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### CONTACT US

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### MEETING POINT

39/3 Untere Donaustraße, 1020 Vienna

### THANK YOU TO ALL SERVING IN WORSHIP

Guest Pastor:	Rev. Dr. Neil Parker
Choir Director	Cassandra McConnell
Organist:	Tomasz Pietak
Sunday School:	Edson Dorneles
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Reader:	Ronan le Bras
Flowers:	Ronan le Bras (To the glory of God)

*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>

Pastor Neil can be reached at [pastor@viennacommunitychurch.com](mailto: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>



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

## PRAISE AND WORSHIP

*10 November 2019*

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

### Gathering in God's Presence

**Prelude**

*Tomasz Pietak*

**Choral Invocation**

*"Sing And Rejoice!"*

**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 -

**Greeting**

*Rev. Dr. Neil Parker*

### ● Call to Worship

**Pastor:** Creator God, by your grace, we are running a race.

**People:** We are surrounded by many spectators.

**Pastor:** Patriarchs, matriarchs, prophets, disciples, martyrs, saints.

**People:** We thank you for their example and praise you for their lives of faith, their faithful lives of following, obeying, and adoring you.

**Pastor:** Lord God, by your grace, we are running a race.

**People:** We are surrounded by many spectators.

**Pastor:** Loved ones now residing with you, who guided us, nurtured us, cared for us. They worked, lived, and died so we could be the believers we are today.

**People:** We thank you for their example and praise you for their lives of faith. For all the saints, who believed that you are the great one, accept our thanks.

**Pastor:** Creator God, by your grace, we are running a race.

**People:** We are surrounded by many spectators.

**Pastor:** Members and fellow believers in this world, our friends who help, guide, and uplift us; all are saints of your redeeming.

**People:** We thank you for their example and praise you for their lives of faith. We bless and pray that we may live and die as holy in our lives.

**Pastor:** Creator God, by your grace, we are running a race.

**People:** We are surrounded by many spectators.

**Pastor:** Let us set aside the guilt of sin and look to Christ, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

**People:** We thank you for his example and praise you for his life of faith. May we do unto others, in love, as we would have them do unto us. Amen.

● **Opening Hymn**      *"All People That On Earth Do Dwell"*      #18

● **Prayer of Confession:** (Unison)

We confess to you, O God, as part of the world community, our inability to keep the peace that so many sacrificed to win and preserve, our inability to care for those in poverty and to seek justice for the marginalized, our lack of attention for issues that do not touch us personally, our inability to live out what we believe because it seems too hard. Forgive us. Restore us. Enable us to begin again to live the journey of faith. 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.

THE VIENNA COMMUNITY CHURCH PRESENTS

# SONGS ON A SUNDAY

1 DECEMBER 2019  
2-4PM/14-16 Uhr  
Dorotheergasse 16, 1010  
(Reformierte Stadt Kirche)

**Free Entrance. Donations accepted**  
**Freier Eintritt. Spende erbeten**

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VCC BIBLE+ CLUB

Theology  
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## NOVEMBER BIBLE+

III. The New Testament. Its formation, literature, and understanding not only of the intent but the audience that received them. This lecture is about the Acts of Apostles.

**Summary:** We will be looking at the Acts of the Apostles and why this record of the Church is so valuable for us to understand. Luke gives us a distinct connection between the life and work of Jesus to the life and work of the Church. Luke guides us with the understanding that the Holy Spirit plays an essential place in the Ministry of Jesus and then also an essential place in bringing about the Church and the Ministries thereafter. Luke will give us glimpses of how the Church with two main characters, Peter and Paul, were instrumental in bringing the Gospel to the world. We will examine why Luke told the stories the way he did and why he selected the stories in Acts. This writing will open much of the New Testament for us.

**Guest Speaker:** Rev. Dr. Tom Garrison  
**Date:** Tuesday, 19 November 2019  
**Time:** 7:30PM (Doors open at 18:30)  
**Where:** VCC Meeting Point, Untere Donaustraße 39/3, 1020

*Light Refreshments will be served. Please bring something to share.*

THE VCC CIRCLE OF MUSIC ART & FILM presents:

**FILM & CO**



**As it is in Heaven** (SW/DEN 2004). After having a breakdown, a famous conductor returns to his remote village and inspires a church choir. An inspiring, Award-winning film starring Michael Nyqvist, with Kay Pollak directing.

