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### MEETING POINT

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### THANK YOU TO ALL SERVING IN WORSHIP

Guest Pastor:	Rev. Dr. Tom M. Garrison
Choir Director	Cassandra McConnell
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Greeters:	Kitty MacKinsey
Ushers:	Alice Wanner and Christian Mundi
Reader:	Alice Wanner
Flowers:	Martina Peschek, in loving memory of her mother Anne Peshek

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

*Many Cultures, One Faith - Praising God by Reaching People for Christ!*

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

## PRAISE AND WORSHIP

11 August 2019

11:55 A.M. SILENT MEDITATION

### Gathering in God's Presence

Prelude  
Greeting

Sven Koblischek, MA  
Rev. Dr. Tom M. Garrison

#### ● Call to Worship

**Pastor:** Come into this household of God that we might all listen to God's Word and discern the wisdom that comes only from God.

**People:** We have come to learn more about the way and the love of God. Praise the Lord with our hearts! Praise the Lord!

#### ● Opening Hymn "Love Divine All Loves Excelling" vs 1-3 #517

#### ● Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**All Wise God, we thank you for giving us this time to look into our words, thoughts and deeds. We confess that we fool ourselves into believing that we possess all of the knowledge that we need. We stray seeking other gods, whose ways may be easy but cannot show us the ways of love and truth. Fill us with the Holy Spirit that we might live each day according to your will and plan for us, and for your world. Help us to discern your wisdom that we might live eternally with you and Christ. In the name of Jesus 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

#113

### Hearing the Word of God

**Bible Reading** Psalm 33: 12-2

Alice Wanner

**Sermon** Who Am I To Hinder God?

Rev. Dr. Tom M. Garrison

### Responding to God's Word

● **Responding Hymn** "Shall We Gather at the River"

# 701

**Offering**

● **Glory be to the Father**

#35

**Silent Prayers**

**Pastoral Prayer**

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

#775

### Closing

**Welcome and Congregational News**

● **Closing Hymn** "Be Thou My Vision"

#595

● **Benediction**

● **Congregational Amen**

#312

● **Dismissal**

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

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**People:** Thanks be to God.

**Postlude**

Sven Koblischek, MA

### **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!**

*Join us for Coffee Hour after the service (across the courtyard)*

### What's On

**TUESDAY, 13 August at 10am**

**Ladies' Morning Bible Study** hosted by Tertia Behr

The topic is *Fruits of the Spirit*

**College & Career Group will be taking a break for the summer**

Please stay tuned for news about further activities in September!

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

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

**PRAYER CHAIN:** [prayer@viennacommunitychurch.com](mailto:prayer@viennacommunitychurch.com)

Since love grows within you, so beauty grows. For love is the beauty of the soul.

Augustine

### **Scripture Reading Psalm 33: 12-22 (NIV)**

<sup>12</sup> Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people he chose for his inheritance.  
<sup>13</sup> From heaven the LORD looks down and sees all mankind;  
<sup>14</sup> from his dwelling place he watches all who live on earth—  
<sup>15</sup> he who forms the hearts of all, who considers everything they do.  
<sup>16</sup> No king is saved by the size of his army; no warrior escapes by his great strength.  
<sup>17</sup> A horse is a vain hope for deliverance; despite all its great strength it cannot save.  
<sup>18</sup> But the eyes of the LORD are on those who fear him, on those whose hope is in his unfailing love,  
<sup>19</sup> to deliver them from death and keep them alive in famine.  
<sup>20</sup> We wait in hope for the LORD; he is our help and our shield.  
<sup>21</sup> In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name.  
<sup>22</sup> May your unfailing love be with us, LORD, even as we put our hope in you

### **Sermon Scripture Jonah 3: 1-5**

Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time: <sup>2</sup>“Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you.”  
<sup>3</sup> Jonah obeyed the word of the LORD and went to Nineveh. Now Nineveh was a very large city; it took three days to go through it. <sup>4</sup> Jonah began by going a day’s journey into the city, proclaiming, “Forty more days and Nineveh will be overthrown.” <sup>5</sup> The Ninevites believed God. A fast was proclaimed, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth.



**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 until 15 September. 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."

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