Vienna Presbyterian Church
A Disciple-Making Community

Sermon Series: Life Is Messy

Signs from God

Luke 11:29-32

July 28, 2013
Today we are talking about what Jesus says about signs. Dealing with the questions and demands of a pressing crowd, Jesus responds with these words of today’s Scripture lesson: “What happens to the Son of Man will be a sign to these people that he was sent by God.” Luke 11:30b

Prelude

All the Diamonds

Bruce Cockburn

Jonathan and Amy Lochhaas

Welcome

Congregational Call to Worship

Pastor: Because of His great love for us, God who is rich in mercy, Made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions. It is by grace you have been saved.

People: Thank you, Father, for Your amazing love.

Pastor: This is how God showed His love among us: He sent His one and only Son into the world that we might live through Him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son As an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

People: Thank you, Father, for Your amazing love.

And Can It Be

And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Savior’s blood? Died He for me, who caused His pain? For me, who Him to death pursued? Amazing Love! How can it be, that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me? Amazing Love! How can it be, that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in Him is mine! Alive in Him, my living Head, And clothed in righteousness divine. Bold I approach the eternal throne And claim the crown, thro’ Christ my own. Amazing Love! How can it be, that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

My Savior’s Love

I stand amazed in the presence of Jesus, the Nazarene, And wonder how He could love me, A sinner, condemned, unclean. How marvelous, How wonderful! And my song shall ever be: How marvelous, How wonderful! Is my Savior’s love for me!

He took my sins and my sorrows; He made them His very own. He bore the burden to Calvary, and suffered and died alone. How marvelous, How wonderful! And my song shall ever be: How marvelous, How wonderful! Is my Savior’s love for me!
Here Is Love

Here is love vast as the ocean, loving kindness as a flood,
When the prince of life our ransom shed for us His precious blood.
Who His love will not remember? Who can cease to sing His praise?
He can never be forgotten throughout heaven’s eternal days.

On the mount of crucifixion, fountains opened deep and wide.
Through the flood gates of God’s mercy flowed a vast and gracious tide.
Grace and love like mighty rivers flowed incessant from above.
And heaven’s peace and perfect justice kissed a guilty world in love.

Who His love will not remember? Who can cease to sing His praise?
He can never be forgotten throughout heaven’s eternal days.

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

A Thousand Tongues

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer’s praise,
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace.

Jesus, the Name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrow cease.
’Tis music in the sinner’s ears. ’Tis life and health and peace.

Chorus: Jesus, You’re the Name above all names, Jesus, Lamb of God.
Jesus, You’re the King of salvation: Who was and is to come.

He breaks the pow’r of cancelled sin, He sets the pris’ner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean, His blood availed for me.

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of Your name. Chorus

Who was and is to come,
Who was and is to come.

Prayers of the People (8:00)

Children’s Message (9:30) Beth Crowder

Minute for Witness Rick Gow

Offertory Thou Hidden Font of Love
During the Offertory, please pass the Friendship Pad.

Flor Peeters

Doxology

Scripture
Luke 11:29-32

Sermon: Signs from God Pete James

How Great Thou Art, #467

Benediction

Postlude Psalm 96 Jonathan Lochhaas
Grieving: Dave Gifford (sister); the family of Linda Hunt (former member); the family of Jean Kriebel; the family of Roger Nichols; Kamal & Greg Rahal (brother/uncle)

Hospitalized: Barbara Entwistle; Cassie Jackson’s cousin Ashlyn (12) and her brother; Stan Ott’s friend April; A.K. Scott’s friend Nettie (14); Barbara Spiller’s friend Lena; Courtney Sweeten’s friend Sally

Facing Tests or Surgery: Dana Burnette; Barbara Spiller’s friend Paula

Ill or Convalescing: Carol Adcock; Tom Addams; Jack Barmby; Beverly Bender; Chuck Garland; Kyle Hard; Thelma Haslam; Myrna Ives; Julia Kuykendall; Maeve & Lydia Lowell; Katherine Masyn; Andy Mitchell; Amy Moir; Audrey Neeeson; Elsa Norris; Walter Potts; Sabrina Remy (3); Jane Seeman; Roger Simmons; Al Talamantes; Francis Viscout (VPC-supported missionary); Alice Winters (former missionary to Colombia supported by VPC); Roger Woodin; Carol Yates

Homebound: Scott Forrester

Family and Friends: Jonathan Ashbeck’s friend Gene; 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; Barbara & Grady Carlson’s daughter Ashley; Mike Viola;-unused daughter; Suzanne Carpenter’s friend Mary; Lamar Collier’s cousin Jeff; Sandra Crippen’s brother; Arayanna Darst’s friends Kathy, Mary & family, Maryanne & Vern (Hospice) & daughter Paula; Joe Darst’s sister Dee; 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 Sally

Praise God for the life of Elizabeth Mayes, who turns 96 on July 30.


