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### **CONTACT US**

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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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Reader:	Ronan Le Bras
Flowers:	Ronan Le Bras

*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**

*18 August 2019*

**11:55 A.M. SILENT MEDITATION**

### ***Gathering in God's Presence***

**Prelude**  
**Greeting**

*Sven Kobllischek, 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 "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty" #4**

#### **● 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"

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## Hearing the Word of God

**Bible Reading** Psalm 23 Ronan Le Bras

**Sermon** When Good Things Happen Rev. Dr. Tom M. Garrison

**Sermon Scripture** John 9: 1-41

## Responding to God's Word

● **Responding Hymn** "Open My Eyes" # 586

**Offering** Organ Meditation Sven Koblischek, MA

● **Doxology** "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow" #46

**Silent Prayers**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**The Lord's Prayer** (in your own language) #775

## Closing

**Welcome and Congregational News**

● **Closing Hymn** "Oh Master Let Me Walk With Thee" #602

● **Benediction**

● **Congregational Amen** #312

● **Dismissal**

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

**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, 20 August at 10:00 AM**

**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!

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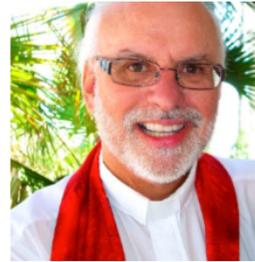
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"The best and most beautiful things in this world cannot be seen or even heard, but must be felt with the heart." – Helen Keller

## Scripture Reading Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.



**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!***