



★ VIENNA COMMUNITY CHURCH ★

27 May 2012 **Day of Pentecost** **12:00 Noon**

Welcome, Visitors! Please sign the worship registration slip on the pew-rack near the centre aisle, pass it to your seatmates, then back to the centre aisle.

 **Please turn off your cell phone, or adjust it to silent mode** 
† = **Please stand as you are able**

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude "Toccatà d-moll" J. S. Bach

† **Greeting and call to worship** (Congregation reads **bold print**)

Pastor: Spirit of God

People: We have gathered together in this place, to pray, and to make ourselves ready for your coming.

Pastor: Give us faith

People: That when You come like the wind, through we do not see You, yet we may hear what You are saying to us and discern Your movement.

† **Opening Hymn** "Wake, the Dawn is now full Rising" #239

† **Reading of the VCC Covenant (Unison)**

(The text is found on either inside the back, or front cover, of the Chalice hymnal)

† **Declaration of Forgiveness**

The Lord God has sent his Spirit into our lives to convict us of our sins. Having realized what we have done, having confessed those sins and standing on the power and Grace of Christ, God forgives us and leads us to a better way. The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: Come wind, Come fire, come truth, come love, come peace.

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you

People: And also with you.

† **Hymn** "Here We Gather as God's People" #294

Here we gather as God's people with our friends from far and near;
Let our voices sound with praises knowing Christ has called us here.
Now we seek and greet each other, now in joy approach our friends.
Hence we mingle, bound together as to all our love extends

† **Passing the Peace**

Greeting of Visitors/Announcements

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Reading of Scripture Acts 2:1-21 VCC Pentecost Readers
(As the Pentecost Readers read in their native languages, please follow the readings in English as printed in the Bulletin insert)

Time with the Children

Rev. Troy Morgan

Hymn # 113 (First Verse sung while children move forward) "Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to Him belong; they are weak, but He is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so."

Receive "Change for a Change" [see Announcement section for details]

Sermon "The Most Important Relay Race in The World" Rev. Troy Morgan

† **Sermon Hymn** "Spirit" #249

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Offertory

VCC choir

† **The Doxology (# 46)** Presentation of the Offerings

† **Prayers of the Congregation**

Silent Prayer

Prayer Cycle Countries: Botswana, Zimbabwe

The Lord's Prayer

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

All who believe in Christ are welcome at the Lord's Table. Please come forward to receive the elements. You may choose the elements most meaningful to you: bread or wafers, small cups of grape juice or wine, or the common cup of wine.

- **Words of Institution**
- **Distribution of the elements** (Each group will be dismissed with a blessing)

† **Closing Hymn** "Amazing Grace!" #546

† **Benediction and Congregational Amen** #312

† **Dismissal**

Pastor: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord with joy!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Postlude "Fuge d-moll" J. S. Bach

Flowers this Sunday are given by Sita Weinrich -- "In thankfulness for God's love"

Prayer Request 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.

Restrooms are next to the Fellowship Hall, at the other end of the courtyard, through the double doors, to your left.

**Children are an important part of the life of VCC
and are welcomed into our worship services**

- There are "Kinderbags" available which provide activities for children during worship.
- We are currently looking for someone who is interested in helping out as a nursery attendant (as the need arises). Please see Linda Bednar if you are interested.

How to Donate to the Vienna Community Church

Funding of this 54-year-old church comes solely from the gifts of members, friends, and visitors. If you would like to support this congregation's ministry, please put your gift into the offering-basket: envelopes on the pew-racks are provided for your use. **All currencies** are welcome, as are **electronic transfers** to the VCC's account (# 287 538 49700 at the ERSTE Bank, Bank Code / BLZ 20111) and **checks (cheques)**. For **U.S.A. tax credit**, please make checks **payable to AFCU (American and Foreign Christian Union)** and write "**Vienna Community Church**" on the memo line. Checks may also be **mailed to AFCU, AFCU Treasurer, PO Box 2122, Mars Hill, NC, 28754 U.S.A.** (note the new address)

VCC VOICE

<<http://members.aon.at/william/template-7-single-column/VCCVoice.htm>>
If you would like to receive a weekly update (via e-mail) about VCC activities, please e-mail <williamliang@tele2.at>

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Tel/Fax: (+43 1) 505-5233, e-mail: vcoffice@chello.at or vccpastor@chello.at
Check us out on Facebook: "Vienna Community Church" or "VCC Young Adults"

THANK YOU TO ALL ASSISTING IN WORSHIP!

Officiating Pastor: Rev. Troy Morgan
Worship Setup: Souwanit Sonnichler & Sita Weinrich
Greeters: Anne Storey & Nita Schimscha
Ushers & Offering: Anne Storey & Sita Weinrich
Organist: Henriette Nagy
Choir Directors: Philippe Ternes and/or Hyuniee Choi
Coffee/Tea set up: Jin Mo Yang

THE VIENNA COMMUNITY CHURCH

in the Reformierte Stadtkirche

Dorotheergasse 16, 1010 Vienna

The international English-speaking congregation of the Vienna Community Church is ecumenical in spirit and broadly tolerant of a diversity of Christian points of view. We seek to provide an atmosphere in which all people may be renewed in their Christian faith to meet the challenges of living in a new and diverse community and world.



Your search ends here

Your search for **truth**

Jesus Christ is the truth and is proclaimed here

Your search for **fellowship**

We support and uphold one another in our common lives

Your search for **service**

We provide opportunities for service within our congregation and the world.

