit: events.stophungernow.org/Vienna for on-line donations and registration for event

Fund-Raising Ideas:

Special Offering, Collection Containers Around Church ($10 = 40 meals!), Sample Dinner Fund-raisers, Silent Auctions, Email/Social Media Campaigns/Challenges, Bake Sales, Car Washes, Community Groups (Rotary, Lion’s Club, etc.), Youth Group Services for Donations (yard work, cleaning), Skip the Starbucks, feed 20 people!

Eat a meal, Buy a meal...
Buy a meal for a hungry child every time you eat by putting 25¢ in a jar.
In a month’s time you will collect around $22 — approximately the cost of meals for one person during one shift!
General Announcements

Colombia Forum: Today, 12:00pm, Great Hall. Rev. Linda Eastwood, Coordinator of the Colombia Accompaniment Program, Presbyterian Peace Fellowship, will speak about this mission opportunity. Cost: $5/box lunch. RSVP at viennapres.org/colombia.

Weekend to Remember Marriage Conference: Focus on God's best for you as a couple! April 5-7, Hyatt Regency, Reston. Group discount group code: VPC. Limited financial assistance available. Brochures in the narthex. Register at familylife.com or 1-800-FL-TODAY. Questions? Contact Bruce & Julie Knight 703.691.3406 or B_JKnight@msn.com

Gently Used Books for Sale: Come buy something special from our wide selection of books on the used book carts in front of the second-floor Adult Library. Always available for you to browse.

Seniors Survey: All members 58+ years should have received an emailed survey last week. We would appreciate your completed response. Please request a paper copy by contacting Lee Taylor at 703.938.9050 x103.

Serve

Adult Library Assistant: Sundays, 9-11am, once a month. No need to be a librarian; we can train you. Computer skills necessary. Contact the library at 703.938.9050 x148 or viennapres.org/library.

Sunday Morning Nursery: Volunteers needed to help with our youngest members, especially during the 9:30 service. Contact Phyllis Swenson at 703.938.9050 x137 or phyllis.swenson@viennapres.org

Thank you: to all those who have supported the Teacher Professional Development project in Haiti. Your prayers and donations mean so much to all involved. One teacher said, “Before you came, I never thought of myself as a teacher. Now I do.” Our next trip is in April. Interest in going? Contact: Emmy Parker at Emelieparker@gmail.com. Please consider donations of: manual pencil sharpeners to attach to walls; tools to teach math and science; books that are wordless or in French for teaching health and science. Also needed: funds to purchase books in Creole.

Connect

Refuel (Young Adults): February 21, 7:15-8:45, Underground. Define the Relationship, open to VPC young adults, neighbors, and friends! Contact Kevin Miller: kevin.miller@viennapres.org or visit viennapres.org/refuel

SWATT (Christian Fellowship for Seniors over 55+)

Club 56: February 22, 7-9pm, 3rd floor. What’s the Difference between Prayer and Talking to Yourself? All 5th- and 6th-graders are welcome. viennapres.org/club56 for more info.

Kids Nation 34: March 1, 7-8:30pm, 3rd floor. 3rd- and 4th-graders are invited to join in for March Madness! viennapres.org/kn34 for more info.

Student Ministries:
Planet Wisdom Conference: Friday-Saturday, March 8-9. Open to all students 7th-12th grades. Hylton Memorial Chapel, Woodbridge, VA. Planet Wisdom teaches about biblical wisdom on relationships: friends, family, dating, and God. Register at viennapres.org/PlanetWisdom or contact Kim Snyder at kim.snyder@viennapres.org. For more information go to planetwisdom.com

Wounded Warriors Need Your Support

The VPC Veterans Outreach Team is collecting clothing in excellent condition for delivery to returning wounded service men and women who need apparel for everything from public appearances with senior political figures to job interviews. Clothes are collected, tailored to the recipient, and dry cleaned before they are delivered to either Walter Reed Medical Center or Fort Belvoir Community Hospital.

To donate for this worthy cause, please email Scott Slocum at wsslocum@aol.com or deliver items to Sue Hamblen in the church office.
**Lent isn’t about **forfeiting **as much as it’s about **formation.**

It’s preparing the heart for Easter…going with Jesus into the wilderness for forty days… sacrificing that we might become more like Christ in his sacrifice.

**Lenten Devotionals:**

Available online at viennapres.org/devotionals
Or printed copies available in the narthex.

**GRIEF SHARE**

Support for those grieving the death of someone close. A place to be with others who understand the pain of your loss. The 13-week session includes a video featuring top experts on grief recovery as well as group discussions.

Cost: $20 for workbook.

More Information:
GriefShare@viennapres.org or brochures are available in the narthex and Gathering Space; or call 703-938-9050.

**PASSAGES**

Support and guidance to those experiencing the pain of marital separation or divorce. New members are encouraged to attend the full program, but are also welcome to join the program at any time.

Cost: $20 for workbook and refreshments.

More Information and to register:
passages@viennapres.org or brochures are available in the narthex and Gathering Space; or call 703-938-9050.

**ESOL International Dinner**

Tuesday, March 12
7-8:30pm
Great Hall

All are invited to the ESOL potluck dinner. Dessert and drinks provided.

