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CONTACT US

You can contact our pastor on: pastor@viennacommunitychurch.com For questions or information about our church, please contact us via email: info@viennacommunitychurch.com

MEETING POINT

39/3 Untere Donaustraße, 1020 Vienna

THANK YOU TO ALL SERVING IN WORSHIP

Guest Pastor:	Rev. Dr. Neil Parker
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Reader:	Maria Ciliberti
Flowers:	Maria & Dale Atwell (In memory & thanksgiving for our parents)

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

Many Cultures, One Faith - Praising God by Reaching People for Christ!
<http://www.viennacommunitychurch.com>

Pastor Neil can be reached at pastor@viennacommunitychurch.com



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

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

27 October 2019

11:55 A.M. SILENT MEDITATION

Gathering in God's Presence

Prelude

Tomasz Pietak

Choral Invocation "Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove" VCC Choir

"It is not you who shapes God, it is God who shapes you. If, then, you are the work of God, await at the hand of the artist who does all things in due season. Offer him your heart, soft and tractable, to keep the form in which the artist has shaped you. Let your clay be moist lest you grow hard and lose the imprint of God's fingers." ~ St. Irenaeus ~

"We would like to thank Yoel Bobadilla for participating in the interpretation of the Scripture with his artwork this Sunday. We celebrate the many gifts of God from this community and beyond, and the exciting ways in which different approaches can deepen our understanding of our faith. Thanks be to God!"

Greeting

Rev. Dr. Neil Parker

● 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** "How Lovely, Lord, How Lovely" #285

● Opening Prayer (Unison)

Let us gather to call ourselves into mindfulness of the sacred gift of time: worship time and Sabbath time. O Spirit, you swept through the ages: be among us now to fill us with radical amazement at the wonder of creation and creativity. Call to us that we may hear your voice in beauty, in witness, in song, and in prayer, and respond with all that we have to offer: body, mind, soul, and spirit. Whisper to us when we doubt your goodness and despair of hope in a world fraught with signs of destruction, that we may yet hear your still small voice. 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.

Special Music "His Eye Is On The Sparrow" Lara Lubienski

Hearing the Word of God

Bible Reading Psalm 84:1-7 Maria Ciliberti

Sermon "Wrestling Through The Night" *Rev. Dr Neil Parker*

Responding to God's Word

● **Responding Hymn** "God Of The Sparrow" #70 (vs. 1-3)

Offering "The Lone, Wild Bird" Prospect Trio

● **Glory be to the Father** #35

The Sacrament of Communion

● **The Apostles' Creed**

● **The Words of the Institution**

Communion

Pastoral Prayer

Silent Meditation

Lord's Prayer

Closing

Welcome and Congregational News

● **Closing** "The Care The Eagle Gives Her Young" #76

● **Congregational Amen** #312

Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Benediction "On Eagle's Wing" VCC Choir

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 across the courtyard after the service!

WHAT'S ON:

TODAY -- Tour of the Otto Wagner Church, Leaves at 2 p.m. from the Courtyard - Tour today of the Otto Wagner Church on Steinhof with Rainer Zimmerman leaves at 2 p.m. from the Church courtyard.

Ladies' Morning Bible Study

NOVEMBER 9 - Christmas Boxes (see insert)

NOVEMBER 17 - International Thanksgiving Buffet (see insert)

SAVE THE DATE!

- **NOVEMBER 10 - Autumn Congregational Meeting** immediately following the Sunday Service. Please bring something to share.
- **DECEMBER 1 – Songs on a Sunday** from 2-4 p.m. Donations will go towards the VCC Music budget. More information to follow.

VCC Volunteers - Would you like to lend a hand in VCC activities? Sign up as a Volunteer at coffee hour.

The VCC Choir – Practice at 11:00 every Sunday Morning

Is looking for new singers! If you like to sing, come join in – Practice in the Sanctuary at 11:00 every Sunday morning

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

PRAYER CHAIN: prayer@viennacommunitychurch.com

ATTENTION PLEASE

Sunday readings are chosen from an ecumenical cycle of readings from the Bible.

If you would like to read ahead from the Scriptures Pastor Neil is studying this week, they can be found at <http://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu>. Pastor Neil can be reached at pastor@viennacommunitychurch.com.

If you would like to book an appointment with Pastor Neil, his online calendar is at <https://doodle.com/mm/neilparker/book-a-time>



CHRISTMAS BOXES

It is time to pack some presents!

When: Saturday, November 9th, 2018 / between 3 – 5 pm

Where: The Meeting Point, 39/3 Untere Donaustraße, 1020 Vienna

What we will provide: The Christmas boxes, cookies, coffee & tea (donations are welcome)

What you need to bring: Presents to pack into the box (shoebox size), some Christmas spirit & excitement for some fellowship with your church family

There are a few guidelines for packing the Christmas boxes, so that each child gets a similar gift, as well as for health and safety reasons. If you're interested in participating, please contact me so that I can send you a list with ideas and a list with items not to pack.

The boxes will go to needy children in Eastern Europe, some of whom may never have received Christmas presents. I hope to see many of you there! If you want to sign up for boxes or have questions, please email Maryanne:

charityandmissions@viennacommunitychurch.com

Maryanne Macris, Chair
Charity & Missions



INTERNATIONAL THANKSGIVING BUFFET



WHEN: Sunday, 17 November

(immediately following the Sunday Service)

WHERE: VCC Meeting Point

Untere Donaustrasse 39, 1020

BRING ALONG THE FAMILY!

All proceeds will go to the Meeting Point Improvements Fund and the Pastor Fund

Scripture Reading – Psalm 84[a]: 1-7 (NIV)

For the director of music. According to gittith.[b] Of the Sons of Korah. A psalm.

- 1 How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord Almighty!
- 2 My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.
- 3 Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may have her young — a place near your altar, Lord Almighty, my King and my God.
- 4 Blessed are those who dwell in your house; they are ever praising you.[c]
- 5 Blessed are those whose strength is in you, whose hearts are set on pilgrimage.
- 6 As they pass through the Valley of Baka, they make it a place of springs; the autumn rains also cover it with pools.[d]
- 7 They go from strength to strength, till each appears before God in Zion.

Footnotes:

- a. **Psalm 84:1** In Hebrew texts 84:1-12 is numbered 84:2-13.
- b. **Psalm 84:1** Title: Probably a musical term
- c. **Psalm 84:4** The Hebrew has Selah (a word of uncertain meaning) here and at the end of verse 8
- d. **Psalm 84:6** Or blessings

Sermon Notes