

## POINT GREY INTER-MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

Web site: [www.pgimf.org](http://www.pgimf.org)

March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020

### Henry Klippenstein - *How Do You Experience God? Pt. 1*

Lent I

**Worship Leader:** J. Evan Kreider  
**Accompanist:** Ruth Enns

**Song Selector:** Angelina Jeong  
**Usher:** Ed Epp

**Last Sunday** Margaret Trim (Coordinator of Academic Records and Admissions at Vancouver School of Theology), spoke from the lectionary text of Matthew 17:1-9 about the Transfiguration.

The message can be heard in your favourite browser at <https://pgimf.org/service/transfiguration-sunday-2020/>

#### PGIMF News - Upcoming Services

March 8	Henry Klippenstein	How do you experience God? Pt 2
March 15	Janice Kreider	Stories
March 22nd	J. Evan Kreider	Blindness
March 29	Joji Pantoja	TBA

**Membership** The fellowship has reserved Pentecost (May 31<sup>st</sup>) to celebrate church membership with a Membership Sunday in our new place of worship at St. James Community Square (Rm 104). If you feel called to become a member of PGIMF, or know someone who does, please let any member of the board (listed at the bottom of this page) know.

**Farewell to Menno Simons Event** Come March 14th at 2:00 pm to celebrate the legacy of the MSC and say farewell with the students to the building that housed them all for 34 years! Send memories or photographs, and please RSVP on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/events/s/menno-farewell/189615245576771/> or to [alumni@mennosimonscentre.com](mailto:alumni@mennosimonscentre.com)

**Abendmusik** Abendmusik will take place at Emmanuel Free Reformed Church (3366 Mount Lehman Rd, Abbotsford) on March 7<sup>th</sup> and at St. Philip's Church (3737 W. 27<sup>th</sup> Ave, Vancouver) on March 8<sup>th</sup>. All events begin at 7:30 pm.

#### Wider Church News

**Regent College** Regent College's Laing Lectures take place March 10, 11, and 12 beginning at 7:30 PM with John Milbank speaking on "Most Entanglings: The Trinity as the Root of all Being". This series of three lectures is also being live-streamed in case you are not able to attend in person. See <https://www.regent-college.edu/lifelong-learning/laing-lectures/the-laing-lectures-2020> for more info.

**VST** VST and Citizens for Public Justice (headed by former MC Canada moderator Willard Metzger) bring Tony Campolo to VST's Epiphany Chapel (6000 Iona Dr., UBC) March 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm to look at how churches can work together toward ending poverty in Canada, seeking climate justice and protecting refugee rights. You can also hear him on March 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm at Christ Church Cathedral ( 690 Burrard St., Vancouver)

**Refugees** The Refugee Food Bank and Sherbrooke Mennonite Church requires more help on Thursday mornings to bag and distribute food supplies when Janice will be away for seven weeks in June and July. If you or someone you know could be a replacement, please let Janice know.

#### RECORDING THE SERVICE

Please note that we record the response time after the sermon. You are encouraged to share your thoughts as fully as you feel led with the proviso that no privacy can be guaranteed. The response time will not be posted to the website. You are encouraged to bring forth private issues during the time of sharing and prayer, which will not be recorded.

**Moderator**—Veronica Dyck (604-290-1627); **Worship**—J. Evan Kreider (604-228-1217);  
**Congregational Care**—Lois Funk (604-992-8213); **Recording Secretary**—Andre Pekovich (604-879-0007);  
**Music**—Ruth Enns (604-987-7430); **At Large**—Travis Martin (604-603-7843); Chan Yang (778-681-1475);  
**Finance** — Doug Medley (604-328-2980); **Congregational Co-ordinator** — Janice Kreider (604-228-1217)

*PGIMF gratefully acknowledges that we meet on the unceded ancestral lands of the Musqueam, Tsleil-Waututh and Squamish peoples. As Jesus reconciled us to God, we are called and commit ourselves to the work of reconciliation with each other*

**Save the Date** Peace on 52<sup>nd</sup> church invites you to their Good Friday service April 10<sup>th</sup> at which the participation of anyone is most welcome. PGIMF has already declined the invitation to participate as a congregation, but we are further invited to open worship up to individuals who want to celebrate with Peace on 52<sup>nd</sup> themselves.

**Just dates** The MCBC Service, Peace and Justice Committee urges you/your congregation to reward yourself with deliciously sweet, refreshingly nourishing and energizing jumbo dates, grown by Palestinian farmer members of Palestine Just Trade, shipped directly to you from the Palestinian growers in the Jordan River Valley. 2 lb. boxes are \$20 per box including shipping direct from Palestine - get together with others to make up an 8-box minimum order! Ask Andre for more info if you wish to order.

**BCMB Annual Convention** to be held May 1-2 2020 at Central Heights Church (1661 McCallum Rd., Abbotsford). Registration (\$40 - reimbursed by church) now open! Register through your local church - see any board member for details.

**Climate Emergency and Churches** PGIMF is invited to assemble a group of interested and committed individuals to help present or to learn about our response to the climate emergency in Vancouver and what we can do about it. Join others from a variety of Vancouver congregations and temples, led by the City of Vancouver at Temple Sholom (7190 Oak St. at 54<sup>th</sup> Ave, Vancouver) on Sunday, March 15, from 1:30 to 4:00PM. Ticketing would be handled somehow by the congregation, so if you are interested let a board member know.

## Wisdom Corner

“There’s a great episode of The Office in which this strategy lands Michael Scott and Dwight Schrute in a lake during a sales trip, Michael shouting, “The machine knows!” as he follows the GPS instructions and drives his SUV off the road into the water. I’ve watched a lot of good people drive their lives, their families, their churches, their communities, even their countries into a lake, shouting, “The Bible knows!” all the way down.”

- Rachel Held Evans, *Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again*

## John 17:16-23

<sup>16</sup>They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>17</sup>Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. <sup>18</sup>As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup>And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

<sup>20</sup> I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word,

<sup>21</sup>that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. <sup>22</sup>The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, <sup>23</sup>I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. [NRSV]

## Acts 9:1-19

<sup>1</sup>Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest <sup>2</sup>and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup>Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. <sup>4</sup>He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' <sup>5</sup>He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. <sup>6</sup>But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.' <sup>7</sup>The men who were travelling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. <sup>8</sup>Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. <sup>9</sup>For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

<sup>10</sup> Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, 'Ananias.' He answered, 'Here I am, Lord.' <sup>11</sup>The Lord said to

him, 'Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, <sup>12</sup>and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.' <sup>13</sup>But Ananias answered, 'Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; <sup>14</sup>and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.' <sup>15</sup>But the Lord said to him, 'Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; <sup>16</sup>I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.' <sup>17</sup>So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, 'Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>18</sup>And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, <sup>19</sup>and after taking some food, he regained his strength. [NRSV]

## John 20:24-29

<sup>24</sup> But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

<sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were

shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' [NRSV]

## 2 Peter 1:3-4

<sup>3</sup> His divine power has given us everything needed for life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. <sup>4</sup>Thus he has given us, through these things, his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may

escape from the corruption that is in the world because of lust, and may become participants in the divine nature. [NRSV]