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MEETING POINT

39/3 Untere Donaustraße, 1020 Vienna

THANK YOU TO ALL SERVING IN WORSHIP

Guest Pastor:	Rev. Dr. Tom Garrison
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Organist:	Tomasz Piętak
Sunday School:	Edson Dorneles
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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>

Praise & Worship: Sunday at 12 Noon with Child Care and Sunday School
Dorotheergasse 16, 1010 Vienna

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

1 March 2020 – 1st Sunday in Lent

Come As You Are!

The Lord has the power to change lives and the world!
"I am the way and the truth and the life." – John 14:6 –

11:55 A.M. SILENT MEDITATION

Prayer before Service

Most of us have developed a fairly extensive vocabulary for describing pain, as though the journal were a doctor requiring much detail to make the correct diagnosis. The roundness of the spiritual journey cannot be expressed without developing an equally extensive vocabulary for talking to ourselves and others about the nature of wonder, joy, ecstasy, love, transfiguration. - Christina Baldwin -



Gathering in God's Presence

Prelude **Tomasz Piętak**

Greeting **Rev. Dr. Tom Garrison**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the power and presence of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

People: And also with you.

● **Call to Worship**

Leader: We who have come to follow Jesus hear his voice, calling us to be apart for a little while.

People: We will listen and follow, and open ourselves to new visions.

Leader: The one who leads us will reveal to us who he is.

People: May our hearts be open to God's bright glory, shining in the face of Christ the Son!

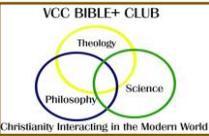
● **Opening Hymn** *"Breath On Me Breath Of God"* **#254**

● **Prayer for Confession**

Leader: God of us all,
we know that it is not your way
to keep count of our trespasses,
or to make a record of our failings and faults.

People: Yet we have a need to bring this brokenness
before you, laying it at your feet,
in order to let it go.
Hear the silent confession of each heart now
as we surrender what is past
into the mystery of your eternal now...
(silent confession)

● **All who are able, please rise.**

27 March	 <p>Ladies Who Lunch (LWL) LWL is held on the last Friday of month. The next LWL is 27 March For more information please contact: Nita Schimscha: nd.schimscha@aon.at</p>
..	 <p>Bible+ examines different aspects of our faith through the lenses of philosophy, theology, and science. Look out for further details for the next Bible+. Host: Ronan Le Bras.</p>
4 APRIL 11:00-17:00	 <p>SAVE THE DATE – S'Haferl! VCC is providing the volunteers funds for the food to prepare hot meals and serve 200 or more people at S'Haferl in the 6th district from 11:00-17:00, with the possibility to work shifts. This is an opportunity to be the hands and feet of Jesus and love the marginalized of society in a practical way. More details & a sign up will be coming soon. Maryanne Macris: macrisgmsce@aol.com</p>
SUNDAYS 11 AM	 <p>The VCC Choir – Practice The VCC Choir is looking for new singers! If you know of a musician or singer who would like to guest with us or you like to sing, come join in – Practice in the Sanctuary at 11 AM every Sunday. Contact our Choir Director: cassandramcconnell@gmail.com</p>
SUNDAYS	 <p>VCC Volunteers Would you like to lend a hand in VCC activities? Sign up as a Volunteer at coffee hour.</p>
 <p>PRAYER CHAIN: prayer@viennacommunitychurch.com</p>	 <p>OUR DAILY DEVOTION: https://utmost.org</p>
	

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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

