Vienna Presbyterian Church
A Disciple-Making Community

Sermon Series: Life Is Messy

No Greater Love

John 15:9-17

May 26, 2013
Prelude
Navy Hymn

Welcome/ Opening Prayer

God of the Ages, Hymn #262

God of the ages, whose almighty hand leads forth in beauty all the starry band,
Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies, our grateful songs before Thy throne arise.

Thy love divine hath led us in the past; in this free land by Thee our lot is cast.
Be Thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay; Thy word our law, Thy paths our chosen way.

From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence, be Thy strong arm our ever sure defense;
Thy true religion in our hearts increase; Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

Refresh Thy people on their toil-some way, lead us from night to never-ending day;
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine, and glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.

Memorial Day Moment

Anthem
Blades of Grass and Pure White Stones

Blades of grass and pure white stones shelter those who've come and gone.
Just below the emerald sod are boys who reached the arms of God.

Buried here with dignity endless rows for all to see,
Freedom's seeds in sorrow sown, 'neath blades of grass and pure white stones.

Blades of grass and pure white stones cover those who left their homes
To rest in fields here, side by side, lest we forget their sacrifice.

Buried here with dignity endless rows for all to see,
Freedom's seeds in sorrow sown, 'Neath blades of grass and pure white stones.

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Please request large-print hymnals from ushers.
Assistive listening devices are available in the balcony from the Sound Technician.
10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

(Refrain): 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. (Refrain)

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. (Refrain)

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. (Refrain)

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

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer
Children in Bridges and Gateways classes dismissed.

Offertory

Be Still My Soul/You Raise Me Up

During the Offertory, please pass the Friendship Pad.

Be Still, my soul! The Lord is on your side; Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.
Leave to your God to order and provide: In every change He faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul! The waves and winds still know, His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.

When I am down and oh my soul so weary; When troubles come and my heart burdened be;
Then I am still and wait here in the silence, Until You come and sit awhile with me.
You raise me up so I can stand on mountains. You raise me up to walk on stormy seas.
I am strong when I am on Your shoulders, You raise me up to more than I can be.

There is no life, no life without its hunger. Each restless heart beats so imperfectly.
But when You come, and I am filled with wonder, Sometimes I think I glimpse eternity.

You raise me up…….

Scripture
John 15:9-17

Sermon
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Pete James

Closing Hymn
Battle Hymn of the Republic

Wilhousky

Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! His truth is marching on!

Benediction

Postlude
Hands Across the Sea

Cathedral Brass

Sousa

Today’s flowers are given by Avice and Bob Hill
in loving memory of Margaret Whiston.
Grieving: Karen Dunlop (sister); Valerie King (uncle); Scott and Libby Mosher (grandfather); Heather Nester (father); MariAnn Seybold (father); the family of Mayo Stutz

Hospitalized: Michelle Mateer Lowell; Elsa Norris; Katherine Masyn's brother-in-law

Facing Tests or Surgery: Jean Anspaugh; Lamar Collier's cousin Jeff; Joe Darst's sister Dee; Barbara Spiller's friend Paula

Ill or Convalescing: Tom Addams; Jennifer Arnold; Katie Balberchak; Susan Boehm; Marieke Ertel; Chuck Garland; Kyle Hard; Paul Hilgartner; Myrna Ives; Luree James; Katherine Masyn; Anna McCallum(14); Nancy McKee; Andy Mitchell; Audrey Neeson; Kate Parthum; Sabrina Remy (2); Bob Whittington; Alice Winters (former missionary to Colombia supported by VPC); Roger Woodin; Carol Yates

Homebound: Scott Forrester

Family and Friends: Chuck & Donna Bertsch's friend Tom; Dee Burns's brother John; Ruth Anne Buterbaugh's cousin; William Buterbaugh's sister-in-law; Katherine Carlson & family; Suzanne Carpenter's friend Mary; Sandra Crippen's brother; Arayanna Darst's friends Kathy, Mary & family, and Maryanne & Vern (Hospice) & daughter Paula; Denny Davis; Sandi Davis's mother; Donna DeLanoy's mother; Jorge Diaz's neighbor Jane; Gail Doughty's aunt (Hospice); Bill Downer's friends Bionda & family and Dave; Stephanie Eberhart's friends Betsy, Beth, and Lois; Mary Flounlacker's father; Charles Geschiere's father; Lisa Gibb's father; Bonnie Grouge's first father-in-law, Allan Kerr (Hospice); Avice Hill's brother Neil; Bob Hill's sister Lois Ann; Michelle Jones's friend Paulette; 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; Megan Kritsky's friend Craig; Lisa LeJane's mother; Shun Ling's sister; Yvonne Malloy's godson Charlie (2-1/2); Janet McKechnie's daughter-in-law; Betsy Needham's friend Terry; Ginny Paul's friend Lindsey; Pam Priester's friend Mike; Paula Puckett's father; Betty Rahal's sister; Baker & Jane Richard's friend Dale; Wendy Rose's friend Mike; Randy Schumacher's friend Robert; Susan Scott's family-member Elizabeth; Peter Sefick's mother; Lee Sefl's friend Cherie; Bev Stream's goddaughter; Pamela Vining's friends Caden(2) and family, Joshua (12), and Peter; Karen Williams's friend Lauren; Ken Workman's father-in-law, Bob Neal; Daryl Wright's father; Janye Young's friend Kelly

