Sermon Series: Life Is Messy

Like a Little Child

Luke 18:15-17

July 14, 2013
The opening line of today’s scripture, Luke 18: 15-17, centers us on today’s theme “What Jesus says about children.” The scene is set with the following words, “One day, some parents brought their children to Jesus.” 

"Hear Our Praises" today’s opening song, places its emphasis on a lifestyle of praise. Its opening words, “May our homes be filled with dancing, may our streets be filled with praise,” is an appropriate way to bring our children to Christ.

Prelude
For Those Tears I Died

Hear Our Praises
May our homes be filled with dancing, May our streets be filled with joy; May injustice bow to Jesus, As the people turn to pray.

Chorus: From the mountains to the valley, Hear our praises rise to You; From the heavens to the nations, Hear our singing fill the air.

May our light shine in the darkness, As we walk before the cross; May Your glory fill the whole earth, As the water o’er the seas. (Chorus, 2x)

Hallelujah! (Repeat 8 times) (Chorus 2x)

Prayer of Adoration
Responsive (from Psalm 34)

Come my children, and listen to me, And I will teach you to fear the Lord. I will praise the Lord at all times. I will constantly speak His Praises. I will boast only in the Lord; Let all who are helpless take heart. Come, let us tell of the Lord’s greatness; Let us exalt His name together.

Children of the Heavenly Father
Children of the Heavenly Father, Safely in His bosom gather Nestling bird nor star in heaven, Such a refuge e’er was given God His own doth tend and nourish, In His holy courts they flourish From all evil things He spares them, In His mighty arms He bears them Neither life nor death shall ever, From the Lord His children sever Unto them His grace He showeth, And their sorrows all He knoweth Though He giveth or He taketh, God His children ne’er forsaketh His the loving purpose solely, To preserve them pure and holy Lo, their very hairs He numbers, And no daily care encumbers Them that share His ev’ry blessing, And His help in woes distressing Praise the Lord in joyful numbers, Your Protector never slumbers At the will of your Defender, Ev’ry foe man must surrender.

Please request large-print hymnals from ushers.
Assistive listening devices are available in the balcony from the Sound Technician.
Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Loving God, you are a holy parent to us all, like a nurturing Mother and a protective Father. We praise you for adopting us as your children, and making us sons and daughters of eternal life through your Son Jesus Christ, who has freed us from our sins. Yet, we still fail to love you with all our hearts or to love others or to thank you and serve you as we should. Pardon us and make us clean, as forgiven members of your Son Jesus, in whom we have salvation. Amen.

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song; This Cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease! My Comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the power of Christ in me; From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny. No power of hell, no scheme of man, Can ever pluck me from His hand; Till He returns or calls me home, Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

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Baptism (9:30)  Hosik Yoo

Offertory  Drew Kudrick
Old Rugged Cross  Traditional

During the Offertory, please pass the Friendship Pad.

Gloria Patri

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Cornerstone  Hillsong

My hope is built on nothing less, than Jesus blood and righteousness. I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly trust in Jesus name.

Chorus: Christ alone; cornerstone. Weak made strong; in the Saviour's love Through the storm, He is Lord. Lord of all.

When darkness seems to hide His face, I rest on His unchanging grace. In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil, My anchor holds within the veil. (Chorus, 2x)

When He shall come with trumpet sound, oh, may I then in Him be found; Dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless stand before the throne.

Benediction

Postlude  Recessional  Grayston Ives

The flowers in the sanctuary are given by Ed & Eileen Roccella and Denny & Karen Schillings in loving memory of Andrew Roccella and Corinne Schillings on their 36th birthdays.
Welcome

Opening Prayer

Children Sing
   Stand Together
   Soon and Very Soon
   Stand Strong

Congregational Song
   We Fall Down

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon
   Stan Ott
   Loving God, you are a holy parent to us all, like a nurturing Mother and a protective Father. We praise you for adopting us as your children and making us sons and daughters of eternal life through your Son, Jesus Christ, who has freed us from our sins. Yet, we still fail to love you with all our hearts or to love others or to thank you and serve you as we should. Pardon us and make us clean, as forgiven members of your Son Jesus, in whom we have salvation. Amen.

Video of the Week

Memory Verses

Offertory Prayer

Offertory

Come, Thou Almighty King

Sermon
   Dawn Geschiere

Prayer

Congregational Song
   Stand Together

Benediction

Postlude

A huge thanks to God for our VBS Kingdom Rock Director, Elaine Wright! Elaine has directed VBS for the past 6 years; she is a wonderful leader who works tirelessly to run a God-glorifying VBS.