Other: Roger Wagner’s friends, the Wight family; Cynthia; Jeff & family; Crossroads-Connection (formerly Haymarket Crossroads Mission); peaceful resolution of the conflicts in Africa and the Middle East; the people across the US hit hard by tornadoes, Hurricane Sandy, fire and other natural disasters; persecuted Christians in Egypt, Iraq, Pakistan and the Sudan

Congratulations to: Rebekah Wagner & Stephen Nyakairu, who were married at VPC on July 20. We also congratulate William & Julie Byrd on the birth of Aubrey Grayce Byrd on July 10.

Please also pray for Music and Drama (MAD) Camp (7/29-8/2) at VPC.
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: August 11, 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.

Block Party

September 8, 10:45am-3pm, at VPC & the Town Green

Worship Services:
8am & 9:30am ONLY

Come casual to church so you won’t miss a minute!
Stay for Music & Games for all ages.
Food catered by Vienna Inn!

Check out the wreck-n ball and challenger inflatables games, magic show, face-painting, balloon magic, couch races, dunk tank, and more!

More information or to volunteer: sharon.lewis1@cox.net
General Announcements

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

Serve

Childcare: Do you enjoy taking care of toddlers? Sunday volunteers needed in the nursery at all services. Please contact Phyllis Swenson, Sunday Nursery Supervisor, at phyllis.swenson@viennapres.org.

The Children’s Music Ministry is looking for help! Two of our choirs, Junior Choir (4th, 5th, and 6th grades) and our kindergarten/first grade choir, are in need of directors. If you can help in these areas, or know someone to recommend, please contact Lance, at lance.vining@viennapres.org or 703.938.9050.

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 lgbabis@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 by Sept. 8 near the office. Contact Laura Macqueen at lmacqueen10@gmail.com or Sue Hamblen at sue.hamblen@viennapres.org

The Blue Ribbon School Supply Drive is starting again! There are students in our own community who can't afford school supplies. So while you buy your own, pick up a few extra for a student in need! Find information cards and collection boxes in the narthex. Come pack up the supplies on August 18, 9am, Great Hall. Contact Maria Abdullah at abdullahva@yahoo.com for additional information or to volunteer.

Friendship Class Drivers Needed: A few members are in need of rides to/from church. Please contact Susan Kenney at skenney201@gmail.com or Lee Taylor at lee.taylor@viennapres.org to learn how you can help!

Connect

Student Ministries Day Trips: Progressive Day Trip, July 31. Register at vpcstudents.org. Feel free to contact Codie Todd at codie.todd@viennapres.org or Dave Dzwonczyk at dave.dzwonczyk@viennapres.org. Rising 7th graders to rising college freshmen.


SWATT (Christian Fellowship for Seniors 55+): Luncheon, Wednesday, August 14. Michael Kelly from the National Park Service will speak to us about the origin of the city of Washington and its adornment of cherry trees and monuments. Hospitality begins at noon followed by potluck luncheon in the Great Hall, 12:30. No reservation required. Bring a friend and a dish for 8 to share.

USEFUL TALENT #92

SIMULTANEOUS WALKING AND TALKING

SERVING IN THE CHILDREN’S MINISTRY TAKES TALENT

PUT YOUR MULTI-TASKING SKILLS TO WORK. VOLUNTEER AS A SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER OR ASSISTANT.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THIS OPPORTUNITY AND OTHERS, CONTACT DAWN GESCHIERE AT dawn.geschiere@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.

Learn

Monday Night Men's Group Summer Mini-Series
Stories of Faith, Worship Experiences: A time to celebrate, share, and learn. Come share your faith stories and your worship experiences. July 22 through August 12. All guys are welcome for any or all of these four Monday nights: 7pm, 3rd floor, pizza/drinks. Questions/RSVP, connect with Ed Dawkins at Reved1@aol.com

Stephen Ministry Forum: You are invited to attend a forum on “Ministering to Those Who Have Lost a Job” led by Chris Dowell. Wednesday, August 14, 7pm, rooms 322/323.

Growing Your Soul: An intensive nine-month small group experience of communion and spiritual formation. More information at viennapres.org/GYS Application deadline for fall 2013 is August 10.

Make a difference with your summer reading:

Soul Detox, by Craig Groeschel

Two discussion group options:
Mondays: 7-8:30pm, August 5-26
Tuesdays: 10-11:30am, August 6-27

Books by Craig Groeschel available at Grapevine Books.

Childcare available on Tuesdays with advance registration! Contact Shannon Jordan at shannon.jordan@viennapres.org for additional information.
Sunday Mornings at VPC

Children’s Room Assignments - Summer Schedule

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Student Ministries (Middle School/High School—Lower Level):
Today, July 28, 9:30-10:30: Sunday School; Youth Groups: Enjoy your summer.

Adult Education Classes

9:30am
Beyond Basics: Discuss 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, Jamison and Andrea Strahan. 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.