**Wednesday, 13 November 2019**  
19:00-21:00 (Doors open 18:30)

**VCC MEETING POINT**  
**Untere Donaustraße 39/3, 1020**

**BRING ALONG SNACKS, POPCORN AND A FRIEND!**

A Vienna Community Church Fellowship Activity

THE VIENNA COMMUNITY CHURCH

**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*

**Time with the Children**

“Jesus loves me, this I know” #113

Special Music VCC Choir

**Hearing the Word of God**

Bible Reading (see page 4) “Luke 20:27-38” Ronan le Bras

Sermon “What God Needs, What God Wants” Rev. Dr Neil Parker

**Responding to God’s Word**

• Responding Hymn “My Life Flows On” #619 (vs.1-3)

Offering “Sing Hallelujah” VCC Choir

“Glory Be To The Father” #35

Pastoral Prayer

Silent Meditation

Lord’s Prayer

**Closing**

Welcome and Congregational News

• Closing Hymn “Have Thine Own Way, Lord!” #588

Benediction “Simeon’s Song” VCC Choir

• Congregational “Amen” #312

Dismissal

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

**People:** Thanks be to God.

## Scripture Reading – Luke 20: 27-38 (NIV)

### The Resurrection and Marriage

<sup>27</sup> Some of the Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus with a question. <sup>28</sup> “Teacher,” they said, “Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies and leaves a wife but no children, the man must marry the widow and raise up offspring for his brother. <sup>29</sup> Now there were seven brothers. The first one married a woman and died childless. <sup>30</sup> The second <sup>31</sup> and then the third married her, and in the same way the seven died, leaving no children. <sup>32</sup> Finally, the woman died too. <sup>33</sup> Now then, at the resurrection whose wife will she be, since the seven were married to her?”

<sup>34</sup> Jesus replied, “The people of this age marry and are given in marriage. <sup>35</sup> But those who are considered worthy of taking part in the age to come and in the resurrection from the dead will neither marry nor be given in marriage, <sup>36</sup> and they can no longer die; for they are like the angels. They are God’s children, since they are children of the resurrection. <sup>37</sup> But in the account of the burning bush, even Moses showed that the dead rise, for he calls the Lord ‘the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. <sup>38</sup> He is not the God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive.”

### Scripture Reading – Psalm 98 (NIV)

<sup>1</sup> Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things; his right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him. <sup>2</sup> The Lord has made his salvation known and revealed his righteousness to the nations. <sup>3</sup> He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. <sup>4</sup> Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music; <sup>5</sup> make music to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the sound of singing, <sup>6</sup> with trumpets and the blast of the ram’s horn—shout for joy before the Lord, the King. <sup>7</sup> Let the sea resound, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it. <sup>8</sup> Let the rivers clap their hands, let the mountains sing together for joy; <sup>9</sup> let them sing before the Lord, for he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with equity.

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>

## **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 – 10 NOVEMBER – Autumn Congregational Meeting**

Immediately following the Sunday service. Please bring something to share.

**13 NOVEMBER – Film & CO (As it is in Heaven)** at the VCC Meeting Point, at 19:00-21:00, doors open 18:30 (see page 6)

**17 NOVEMBER - International Thanksgiving Buffet** (see page 6)

**19 NOVEMBER – Bible + (Tuesday)** (see page 7) At the VCC MP, doors open at 18:30. From 19:00-21:00, Pastor Tom Garrison continues his **New Testament** series moving from the Gospels to the Book of Acts.

**1 DECEMBER – Songs On A Sunday** (see page 7) from 14:00-16:00. Donations will go towards the VCC Music budget. More information to follow

### **SAVE THE DATE!**

- **15 DECEMBER Children’s Christmas Pageant** It will take place during Sunday Service
- **28 FEBRUARY – 1 MARCH 2020 VCC Retreat in Drosendorf**  
For more information, contact Anne Storey: [astorey8@gmail.com](mailto:astorey8@gmail.com)

**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>

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