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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
Choir Director	Cassandra McConnell
Organist:	Tomasz Pietak
Sunday School:	Edson Dorneles
Bulletin Editor:	Ngozi Okpalaugo
Greeters:	Rick, Celine & Zack Sue
Ushers:	Rick Sue, Anne Storey
Reader:	Kitty McKinsey
Flowers:	Mickela Moore (Celebrating VCC's children and the Sunday School)

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



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

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

20 October 2019

11:55 A.M. SILENT MEDITATION

Gathering in God's Presence

Prelude

Tomasz Pietak

"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

"Bring Many Names"

#10

● 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 "Let The Bright Seraphim" Eva Dmitrieva

Time With the Children

"Jesus loves me, this I know" #113

Hearing the Word of God

Bible Reading Genesis 32:22-31 Kitty McKinsey

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

Responding to God's Word

● **Responding Hymn** "Take Time To Be Holy" #572 (vs. 1-3)

Offering Organ Meditation Tomasz Pietak

● **Glory be to the Father** #35

Pastoral Prayer

Silent Meditation

Lord's Prayer

Closing

Welcome and Congregational News

● **Closing** "I have Decided To Follow Jesus" #344

● **Congregational Amen** #312

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 across the courtyard after the service!

WHAT'S ON:

FRIDAY, October 25 -- Ladies Who Lunch

Contact Nita Schimscha nd.schimsch@aon.at

SUNDAY, October 27 -- Tour of Steinhof (see flyer)

College & Career Group -- A Welcome Back Dinner in October

Please contact Alice Wanner for more details: a.wanner92@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>

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>



TOUR

OTTO WAGNER'S ART NOUVEAU JEWEL KIRCHE AM STEINHOF/CHURCH ON STEINHOF



WHEN: Sunday, 27 October 2019
TIME: 2-4 PM

STARTING POINT: VCC Courtyard (1, Dorotheergasse 16) at 2PM
GETTING THERE: U3 Stephansplatz to Ottakring, change to the
Bus 48A to Otto-Wagner-Spital; then 20 min. walk to the Church
ENTRANCE FEE: 5€
OPTIONAL: Late lunch after the Tour

Organizer: Rainer Zimmermann (Mobile: 069917770039)

All are welcome and no reservations necessary!

Scripture Reading -- Genesis 32: 22-31 (NIV)

Jacob Wrestles With God

22 That night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two female servants and his eleven sons and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. **23** After he had sent them across the stream, he sent over all his possessions. **24** So Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak. **25** When the man saw that he could not overpower him, he touched the socket of Jacob's hip so that his hip was wrenched as he wrestled with the man. **26** Then the man said, "Let me go, for it is daybreak." But Jacob replied, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." **27** The man asked him, "What is your name?" "Jacob," he answered. **28** Then the man said, "Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel,^[a] because you have struggled with God and with humans and have overcome." **29** Jacob said, "Please tell me your name." But he replied, "Why do you ask my name?" Then he blessed him there. **30** So Jacob called the place Peniel,^[b] saying, "It is because I saw God face to face, and yet my life was spared." **31** The sun rose above him as he passed Peniel,^[c] and he was limping because of his hip.

Footnotes:

- a. Genesis 32:28 *Israel* probably means *he struggles with God*.
- b. Genesis 32:30 *Peniel* means *face of God*.
- c. Genesis 32:31 Hebrew *Penuel*, a variant of *Peniel*

Sermon Notes