



**Vienna Community  
Church**

**Guest Pastor: The Reverend Maroš Elperyn  
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
21 September 2025**

# PRELUDE & MEDITATION

*Sonata Allegro (Albinoni Trio)*

Tiffany Lee Violin Elizabeth Koyama Violin

Tomasz Piętak Organ

# WELCOME & CANDLE LIGHTING



# OPENING HYMN – Ch 501

## *There is a Balm in Gilead*

There is a Balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole. there  
is a balm in Gilead to hea the sinsick soul.

1. Sometimes I feel discouraged and think my work's in vain, but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.

## **Refrain**

**There is a Balm in Gilead to make the  
wounded whole. there is a balm in Gilead to  
hea the sinsick soul.**

**2. If you cannot preach like Peter, if you cannot pray like Paul, you can tell the love of Jesus and say "He died for all!"**

### **Refrain**

**There is a Balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole.  
there is a balm in Gilead to hea the sinsick soul.**

**3. Don't ever feel discouraged for Jesus is your friend;  
and if you lack for knowledge He'll ne'er refuse to lend.**

### **Refrain**

**There is a Balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole.  
there is a balm in Gilead to hea the sinsick soul.**



# PASSING OF THE PEACE





SPECIAL PEOPLE



## SCRIPTURE READING-*Amos 8:4-7*

Hear this, you who trample the needy and do away with the poor of the land, saying, “When will the New Moon be over that we may sell grain, and the Sabbath be ended that we may market wheat?”—skimping on the measure, boosting the price and cheating with dishonest scales, buying the poor with silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, selling even the sweepings with the wheat. The LORD has sworn by himself, the Pride of Jacob: “I will never forget anything they have done.

# Psalm 113

Read by Rev. Maroš Elperyn

Praise the LORD, you his servants; praise the name of the LORD. Let the name of the LORD be praised, both now and forevermore. From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets, the name of the LORD is to be praised. The LORD is exalted over all the nations, his glory above the heavens. Who is like the LORD our God, the One who sits enthroned on high, who stoops down to look on the heavens and the earth? He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap; he seats them with princes, with the princes of his people.

He settles the childless woman in her home as a happy mother  
of children.  
Praise the LORD.

A decorative border surrounds the central text area, featuring various autumn-themed elements: colorful leaves in shades of yellow, orange, red, and green, clusters of small red berries, and several acorns. The background is a solid blue color.

# VCC CHOIR

*O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*

Choir Director  
Cassandra McConnell-Grujcic

# SCRIPTURE READING

## *Luke 16:1-9*

Read by Bartosz Rybinski

Jesus told his disciples: “There was a rich man whose manager was accused of wasting his possessions. So he called him in and asked him, ‘What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your management, because you cannot be manager any longer.’ “The manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do now? My master is taking away my job. I’m not strong enough to dig, and I’m ashamed to beg—I know what I’ll do so that, when I lose my job here, people will welcome me into their houses.’ “So he called in each one of his master’s debtors. He asked the first, ‘How much

do you owe my master?’ “‘Nine hundred gallons of olive oil,’ he replied. “The manager told him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it four hundred and fifty.’ “Then he asked the second, ‘And how much do you owe?’” ‘A thousand bushels of wheat,’ he replied. “He told him, ‘Take your bill and make it eight hundred.’ “The master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly. For the people of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own kind than are the people of the light. I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.



A dramatic sunset or sunrise over a beach. The sky is filled with large, billowing clouds that are illuminated from below by the sun, creating a warm orange and yellow glow. The sun itself is partially obscured by a layer of clouds near the horizon. The ocean is visible in the middle ground, with gentle waves lapping at the shore. The foreground shows a sandy beach with some sparse, dark vegetation and a piece of driftwood. The overall mood is serene and majestic.

SERMON

*THE MOST ESSENTIAL GIFT OF  
THE  
HOLY SPIRIT*



# RESPONSIVE HYMN-CH 248

## *Come Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove*

**1 Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove, with all your quickening powers; kindle a flame of sacred love in these cold hearts of ours.**

**2 Hosannas languish on our tongues, and our devotion  
dies. Waken our souls to joyful songs; let pure devotion  
rise.**

**3 Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove, with all your enlivening  
ways; come, shed abroad the Savior's love, and teach our  
hearts to praise.**

# OFFERING & MEDITATION



*Sonata Grave* (Albinoni Trio)

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Tomasz Piętak Organ

## **DOXOLOGY – CH 46**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him all  
creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen!**

# PRAYERS



***Our Father in heaven  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who  
sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory  
are yours  
now and forever. Amen.***



# ANNOUNCEMENTS



# **CLOSING HYMN – CH 592**

## ***Every Time I Feel the Spirit***

**Every time I feel the spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.  
Yes, every time I feel the spirit moving in my heart, I will  
pray.**

**1 Upon the mountain, my Lord spoke, out of his mouth  
came fire and smoke. All around me looks so fine, ask my  
Lord if all was mine.**

**[Refrain]**

**Every time I feel the spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.  
Yes, every time I feel the spirit moving in my heart, I will  
pray.**



**2 Jordan River chilly and cold, chills the body, not the  
soul. Ain't but one train on this track, runs to heaven  
and right back.**

**[Refrain]**

**Every time I feel the spirit moving in my heart, I will  
pray. Yes, every time I feel the spirit moving in my  
heart, I will pray.**

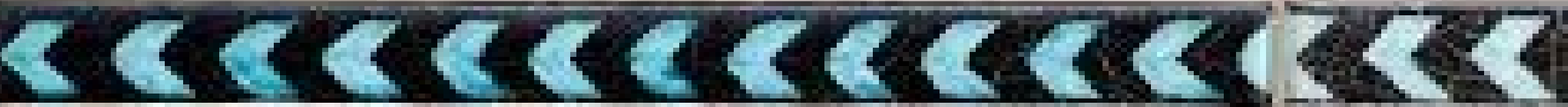
**3 I have heartache, I have woe, I have trouble here below.  
While God leads me I'll not fear, I am sheltered by God's  
care.**

**Refrain:**

**Every time I feel the spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.  
Yes, every time I feel the spirit moving in my heart, I will  
pray.**

## COMMISSIONING & BLESSING

# Amen





**BLESSING**

**GO IN PEACE TO LOVE AND SERVE THE  
LORD.**

**THANKS BE TO GOD**

# POSTLUDE

Tomasz Piętak  
Organ

