



9 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.

Bible Reading: Psalm 104:24-34,35b (NRSV)

24

O Lord, how manifold are your works!
In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.

25

Yonder is the sea, great and wide,
creeping things innumerable are there,
living things both small and great.

26

There go the ships,
and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.

27

These all look to you
to give them their food in due season;

28

when you give to them, they gather it up;
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

29

When you hide your face, they are dismayed;
when you take away their breath, they die
and return to their dust.

30

When you send forth your spirit,[a] they are created;
and you renew the face of the ground.

31

May the glory of the Lord endure forever;
may the Lord rejoice in his works—

32

who looks on the earth and it trembles,
who touches the mountains and they smoke.

33

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

34

May my meditation be pleasing to him,
for I rejoice in the Lord.

35b

Bless the Lord, O my soul.
Praise the Lord!

Sermon Text: Acts 2: 14-32

14 But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. **15** Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. **16** No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

17

'In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.

18

Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.

19

And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

20

The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

21

Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

22 "You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— **23** this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. **24** But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. **25** For David says concerning him,

'I saw the Lord always before me,
for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;

26

therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
moreover my flesh will live in hope.

27

For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
or let your Holy One experience corruption.

28

You have made known to me the ways of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

29 "Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. **30** Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. **31** Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

'He was not abandoned to Hades,
nor did his flesh experience corruption.'

32 This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

9 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 *"Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart"* #265
- 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"

#113

Hearing the Word of God

Pentecost Reading: Acts 2:1-21

Scottish Mary, English Sheila, Thai Souwanit, French Nicole, German Sita, Filipino Lorna, Igbo Ngozi, Polish Tomasz, Czech Eva, Portuguese Cintia

Bible Reading Psalm 104:24-34,35b (NRSV) Sheila Philip

Sermon “Witnessing to the Resurrection” Rev. Dr. Tom Garrison

Responding to God’s Word

- **Responding Hymn** “Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove” #248
- 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** “Breathe on me Breath of God” #254

- **Benediction**
- **Congregational Amen** #312
- **Dismissal**

Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

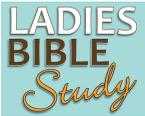
Postlude

Tomasz Piętak

What's happening

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



TUESDAY, June 11th at 10am

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



THURSDAY, June 13th at 7pm

College & Career Group

Hosted by Francesca Lim, Reinier & Noelanie Coetzer
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



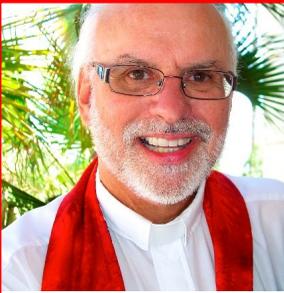
OUR DAILY DEVOTION: <https://utmost.org>



PRAYER CHAIN: prayer@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!

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CONTACT US

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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