   Thank you, Elaine, you are a gift!

The flowers in the sanctuary are given by Ed & Eileen Roccella and Denny & Karen Schillings in loving memory of Andrew Roccella and Corinne Schillings on their 36th birthdays.
Just shy of 300 children joined us on an epic adventure that empowers kids to stand strong! Here, God’s victorious power isn’t a fairy tale—it changes kids forever. Kingdom Rock VBS was designed to meet the needs of children aged 4 - rising 3rd grade. The camp included: Epic Bible Adventures (drama), Creation Station (hands-on projects), Sing and Play Rock (music), The King’s Kitchen (snacks), and Tournament Games.

Thank you, Jennifer Zicht, Matt Torres, Jonathan Harper, James Trent, and the 130 parent and teenage volunteers. Your patience, care, and love of our children shone through this week. Thank you, thank you!

Also, big thanks to Phil Kratovil and his team of Welcome Warriors. And thank you to Doug LeMaster and Bert Webb for their parking lot finesse.

VBS was a wonderful week. We look forward to next year! And until then we will

Stand Strong for God!
Grieving: the family of Ed Miller

Hospitalized: Jean Kriebel; Maeve & Lydia Lowell; Cassie Jackson's cousin Ashyn (12) and her brother; Stan Ott's friend April; Courtney Sweeten's friend Sally; Rachel Will's friend Foster

Facing Tests or Surgery: Dana Burnette

Ill or Convalescing: Carol Adcock; Tom Addams; Jack Barmby; Beverly Bender; Chuck Garland; Kyle Hard; Myrna Ives; Brenda Klimavicz; Julia Kuykendall; Katherine Masyn; Andy Mitchell; Amy Moir; Audrey Neeson; Elsa Norris; Sabrina Remy (3); Roxanne Rutledge; Jane Seeman; Roger Simmons; Al Talamantes; Francis Viscount (VPC-supported missionary); Alice Winters (former missionary to Colombia supported by VPC); Roger Woodin; Carol Yates

Homebound: Frank Blasdell

Family and Friends: Jonathan Ashbeck's friend Gene; Chuck & Donna Bertsch's friend Tom; Dee Burns' brother John; Ruth Anne Buterbaugh's cousin; William Buterbaugh's sister-in-law; Katherine Carlsson & family; Suzanne Carpenter's friend Mary; Lamar Collier's cousin Jeff; Sandra Crippen's brother; Arayanna Darst's friends Kathy, Mary & family, and Maryanne & Vern (Hospice) & daughter Paula; Joe Darst's sister Dee; Denny Davis; Sandi Davis' 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 Beth, Betsy and Lois; Mary Flounlacker's father; Charles Geschiere's father; Lisa Gibb's father; Bonnie Grouge's first father-in-law, Allan Kerr (Hospice); Chuck Hermanek's friend Millie; Avice Hill's brother Neil; Bob Hill's sister Lois Ann; Michelle Jones's friend Paulette; Karen Dunlop & Neil Kemple's friend Mike; Valerie King's brother-in-law Danny; Julie Knight's brother Jim; Phil Kratovil's friend Sean; Megan Kritsky's friend Craig; Shun Ling's sister; Yvonne Malloy's godson Charlie (2-1/2); Katherine Masyn's brother-in-law; Janet McKechnie's daughter-in-law; Ginny Paul's friend Lindsey; Betty Rahal's sister; Baker & Jane Richard's friends Dale and Pat; Carolyn Sassano's mother (Parmer Battin); Randy Schumacher's friend Robert; Jane Sibley's brother Jack; Bev Stream's goddaughter; Shannon Swift's friend Shelley; Ronnie Taylor; Pamela Vining's mother and friends Caden(2) and family; Joshua (12) and Peter; Roger Waldron's mother; Karen Williams's friend Lauren; Ken Workman's father-in-law, Bob Neal; Daryl Wright's father; Caitlin; Sarah