11 MARCH 6:30-9 PM		<p>Film & Co. Films every 2nd Wednesday of the month, from 6:30-9 PM at the VCC MP* Hosts: Maurine Mellinger & Mickela Moore.</p>
12 MARCH 7-9 PM		<p>Pottery Exhibition Come and join us at the MP* on Thu. Mar 12, 7-9 PM for the Vernissage of Linda Bednar's Pottery Exhibition and Nicole Wrixon with her Photo Exhibition. Sat. Mar 14, 2-5 PM Fellowship time at the "Tea Party". The proceeds from the cups and donations going to the MP* improvement fund. Fri. Mar 13, 4-6 PM and Sun. Mar 15, 2-5 PM. The MP* will be open and Linda will be on hand, for those that are interested.</p>
TUESDAYS 10-11:30 AM		<p>Women of Faith Bible Study Meets every Tuesday from 10-11:30 AM at the VCC MP* Host: Tertia Behr.</p>
8 MARCH 2 PM		<p>Prayer Circle meets at 2 PM on the 1st Sunday of every month at the VCC MP* However, due to the upcoming VCC Retreat, the next Prayer Circle will meet on 8 March.</p>
29 MARCH 1 PM (approx.)	<p>SAVE THE DATE – Special Congregational Meeting (SCM) It is intended to hold a SCM on 29 Mar. following the Sunday Service. It will take place in the Sanctuary and is expected to last no more than 15 minutes and 30 minutes max. The purpose of the SCM is to vote on the Pastor Search Committee slate. If you are interested in being on the Pastor Search Committee, please contact: Kitty McKinsey on k.mckinsey@att.net. More details to follow.</p>	
22 MARCH 2 PM	<p>SAVE THE DATE – Sunday, 22 Mar, Tour of Karlsplatz at 2 p.m. (after worship and fellowship time). Did you know that there are over 20 notable buildings on and around Karlsplatz? If you are interested in knowing more, Rainer Zimmermann, VCC's resident tour guide and photographer, will give a one hour fellowship tour of Karlsplatz, followed by a late lunch at Resselpark restaurant.</p>	

*VCC Meeting Point (MP), Untere Donaustraße 39/3, 1020

Words of Assurance

Pastor: In Christ, God was reconciling the world to God!
We are not only reconciled but freed,
not only freed but loved,
not only loved but renewed.
For this and for all God's goodness to us,

People: Thanks be to God!

● Passing the Peace

Pastor: The Peace of Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us extend the Peace of Christ to one another.

Hearing the Word of God

Bible Reading
(see page 4-5)

"Psalm 131"

Louise Pickart

Sermon Scripture

"Matthew 6:25-34"

Trust or Anxiety

Rev. Dr. Tom Garrison

Responding to God's Word

● Responding Hymn

"Trust And Obey"

#556

Offering

● Doxology

#46

● Pastoral Prayer

● Silent Meditation

● Lord's Prayer

Closing

Welcome and Congregational News

- **Closing Hymn** *"I have Decided To Follow Jesus"* #344
- **Benediction**
- **Congregational** *"Amen"* #312

Dismissal

Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Tomasz Piętak

Psalm 131 (NIV)

A song of ascents. Of David

- 1 My heart is not proud, LORD,
my eyes are not haughty;
I do not concern myself with great matters
or things too wonderful for me.
- 2 But I have calmed and quieted myself,
I am like a weaned child with its mother;
like a weaned child I am content.
- 3 Israel, put your hope in the LORD
both now and forevermore.

Sermon Notes

- All who are able, please rise.

Sermon Scripture Matthew 6:25-34 (NIV)

Do Not Worry

²⁵ "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? ²⁷ Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life^[a]?"

²⁸ "And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. ²⁹ Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. ³⁰ If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹ So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' ³² For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. ³³ But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ³⁴ Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

Footnotes: [a] [Matthew 6:27](#) Or single cubit to your height



Guest Pastor
Rev. Dr. Tom Garrison

About Rev. Tom

The VCC welcomes back Reverend Dr. Tom Garrison as our Guest Pastor. He served as Guest Pastor from March to late September 2019. Many of you may remember his riveting talks on the Gospels and the Book of Acts for Bible+. Pastor Tom 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 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 back Rev. Tom to the VCC!

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>