Vienna Presbyterian Church
Sanctuary
8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 am

April 1, 2018
Message from Pete

Ask yourself, “So what difference does this make in my life?”

Easter offers a new beginning...an opportunity to make a new plan, to go a different way, not because you have to... but rather in response to the lavish love of God. You find yourselves wanting to know more about Jesus and about God’s plan for you.

At VPC, we aren’t interested in setting up a whole bunch of rules for you to follow or asking you to behave in a certain way to earn the approval of others. We are learning through various means and practices about Jesus...who he was...what he said and did...and trying to apply that to our real, everyday lives.

Our lives can be better as a result. Not always easier or happier, but richer and more meaningful. That’s God’s promise.

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” - Jeremiah 29:11

Peter James, Pastor

Easter Lilies were provided by the following: Dana Abrahamsen, in loving memory of Ruth & Fred Abrahamsen; Dwight Avis, Jr., in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Dwight Avis ; Jeanne Bingham, in loving memory of her parents, Evelyn & Allen Bingham; Douglas & Susan Boehm, in loving memory of their parents; Harry & Cat Campbell in memory of Harry, Mary & Heather Campbell and Paul & Pauline Angelo; Carol Cannon, in loving memory of David Cannon; Arnold & Doris Chow, in loving memory of Victor & Duett Chin; Linda Colbert, in loving memory of Jane & Rodger Seeman; Chris & Gwen Corridon, in loving memory of Sylvia Bergert & Jim Corridon; Brent & Mai Duckworth, in loving memory of Nghia Nguyen; Julie Dunwoody, in honor of my father Rev. James David Ford; Jacquie Garland & family, in loving memory of Chuck; Chuck Hermanek, in memory of Mr. & Mrs. John Hermanek; Sharon & Henry Hopkins, in memory of their parents and his sister, Peggy; luree James and Lee, Wendy, Carol and Alison, in loving memory of Phil James; Shirley, David, Daniel & Austin Leedy, in loving memory of Donald J. Leedy; Gretchen Major, in loving memory of Don; Elaine Meyer, in memory of Elizabeth Mooney Valentine; Kate & Chet Lund, in memory of Bryan Smilie; Karen Scoggins, in loving memory of Melanie Monica Crotty; Pamela Sellars, in memory of her parents, Marcella & Samuel T. Dickens; Daniel Siridavong and Nadia Randall, in memory of Thongthip Siridavong and Mr. & Mrs. Inthuvong; Ginny & Olivia Smoot, in memory of Aubrey & Nancy Lee Smoot; Judith Stover, in memory of Mr & Mrs. Ralph Stover; Pam Thrasher, in memory of Jane Pruitt; Jim & Kris Vincent, in honor of their marriage; Jayne & Joe Young, in loving memory of Bonnie & Joe Your, Virginia Paisley and Ralph Paisley.
Worship

Prelude            Gloria            Cathedral Brass

Anthem            Choir, Brass and Percussion
Thine Be the Glory (from 1 Corinthians 15)  Cope

Call to Worship:
Leader:  When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with the immortality, then the saying that is written will come true:
People:  “Death has been swallowed up in Victory.”
Leader:  “Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?”
All:  Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.
Leader:  CHRIST IS RISEN
All:  HE IS RISEN INDEED!

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today, #123  EASTER HYMN
Christ Is Risen, He Is Risen Indeed  Cash/Getty
Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon  Glenda Simpkins Hoffman

O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer
Children’s Message  Kim Snyder
Offering  Sanctuary Choir
Et ressurexit  Bach

Scripture
Luke 24:1-12

Sermon
The Difference Easter Makes  Peter James

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.

Hallelujah Chorus  Handel

Benediction

Postlude  Cathedral Brass
Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
Connecting at VPC

New Member Classes: Our next membership class begins April 8. This is an opportunity to learn about our church and what it means to unite with a local body of believers. We will explore what it means to be a part of VPC’s mission of *Becoming like Christ Together for the World* on Sundays April 8, 15, and 22, from 10:45am to 12:00 noon in the Great Hall. Each of our pastors will address one of three commitments to the person of Christ, the body of Christ, and the work of Christ. It is a way for you to deepen your commitment to Christ and His church. For additional information, contact Sally Mitchell at sally.mitchell@viennapres.org.

Fight Night: Fight night is for couples of any age or stage. Drs. Les and Leslie Parrott authentic master communicators will be here LIVE on Friday, April 20, at 7:00pm. Couples will laugh while they learn new ways to instantly improve relationship. Don’t miss it! Register or Volunteer: viennapres.org/fightnight

Welcome to our guests today. After the service, please pick up your free copy of *The Case for Easter* by Lee Strobel from the Welcome table.

"Neither death, nor ____, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, not things present, nor thing to ____,

nor height, nor ____, nor any other ______, shall be able to ______ us from the ___ of God."

Romans 8:38-39

Directions

1. Fill in the blanks with these words: life, come, depth, creature, separate, love
2. During the children’s message, you will get a special heart to remember God’s love.
3. Listen to the sermon. You will be asked to do something with your heart to help the pastor with the message!

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