Other: Roger Wagner's friends, the Wight family; Cynthia; Jeff & family

Please hold in prayer the folks on SMPs this week: (Pittsburgh 7/15-19) Jim Bird, Mark & Lindsay Bragaw, April Clark, Porter Coggleshall, Caiden Cordeau, Allison Costner, Bryan Covell, Steve & Michelle Dirks, Jonathan Driver, Dave Dzwonczyk, Daniel Fahringer, Norris Gallagher, Andrew Hanner, Katherine Holmes, Meredith Huffman, Sara Huffstutler, Makenna Jenkins, Grace Kniceley, Arleigh Kritsky, Erica Landry, Niki LeJune, Anthony Maggio, Kyla McCallum, Marie, Emelie & Mark McElroy, Betsy Merritt, Caitlyn Michalski, Libby Mosher, Melissa Olson, Robert Purnell, Alexa Rebibo, Gabrielle Ricciuti, Matthew Shields, Kelsey Smith, Kim Snyder, Kate Springsteen, Molly Stegman, Bob & Kate Taylor, Kelly Thomson, Tori Traxler, Caroline Turner, Alden & Bayliss Wagner, Pam & Greg Waldron, Jeffrey Ware, Ashley Whitescarver, Ian & Nathan Wright and for the safe return of the trips to Mexico (today) and Haiti (7/16)

Congratulations to: Lynn Alexander & Rob Lewandowski, who were married at VPC on June 29. Lynn is the daughter of Tom & Joanne Alexander.


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.
It’s easy to think that summertime slows activity at VPC, but nothing could be further from the truth! Ministry during the summer just looks different. Keep up with the Summer Mission Projects, children’s camps, and other ways that VPC is alive with activity.

Visit viennapres.org/spotlight to see Christ’s mission in action!
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: Today, 11am, rm 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.

Wednesday Night Worship Service

July 17 & 31

7:30-9pm

Great Hall

Young Adults
College Students
Graduating

Student Ministries
Summer Adventures with Codie & Dave

Rising 7th graders to rising college freshmen

Underground Hangouts: Thursdays, 2-5pm, through August 8. Arcade games and lounges open; snacks will be available. Taco Bell runs, Bible studies, etc.

Day Trips: Registration and current VPC Student Ministries release form required.

July 24: Nats Game
July 31: Progressive Day Trip

Register at vpcstudents.org

Feel free to contact:
Codie Todd at codie.todd@viennapres.org
or Dave Dzwonczyk at dave.dzwonczyk@viennapres.org
General Announcements

**Summer Building Access:** Please use the parking lot doors for all evening activities. Church Street doors will remain open until 3pm; Park Street doors will remain open until 5pm. Please contact Mary Monie at mary.monie@viennapres.org with any concerns.

**Stock Donations:** For information about stock donations please contact Julie Headley at 703.938.9050 x120, julie.headley@viennapres.org or Doug LeMasters at x119, doug.lemasters@viennapres.org.

**Serve**

*Bethany Women's Center and Alternative House* need our support this summer! Easy-to-prepare recipes and sign-up sheet are located outside the kitchen door. Questions? Contact Cindy Alls, 703.222.3657.

**ESOL:** Co-teachers, assistants, and helpers needed for evening classes, starting Sept. 17. No need to speak another language – only a heart to help our adult immigrants learn English. Contact Bonnie Grouge: bonnie.grouge@viennapres.org

**Deacon Agape Team Request:** Local families are in need of adult-sized diapers for their children with severe disabilities. If you are able, please donate either adult-sized diapers or gift cards to CVS or a local grocery store. Donations may be dropped off at the church office in care of Sue Hamblen. For additional information, please contact Linda Gabris at llgabris@verizon.net

**Gather your stash!** Clear your yarn by crocheting, knitting, or weaving an adult hat for the Lamb Center. You can choose the style, but make it warm. Turn in hats at the office by Sept. 8. Contact Laura Macqueen, lmacqueen10@gmail.com or Sue Hamblen at sue.hamblen@viennapres.org

Connect

**Dog Wash:** Tuesday, July 16, 9am-noon! All rising 4th- through 7th-graders are invited to help out. Donations will support *Stop Hunger Now*. Walk-ins are welcome or rsvp by registering at http://doodle.com/e2rpg2vc975mfym or contact Daryl Wright at daryl.wright@viennapres.org or 703.938.9050 x126.

**New to the Neighborhood? Newcomers’ Dinner:** July 16, 6-8pm, Great Hall. Get answers to the important questions, like: Where is the best ice cream? Chipotle vs Anita’s? Are the Vienna Inn chili dogs really that good? Shannon Jordan for more info: shannon.jordan@viennapres.org

**SWATT (Christian Fellowship for Seniors 55+):** Luncheon, Wednesday, July 17. Lt. Col. Robert Darling, USMC (Ret.), author of *24 Hours Inside the President's Bunker: 9-11-01*, will be our guest speaker. Come at noon for hors d'oeuvres, followed by potluck luncheon in the Great Hall, 12:30. We welcome newcomers! No reservation required. Bring a friend and a dish for 8 to share.