Other: Mike Hughes; Pete Nelson; Chad & Mindy; Crossroads-Connection ; peaceful resolution of the conflicts in Africa and the Middle East; the people in Oklahoma and across the US hit hard by tornados, Hurricane Sandy and other natural disasters; persecuted Christians in Egypt, Iraq, Pakistan and the Sudan

Missions/Missionaries of the week: Oscar Dorantes, Jr., ACCION, Mexico (International); Union Presbyterian Seminary, Richmond, VA (National); Alternative House, Vienna (Local)

We ask for God's special blessings upon David Jordan-Haas and the 41 VPC folks who are touring Scotland May 25-June 5.

Congratulations to: Bob & Corine Stoepker, celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary on May 30. Those 60 years have produced a son, 2 daughters, 10 grandchildren & 1 great-grandchild! We also congratulate Jennifer Ryan & Andrew Hall on their marriage at VPC on May 18. Jennifer is the daughter of Dennis & Lee Ryan. Congratulations also to Sarah Schultz & Evan Jones who were married at VPC on May 11.


Non-military in Harm's Way: Ed O'Donnell, 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: June 9, 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: September 2013.

Step 4: Get Connected: Share the Journey! Being part of a group or community to grow in Christ, connecting with others, and serving is critical to 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.

Oklahoma Relief Fund

Church World Service

cwsglobal.org/donate

or

P.O. Box 968, Elkhart, IN 46515
(Reference: Central U.S. Tornadoes, #647-1),

or call 800-297-1516.

Church World Service is responding to the extensive damage caused by the May 20 tornadoes in the Oklahoma City and Moore, Okla. area, including providing emergency supplies immediately and more assistance in the long term.

THE Middle School Lock In!

June 18-19, 9pm-7am

$25. Register & pay online at vpcstudents.org

Can’t stay all night?

Sign up for the midnight departure option on the registration form.

Celebrate the end of the school year at the most amazing all-night event! An inflatable party, your favorite Underground games, carnival snacks, team challenges, prizes, and more. Invite your friends, because this is going to be epic!
General Announcements

**Students Ministries:** No AM/PM Underground and no PM youth groups today. Enjoy the Memorial Day weekend.

**Children Ministries:** Registration for Vacation Bible School, Childrens’ Mission Week, and Music and Drama Camp still open at viennpres.org/vbs

VPC’s Children and Youth Protection Committee invites you to join them for an evening with Jim Pope, Appeals Officer for Fairfax County’s Child Protective Services. Monday, June 17, 6-7:15pm, room 203. The presentation will explain the role of Child Protective Services, how to recognize signs of child abuse and neglect, and what to do about it. Pizza will be served from 5:30-6pm. Please RSVP to Amy Feather at amy.feather@verizon.net by June 8.

**Staff Accountant Position:** VPC seeks an individual to serve as Staff Accountant. This is a permanent, 20-25 hour-per-week, non-exempt position. Duties include: receiving and processing contributions, managing restricted accounts, assisting with church stewardship activities, helping prepare for annual audits, assisting in the development and implementation of financial processes and procedures. Please send cover letter and resume to michelle.lowell@viennapres.org

**Coffee and Conversation suspended:** June 2 & 9 due to the Men’s and Women’s Great Banquet. Our next time to meet in the Great Hall for Coffee and Conversation will be Sunday, June 16, after the 8am and 9:30am worship services.

**Serve**

**Summer Mission Projects & Children’s Camps:** We’re searching for adults and college students who would like to serve as leaders on a trip, as volunteers at Vacation Bible School, or as Creativity Camp Helpers. Contact Jeannie Miller at jeannie.miller@viennapres.org for SMP’s. Contact Karen Covell at karen.covell@viennapres.org for children’s camps.

