

Come As You Are!

The Lord has the power to change lives and the world!

"I am the way and the truth and the life."

John 14:6

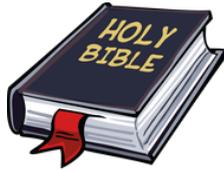
Worship: Sunday at 12 Noon

With Child Care and Sunday School

Dorotheergasse 16, 1010 Vienna

We are a Bible-based, English-speaking,
international, interdenominational, ecumenical,
friendly and welcoming community.

Pastor: Dr. Gábor Lassu



Bible Reading

1 Samuel 4:1-11 (NIV) The Philistines Capture the Ark

1 Now the Israelites went out to fight against the Philistines. The Israelites camped at Ebenezer, and the Philistines at Aphek. **2** The Philistines deployed their forces to meet Israel, and as the battle spread, Israel was defeated by the Philistines, who killed about four thousand of them on the battlefield. **3** When the soldiers returned to camp, the elders of Israel asked, “Why did the Lord bring defeat on us today before the Philistines? Let us bring the ark of the Lord’s covenant from Shiloh, so that he may go with us and save us from the hand of our enemies.” **4** So the people sent men to Shiloh, and they brought back the ark of the covenant of the Lord Almighty, who is enthroned between the cherubim. And Eli’s two sons, Hophni and Phinehas, were there with the ark of the covenant of God. **5** When the ark of the Lord’s covenant came into the camp, all Israel raised such a great shout that the ground shook. **6** Hearing the uproar, the Philistines asked, “What’s all this shouting in the Hebrew camp?” When they learned that the ark of the Lord had come into the camp, **7** the Philistines were afraid. “A god has come into the camp,” they said. “Oh no! Nothing like this has happened before. **8** We’re doomed! Who will deliver us from the hand of these mighty gods? They are the gods who struck the Egyptians with all kinds of plagues in the wilderness. **9** Be strong, Philistines! Be men, or you will be subject to the Hebrews, as they have been to you. Be men, and fight!” **10** So the Philistines fought, and the Israelites were defeated and every man fled to his tent. The slaughter was very great; Israel lost thirty thousand foot soldiers. **11** The ark of God was captured, and Eli’s two sons, Hophni and Phinehas, died.

Sermon Notes

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

10 March 2019

11:55 A.M. SILENT MEDITATION

Gathering in God's Presence

Prelude

Choral Invocation

Greeting

Tomasz Piętak

VCC Choir

Pastor Gábor

● Call to Worship

Pastor: Wipe away every failing and make us new in your sight.

All: Restore us, deliver us, and re-create us, O Lord.

● Opening Hymn "Blessed Assurance" #543

● Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Gracious God, you know the difficult challenges we face. Forgive us when we wander away from your guidance. Reclaim us when we seek other gods that lead to our own destruction. Guide us back to you that we may rest in your shelter. Strengthen our resolve that we may courageously resist the temptations that blind us to your love. In hope and trust, we pray. Amen

● Declaration of Forgiveness

Pastor: Hear, then, the good news of the Gospel:

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

● Passing the Peace

Pastor: The Peace of the Lord be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us extend the Peace of Christ to one another.

Time with the Children

"Jesus loves me! This I know"

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Hearing the Word of God

Special Music “*The Lord Bless You and Keep you*” John Rutter VCC Choir

Bible Reading 1 Samuel 4:1-11 (NIV) Louise Pickart

Sermon “Great Bible Stories Series” Pastor Gábor

Responding to God's Word

● **Responding Hymn** “*Here I am, Lord*” #452

Offering

● **Doxology** #46

Pastoral Prayer

Silent Prayers

● **The Lord's Prayer (in your own language)**

Closing

Welcome and Congregational News

● **Closing Hymn** “*Nearer, My God, to Thee*” #577 v.1-3

● **Benediction**

● **Congregational Amen** #312

● **Dismissal**

Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

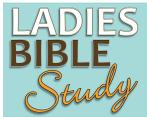
Postlude

Tomasz Pięta

What's happening

PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE: <http://viennacommunitychurch.com>

Unless otherwise stated, all events take place at the Meeting Point,
39/3 Untere Donaustraße, 1020 Vienna



TUESDAY, March 12th at 10am

Ladies' Morning Bible Study hosted by Tertia Behr
Event with Sarah Udoh-Grossfurthner - see insert



WEDNESDAY, March 13th at 6.30pm

Film Night - Hidden Figures



THURSDAY, March 14th at 7pm

College & Career Group

Hosted by Francesca Lim, Reinier & Noelanie Coetzer
vccyoungadults@viennacommunitychurch.com



PRAYER CHAIN: prayer@viennacommunitychurch.com



OUR DAILY DEVOTION: <https://utmost.org>

WELCOME VISITORS/Prayer Request/Volunteer forms

can be found at the ends of the pews. Please print your request clearly and place the completed form in one of the offering baskets. **Thank you!**

BOOK REVIEW

“Do You Think of Your Church as a Country Club?”



“God did not give us local churches to become country clubs where membership means we have privileges and perks. He placed us in churches to serve, to care for others, to pray for leaders, to learn, to teach, to give, and, in some cases to die for the sake of the gospel. Many churches become weak because we have members who have turned the meaning of members upside down. It’s time to get it right. It’s time to become a church member as God intended. It’s time to give instead of being entitled.”

This is how Thom Rainer begins his excellent little book **I Am a Church Member: Discovering the Attitude that Makes the Difference**. Growing out of the research of 557 churches in his denomination from 2004-2012, Rainer issues forth a kind, but firm call to Christians to re-examine their attitude and actions in relation to their local church. Rainer’s goal is biblical. He wants his readers to become functioning, unifying, unselfish, praying members of a local church who also lead their family members to be healthy church members who treasure the precious relationships God has given us in the body of Christ. crosswalk.com



Would You Like to be a Sunday School Teacher?

Dear Church Family! We would like to address everyone our request: we all love our children and would like to provide more continuity and stability in the Sunday School, therefore **we need more teachers and assistance**. If anyone enjoys working with the children, come and join us! Do not hesitate, we warmly welcome you! **Please contact Linda:** linda.bednar@reflex.at

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Funding of VCC comes solely from the gifts of members, friends, and visitors. If you would like to support this congregation's ministry, please put your gift into the offering-basket: envelopes on the pew-racks are provided for your use. **All currencies** are welcome, as are **electronic transfers** to VCC's account:

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at the ERSTE Bank, (Bank Code / BLZ 20111) and **checks (cheques)**. For **U.S.A. tax credit**, please make checks **payable to AFCU (American and Foreign Christian Union)** and write **"Vienna Community Church"** on the **memo line**. Checks may also be **mailed to AFCU, AFCU Treasurer, 2885 Sanford Ave. SW #29934 Grandville, MI 49418 U.S.A.** (note new address)

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If you would like to contact our pastor, you can reach him on: pastor@viennacommunitychurch.com If you have any other questions or like to know more about our church, choir, publications or gatherings, please contact us via email: info@viennacommunitychurch.com

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Goodbye, Auf Wiedersehen, Totsiens, さようなら
Paalam, Tchau, Kwaheri, Viszontlátásra!

*Through Many Cultures, One Faith
We Praise God by Reaching People for Christ!*

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