*Please join us for
coffee, tea, and fellowship
from 13:00-14:00, immediately
following the worship service.*

Celebrating 54 years of "Many Cultures, One Faith"

<http://www.ViennaCommunityChurch.com>

Acts 2:1-21 (New International Version)

The Holy Spirit Comes at Pentecost

¹When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place.

²Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

⁵Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. ⁶When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. ⁷Utterly amazed, they asked: "Are not all these men who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸Then how is it that each of us hears them in his own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome ¹¹ (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" ¹²Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?"

¹³Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine."

Peter Addresses the Crowd

¹⁴Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. ¹⁵These men are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

¹⁷"In the last days, God says,

I will pour out my Spirit on all people.
Your sons and daughters will prophesy,
your young men will see visions,
your old men will dream dreams.

¹⁸Even on my servants, both men and women,
I will pour out my Spirit in those days,
and they will prophesy.

¹⁹I will show wonders in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood and fire and billows of smoke.

²⁰The sun will be turned to darkness



and the moon to blood
before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.

²¹And everyone who calls
on the name of the Lord will be saved.'



VCC Pentecost Readers 27 May 2012

Verse(s)	Language	Reader
1 - 2	French	Ronan Le Bras
3 - 4	Ndebele	Judith Chilufya
5 - 6	Portuguese	Lizia Fontes
7 - 8	Polish	Georg Vohryzka
9 - 11	Thai	Souwanit Sonnlichler
12 - 13	Czech	Daniela Clemons
14	Korean	Jin Mo Yang
15 - 16	Indonesian	Ruby Tobing
17	Afrikaans	Louise Botha
18 - 19	German	Sita Weinrich
20 - 21	English	Anne Storey

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CALENDAR and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Musicians, singers and instrumentalists! If you feel you want to be part of the special music on a particular Sunday, please contact me and share your gift with the VCC as a *thank you to God* for His grace and mercy! Sandra Nel
Music Director: sandra.nel@chello.at / 0699 1 942 8027

Please submit any announcements for the Sunday Bulletin & the VCC Voice by Wednesday afternoon to <williamliang@tele2.at>

Photos may be taken during the worship service, coffee hour, or special events, to record, celebrate and commemorate the life of VCC. These might then be published in the Voice. If you prefer not to have your picture taken or appear in the Voice, please identify yourself, and let the editor know beforehand.

Pastoral Care - If you would like the Pastor to meet with you, or visit those who need pastoral care in hospital, please contact him directly <vccoffice@chello.at>

Introduction to Rev. Troy Morgan

< <http://members.aon.at/william/IntroMorgan.htm> >



Volunteers needed: The volunteer list gets sent around for some of the things that are needed, for others ask anyone on the board or the moderator, who you can get in touch with to share your talents. Remember, nothing that happens in preparation, during the service, or afterwards can happen without the help of countless volunteers. Thank you for helping! p.s. If you would especially

like to help by having the bulletins printed, contact William Liang.

-- Linda Bednar <linda.bednar@reflex.at>

VCC INCOME AND EXPENSES 2012 in €

	January	February	March	April
INCOME	4.041,32	3.236,35	4.674,43	4.162,49
Personnel & other Expenses	4.347,30	672,00	1.173,16	2.873,58
Property Expenses (Including manse's rent)	1.207,40	1.339,79	1.915,58	1.288,11
TOTAL EXPENSES	5.554,70	2.011,79	3.088,74	4.161,69

Every Sunday

Choir practice each Sunday at 11:00 a.m. Join your voices in praise and worship under the direction of our Choir Director/s, Philippe Ternes and/or Hyuniee Choi. All are welcome.

Please join us for coffee, tea, and fellowship from **13:00-14:00**, immediately following the worship service.

We are currently looking for someone who is interested in helping out as a nursery attendant (as the need arises). Please see Linda Bednar if you are interested.

For Today and beyond

Next Sunday's service re-timed: The host church has requested that we hold our worship service at **11:30 a.m. on 3 June**, as they will be holding the "Wiener Kindergottesdienstfest" following our service. There will be **no coffee hour afterwards**, as they will be occupying the courtyard, Gemeindesaal and church. We were not informed earlier so we apologize for the short notice.

The VCC held their Spring Congregational Meeting on Sunday, 29 April 2012, in the Fellowship Hall, immediately after the Church service.

The following are the members elected to serve on the Church Board for the year **2012/13:**

Moderator	David Wiberg <d.wiberg@kabsi.at>
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Publicity	Mickela Moore
Stewardship & Finance	Ronan Le Bras <ronan.lebras@gmail.com>
Worship	Linda Bednar <Linda.Bednar@reflex.at>
Christian Education	Vacant
Charity & Missions	Vacant

The following position on the Board is still vacant: **Christian education**. If any VCC member is interested, please contact Mary Geissler, Clerk, for the job description.

TODAY is Day of Pentecost, marking the end of the Easter season in the Christian calendar, and celebrating the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles.

Pentecost Sunday falls 50 days after Easter.

The **VCC Pentecost readers** read in their own native languages, representing VCC's "Many Cultures, One Faith."

Change for change will be collected today. A new Charity & Missions chair is being appointed, and the charity chosen to receive Change for change will be decided and made known soon.

1 June, 6:00 p.m.: Long Night of the Churches -- *VCC Summer Sound Collage!* *VCC Sommer Klangcollage!* Presentation by Vienna Community Church.