Bethany Women’s Center and Alternative House are shelters which regularly need our food support. The easy-to-prepare recipes and sign-up sheet are located outside the kitchen door in a box on the wall. Please call Cindy Alls, 703-222-3657, with any questions.

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**Connect**

**Northern Virginia Spring 2013 Great Banquets:** Men’s Weekend May 30-June 2 and Women’s Weekend June 6-June 9 at VPC. The Great Banquet weekend is a 72-hour Christian retreat that includes worship, communion, music, fellowship, and personal testimonies. For more information, please visit the Great Banquet website: novagb.org

**Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) Power Camps!** Day camps for 8 to 12-year-olds. Christian Fellowship Church, Ashburn, June 17-21, or Cooper Middle School, McLean, June 24-28. Go to NOVAFCA.org for information.

**Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) Baseball Camps!** Day camps for 8 to 14-year-olds. NOVAFCABaseball.org/Camps for information, or contact: Todd Burger at 703.909.2750.

**SWATT (Christian Fellowship for Seniors 55+):** SWATT luncheon June 12. Doug Mose (GMU Professor of Geology) will discuss “Earthquakes in Our (Fairfax Co.) Future.” Hospitality begins at 12:00 with hors d’oeuvres in the Gathering Space followed by the potluck luncheon in the Great Hall at 12:30. We welcome newcomers! No reservation required. Bring a friend and a dish for 8 to share.

**SWATT (Christian Fellowship for Seniors 55+):** SWATT trip June 20 to Annapolis for a brief tour of the USN Academy and a cruise as well as a visit to the house and gardens of William Paca, signer of Declaration of Independence and Governor of Maryland. Lunch at Middleton Inn on your own. Leave VPC 8am, return 6pm. Cost: $45. Paid reservation required by June 12. Contact Shirley Peck 703.620.3706.

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**Save the date**

June 30, 12:15pm

Come to the Great Hall for refreshments as we honor Betty Little on her retirement from VPC’s finance staff. Mark your calendars and look for more information next week. BUT do, please, save the date.

Questions? Or want to help? Contact Betty Rahal at betty.rahal@verizon.net or Gerri Webb at gerrirwebb@gmail.com.
Learn

Monday Night Men’s Group: 7-8:30pm, Mondays, third floor. Senior Pastor Pete James with Rev. Ed Dawkins, Steve Garner, and Phil Kratovil. All men are welcome for large group Bible study and small group fellowship and discussion. For more info: viennapres.org/men

May at the Movies: VPC Women: watch Anna Karenina, then come discuss with us! Tuesday, May 28, 9:30-11:30am, 3rd floor or Monday, June 3, 7-8:30pm, room 109. Childcare available Tuesday morning with advanced registration.

Becoming an Irresistible Person:
PostNet Store, 320 Maple Ave. West, Vienna 12-1pm, Wednesdays, May 29, June 5, June 12

Christianity Explored:
Vienna Presbyterian Church
Wednesdays: 12-1pm, 2nd floor conference room
May 29, June 5, 12, 19, 26
Wednesdays: 7-8:15pm, 2nd floor conference room
May 29, June 5, 12, 19, 26
Mondays: 10-11:30am, room 205, childcare with advanced registration. Cost: $10 per course (includes workbook/study guide) Register online at: bridgepointconnections.org/discussiongroups.php
For more information, contact 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. GriefShare@viennapres.org

This summer GriefShare is being offered at Whole Word Fellowship located on Vale Road in Oakton, Tuesday evenings, 7–9pm, June 4–September 3 (no meeting July 30). It is better to attend all 13 sessions, but not essential, as each one is valuable in itself. Cost is only $15 for the workbook. For information or to sign up, call or email Pat Williams, GriefShare facilitator, at 703.786.4954 or pat_williams2@verizon.net

Passages: For those going through separation or divorce. Next session will begin on Tuesday September 24. Contact Romey McPherson at 703.244.6422 or 703.478.9784.

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.

Stephen Ministry: a one-on-one, distinctively Christian, caring, confidential ministry. Stephen Ministers care for people facing a difficult time or life transition. They are not professional counselors, but they are more than well-intentioned friends. They use both words and deeds to express Christ’s care and love for others.

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

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No 11am Sunday school or choir practice today.

Enjoy the Memorial Day weekend and Viva Vienna!

Middle and High School Sunday Youth Services

No AM Underground or PM youth groups today.

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.


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.

What We Believe:

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

Our Mission:

Becoming Like Christ Together for the World

Vienna Presbyterian Church