**Widow and Widowers Luncheon:** Saturday, July 20, noon. P.J. Skidoos Restaurant, 9908 Fairfax Blvd. Fairfax. Contact Stan King at 703.281.0825.

Friendship Class Drivers Needed: A few of our Friendship Class members are in need of rides to/from church. Please contact Susan Kenney at skenney201@gmail.com or Lee.taylor@viennapres.org

A driver and back-up driver are needed for each of the following:

- Falls Church (Leesburg Pike): 1st, 4th and 5th Sunday – Pickup at 9am and take home at 10:30am
- Annandale: 5th Sunday – Pickup only at 9:00 am
- Fairfax: 3rd Sunday – Pickup only at 9:00 am
- Merrifield-Falls Church: 5th Sunday – Take home only at 10:30 am
Staff Updates

VPC welcomes Missy Whittington as our new Staff Accountant. Missy has been a member of VPC since 2009. She has been involved with Gifts from the Heart; ESOL; Growing Your Soul; and the Germany Pilgrimage in 2010.

Missy is a lifelong resident of Vienna. Pastor Pete James officiated her wedding ceremony in 1984 to college sweetheart Richard Whittington. They have since renewed their vows in the chapel.

Missy has a BS in Finance from Virginia Tech. She comes to VPC from ICF International as an Accountant. She currently serves as the Varsity Softball Head Coach at Marshall High School and Financial Manager at Richard Whittington, DDS.

Her favorite saying: "If we have Christ as our common denominator, everything else is easy!"

VPC would like to thank Barb Jones for her years of dedicated service. Barb’s creativity, humor, and intelligence will be sorely missed! God’s blessing on her new endeavors.

Communications transition team will be Kelly Miller and Megan Kritsky. They can be reached at communications@viennapres.org

VPC would also like to congratulate Barry Hill on his decision to attend seminary full-time in September. We will miss Barry’s large presence in the Underground and wish him well!

Student Ministries transition team will be Kim Snyder kim.snyder@viennapres.org and Thea Jeschke, thea.jeschke@viennapres.org

Staff Openings: Facilities & Building Security Staff (evening) needed. This is a permanent, 20-33 hour per week, non-exempt position. Please go to viennapres.org/jointhestaff for a full job description. Resume and cover letter may be sent to Mary Monie at mary.monie@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. Fall session will begin Sunday, September 8, 6:00-7:30 pm. GriefShare@viennapres.org

This summer GriefShare is being offered at Whole Word Fellowship located on Vale Road in Oakton, Tuesday evenings, 7–9pm, through September 3 (no meeting July 30). Cost: $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 703.478.9794.

Christian Cancer Companions: Contact Rita Lockwood at 703.573.6168.

Widows Dinner Group: 3rd Monday each month. Contact Betty Little at 703.281.4118.

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.
Look for your invitation from Shannon Jordan, at shannon.jordan@viennapres.org

Growing Your Soul

In its seventh year at VPC.
If you haven’t heard about it, you need to.
An intensive nine-month small group experience of communion and spiritual formation.

More information: www.viennapres.org/GYS

An application and assessment are required.

Application deadline for Fall 2013: August 10

Celebration on the Green (All-Church Picnic)

September 8, 1-5pm, at VPC & the Town Green

Music, Food, & Games for all ages

Remember the Dunk Tank... yeah, we’ve got that!

More information or to volunteer sharon.lewis1@cox.net
Children's Room Assignments - Summer Schedule

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Student Ministries (Middle School/High School—Lower Level): through July 31, 9:30-10:30am: Sunday School; Youth Groups: Enjoy your summer. For info on summer hang-outs, see page 8!

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.

Partners With Christ: Currently on summer hiatus. Join us in the fall!

11am

Apprentices Class: On summer break. See you in September to discuss Henri Nouwen’s The Return of the Prodigal Son. All are welcome. Elaine Ryan, 703.470.1338 or Isaiah122elaine@aol.com.

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

Plugged In: Enjoy the summer; see you in September! Shannon Jordan at Shannon.jordan@viennapres.org or 703.938.9050 x123.

ESOL: Currently on summer break. Join us in the fall!

What We Believe:

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