



**2 June 2019**

## ***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: Psalm 32 (NRSV)

The Joy of Forgiveness

**Of David. A Maskil.**

**1**

Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven,  
whose sin is covered.

**2**

Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity,  
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

**3**

While I kept silence, my body wasted away  
through my groaning all day long.

**4**

For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;  
my strength was dried up[a] as by the heat of summer.*Selah*

**5**

Then I acknowledged my sin to you,  
and I did not hide my iniquity;  
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,"  
and you forgave the guilt of my sin.*Selah*

**6**

Therefore let all who are faithful  
offer prayer to you;  
at a time of distress,[b] the rush of mighty waters  
shall not reach them.

**7**

You are a hiding place for me;  
you preserve me from trouble;  
you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.*Selah*

**8**

I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go;  
I will counsel you with my eye upon you.

**9**

Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding,  
whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle,  
else it will not stay near you.

**10**

Many are the torments of the wicked,  
but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.

**11**

Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous,  
and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

## Sermon Text: Luke 15:11-3

**11** Then Jesus said, “There was a man who had two sons. **12** The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.’ So he divided his property between them. **13** A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. **14** When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. **15** So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. **16** He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. **17** But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! **18** I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; **19** I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.”’ **20** So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. **21** Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ **22** But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. **23** And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; **24** for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate.

**25** “Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. **26** He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. **27** He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.’ **28** Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. **29** But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. **30** But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’ **31** Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. **32** But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’”

# PRAISE AND WORSHIP

2 June 2019

11:55 A.M. SILENT MEDITATION

## Gathering in God's Presence

Prelude

Tomasz Piętak

Greeting

Rev. Dr. Tom Garrison

### ● Call to Worship

Pastor: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;

**All: worship the Lord in the splendour of his holiness.**

- Opening Hymn "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" #2
- Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Holy God, you alone live in perfect relationship, one God in three persons. You have called us to live in your completion, yet we have allowed sin to drive us apart from one another and from you.

Forgive us and restore us,

Draw us close and bind us together in your mercy.

May we long for wholeness and peace,

May we strive toward gratitude and grace

In the saving name of your son, Jesus Christ,

By the working power of your Holy Spirit.

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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Change for Change

## **Hearing the Word of God**

**Special Music:** Solo Sandra Nel, Soprano

**Bible Reading** Psalm 32 (NRSV)

**Sermon** “Joy in the House” Rev. Dr. Tom Garrison

## **Responding to God’s Word**

- **Responding Hymn** “Just As I Am” #339 v.1-3
- **Offering**
- **Glory be to the Father** #35

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Silent Prayers**

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

## **Closing**

**Welcome and Congregational News**

- **Closing Hymn** “Amazing Grace” #546
- **Benediction**
- **Congregational Amen** #312
- **Dismissal**

**Pastor:** Go in peace and serve the Lord.

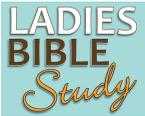
**People:** Thanks be to God.

**Postlude** Tomasz Piętak

# 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, June 4th at 10am**

**Ladies' Morning Bible Study** hosted by Tertia Behr  
The topic is *Fruits of the Spirit*



**WEDNESDAY, June 5th at 6:30pm**

**Film Evening - Amelie**



**THURSDAY, June 6th at 7pm**

**College & Career Group**

Hosted by Francesca Lim, Reinier & Noelanie Coetzer  
[vccyoungadults@viennacommunitychurch.com](mailto:vccyoungadults@viennacommunitychurch.com)



**Pastor Gábor's Farewell Celebration** will be on June 15th at the Meeting Point from 3-6pm. If you are coming, please email your rsvp to:

[fellowship@viennacommunitychurch.com](mailto:fellowship@viennacommunitychurch.com)



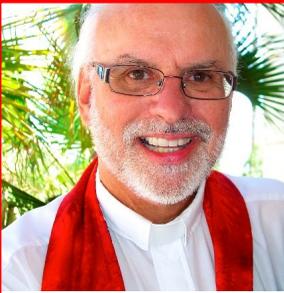
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can be found at the ends of the pews. Please print your request clearly and place the completed form in one of the offering baskets. **Thank you!**



## Summer Guest Pastor Rev. Dr. Tom Garrison

### About Rev. Tom

Reverend Dr. Tom Garrison was our Guest Pastor for three consecutive Sundays in late March and early April. He has kindly agreed to serve as our Guest Pastor throughout the Summer. He retired in 2016 and moved with his wife, Renata, to her hometown Vienna. Rev. Tom is originally from the State of Alabama, having first served in the United States Air Force before following the call to serve God. Educated at Faulkner University, Amridge University, Auburn University, he received his Doctorate from Columbia Theological Seminary in the United States. Rev. Tom holds Ordained standing in two denominations; Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and the United Church of Christ. He has not only served in many churches in the United States and Canada as Senior Pastor or as Interim Pastor, respectively, but also held the position as a Chaplain, taught as an Adjunct Professor, and has counselling experience in grief crises, depression, and conflict. One of his loves is teaching and he has taught at St. George's House, Windsor Castle, England. He has written three books of sermons, his latest is "The Word in other Words". Rev. Tom states that as a Pastor "his journey of faith leads him to the teaching, love and experience of Jesus Christ." He believes that challenges to "the mission of a church ... is to see the church as a vehicle through which all people come to know the redemptive power of God; to see the church as a community of faith, which nurtures, heals and empowers all people; and for the church to be a place of faith, freedom and focus."

*"It is my desire to always speak to the best in people, for in doing so will we encounter God's grace."*

***Please warmly welcome Rev. Tom to the VCC!***

### **How to Donate to the Vienna Community Church**

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)

## **CONTACT US**

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[pastor@viennacommunitychurch.com](mailto: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](mailto:info@viennacommunitychurch.com)

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## **THANK YOU TO ALL SERVING IN WORSHIP**

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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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