Please RSVP to carladavies2010@yahoo.com.

**former VPC interim pastor**

Ruth Everhart
Join us as Ruth discusses her faith journey and new book *Chasing the Divine in the Holy Land.*

Sunday
February 24, 2:30pm, Great Hall

Come for discussion, fellowship, and refreshments.

Contact Martha Straus at martha.strauss@me.com
Lent is a time of preparation for Easter—a time to reflect on how we are not fully living into God’s vision of who we can be. So some Christians give up, or “fast” a certain vice, or something that they consider a temptation for this time in preparation of the celebration of Jesus rising again on Easter Sunday.

Why forty days?

The number forty appears many times in the Bible:

- 40 days Moses was on Mount Sinai receiving the Ten Commandments from God.
- 40 days and nights Elijah spent walking to Mount Horeb.
- 40 days and nights God sent rain in the great flood of Noah.
- 40 years the Hebrew people wandered in the desert while traveling to the Promised Land.
- and especially the 40 days that Jesus spent in the desert being tempted by the devil. Jesus did not cave in to the temptation!

40 days is also the amount of time that most experts believe it takes to form a new habit.

What bad habits could you replace with good habits that would draw you closer to God?

What do you do instead of Prayer, study, serving others?

Could God be asking you to give that up for 40 days to make room for a new habit?

Am I taking part and if I am, how? Prayer. Fasting. Serving others.

There are many ways to take part in lent. See the classes listed throughout this bulletin, or at viennapres.org/classes. Join a class and meet with other Christians, take part in your own spiritual journey. Or help our community to grow in Christ’s love. Yellow Ribbon Fund, Stop Hunger Now, and the Colombia International Mission group just to name a few. All of the supported mission’s teams are listed on our website at viennapres.org/missions.

Connect with Jesus. Strengthen your faith.
Grow

Need help selecting a Bible? Check out Grapevine Bookstore across from the Great Hall, or go to viennapres.org/grapevine and check out our guide: "Bible Basics: A Guide to Selecting a Bible that Jives with Your Spiritual Style."

Spiritual Practices That Fit: Last February session Wednesday, February 20, 7:30pm, room 310. We find ways to experience God that fit our personalities. This workshop focuses on prayer: Breath Prayer, Praying in Color, Prayer Walks, Centering Prayer. Explore prayer practices that refresh and energize you and your spiritual life!


Tuesday Evening Women’s Bible Study: 7-9pm, room 108. Emerson Eggerich’s video presentation of Love & Respect. Small group breakout. No books, study, or registration required. Questions: contact dee.m.fall@gmail.com

Doo-be, do BE. Join a group of women to practice disciplines for a balanced spiritual life using Richard Foster’s Celebration of Discipline. A 15-week study meeting in the lower level, Tuesday evenings beginning February 19, 7-9pm. The study offers avenues of personal examination and change to help us shed superficial habits and "bring the abundance of God into our lives." Questions or to register: dee.m.fall@gmail.com

Practical Christian Living: Designed to help you live a dynamic, supernatural Christian life and experience intimacy and consistency in your walk with God. The curriculum will cover fabulous topics like Knowing God’s Plan, Our Identity in Christ, Power for Living, and Making Your Life Count. There is plenty of coffee and other refreshments! Sunday mornings, 11am-12noon, 2nd floor conference room. For more information, call or email Phil Kratovil at 703.937.1897 or phil.kratovil@viennapres.org.

Care

Renewing Prayer Ministers are trained and ready to come alongside you in prayer to invite Christ’s peace and renewal where life may have brought emotional scars and pain. For more information, go to viennapres.org/healingprayer or pick up a brochure. To schedule an appointment, contact Glenda Simpkins Hoffman at 703.938.9050 x114.

Griefshare: Support for those grieving the death of a loved one. New session starts tonight, 6-7:30pm, room 203. For information go to GriefShare@viennapres.org

Passages: For those going through separation or divorce. New session starts February 19. Tuesdays, 7-9pm, room 205. Contact Romey McPherson at 703.244.6422.

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: 703.860.8685.

Newspring: Contact David Jordan-Haas at 703.938.9050 x116.

In need of a Stephen Minister? Please contact David Jordan-Haas at 703.938.9050 x116.
Sunday Mornings at VPC

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**Adult Education Classes**

**9:30am**

**Beyond Basics:** "The Messages of the Sermon on the Mount" by John Stott, led by Steve Skjei. All are welcome. Questions? Kate Lund. katejlund@yahoo.com  Room 205

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

**Partners with Christ:** A study of the book of Daniel: Determining to Go God’s Direction. Newcomers and drop-ins always welcome. Martha Strauss, martha.strauss@me.com or 703.319.7050. Parlor.

**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:** Join us today as we continue our discussion on C. S. Lewis's The Screwtape Letters. All are welcome. Elaine Ryan, 703.470.1338 or isaiah122elaine@aol.com. Room 205.

**Plugged In:** Current events through a biblical lens. Shannon Jordan at shannon.jordan@viennapres.org or 703.938.9050 x123. Room 100.

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

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

**What We Believe:**

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

**Our Mission:**

Becoming like Christ together for the world.

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