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MEETING POINT

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THANK YOU TO ALL SERVING IN WORSHIP

Guest Pastor:	Rev. Dr. Tom M. Garrison
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Organist:	Tomasz Pietak
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Bulletin Editor:	Maurine Mellinger-Deroy
Greeters:	Sefa and Becky Adzua
Ushers:	Hilda Mwathi
Reader:	Kitty McKinsey
Flowers:	Becky Adzua, in loving memory of her mother Ms. Mary Atsu

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

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

<http://www.viennacommunitychurch.com>



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

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

4 August 2019

11:55 A.M. SILENT MEDITATION

Gathering in God's Presence

Prelude
Greeting

Tomasz Pietak
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 "For the Beauty of the Earth" vs 1, 2, 4 #56

● 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 116 and 1 John 4: 7-21 Kitty McKinsey
Sermon The Danger of Love Rev. Dr. Tom M. Garrison

Responding to God's Word

● **Responding Hymn** "They'll Know we are Christians" # 494

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** "Just as I Am" #339

● **Benediction**

● **Congregational Amen** #312

● **Dismissal**

Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Tomasz Pietak

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, 6 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!

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

PRAYER CHAIN: prayer@viennacommunitychurch.com

"I have decided to stick to love. Hate is too great a burden to bear."

Martin Luther King Jr.

Scripture Reading

Psalm 116 (NIV)

1 I love the Lord, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy.
2 Because he turned his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live.
3 The cords of death entangled me, the anguish of the grave came over me; I was overcome by distress and sorrow.
4 Then I called on the name of the Lord: "Lord, save me!"
5 The Lord is gracious and righteous; our God is full of compassion.
6 The Lord protects the unwary; when I was brought low, he saved me.
7 Return to your rest, my soul, for the Lord has been good to you.
8 For you, Lord, have delivered me from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling,
9 That I may walk before the Lord in the land of the living.
10 I trusted in the Lord when I said, "I am greatly afflicted";
11 in my alarm I said, "Everyone is a liar."
12 What shall I return to the Lord for all his goodness to me?
13 I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD.
14 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.
15 Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful servants.
16 Truly I am your servant, Lord; I serve you just as my mother did; you have freed me from my chains.
17 I will sacrifice a thank offering to you and call on the name of the LORD.
18 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people,
19 In the courts of the house of the Lord— in your midst, Jerusalem. Praise the Lord.

Scripture Reading

1 John 4: 7 - 21

God Is Love

7 Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. **8** Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. **9** This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. **10** This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. **11** Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. **12** No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us. **13** This is how we know that we live in him and he in us: He has given us of his Spirit.
14 And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. **15** If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in them and they in God. **16** And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them.
17 This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus. **18** There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love. **19** We love because he first loved us. **20** Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. **21** And he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister.

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