

## POINT GREY INTER-MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

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### Scriptures for Today

John 19:18, 31b-33; Mark  
15:25-32;  
Luke 23:32-43;

**Last Sunday** Esther Hizsa shared how violence can come out of our broken stories, while peace can come out of our blessed stories. She invited us to hear in Psalm 23 how God actively restores our soul to help us live out of a place of peace. Esther gave us 3 pieces of homework for the week beginning with Peace Sunday: 1) be still and remember when God was a divine shepherd for you; 2) be still and behold a "green pasture" story, and; 3) return – with Jesus – to the meal set for you in the presence of your enemies. God's love, goodness,

and mercy are aggressively pursuing us so that the fruits of the Spirit can come out of our stories. [KH]

The message can be heard in your favourite browser at <https://pgimf.org/service/living-out-of-our-stories/>

### PGIMF News - Upcoming Services

November 26	Heather Murray	TBA / Potluck Lunch
December 3 (C*)	Laura Eriksson	Called by Name, Named by Call
December 10	Annika Krause	Waiting Expectantly
December 17	Al MacKay	Called to Relationship

**New church list** Hard copies of the church list are available by the mailslots at the back. Please note this list is private and not to be redistributed without the permission of the church.

**Updates to the Church list** There are three updates to the church list:

- Doug Medley would like you to use (e-mail address available from webmaster)
- Paul Froese has a new address: (address available from webmaster)
- Brandon Tomm would like you to contact him at (e-mail address available from webmaster)

A new copy will be made available next month for download from the website.

**Friday group** will meet this Friday, Nov. 24, to continue our discussion of A More Christlike God, by Brad Jersak. Please contemplate chapter 2: Un-Christlike Images of God. Friday, 10:00 a.m. at FUMC's education building. All are welcome.

### Potluck lunch

Next week is potluck lunch - bring a dish fit for your friends and a little extra for students who may join us.

**PGIMF in the news** Eagle-eyed readers of the Canadian Mennonite will see the article detailing the service at PGIMF featuring our Asian members on living together in community.

### Wider Church

**Mennonite Heritage Museum** On November 30, from 7:00pm - 8:00pm the Mennonite Heritage Museum (2740 Clearbrook Rd, Abbotsford) is hosting a book launch for The Quiet in the Land, by Richard Toews. Refreshments will be served after the presentation. More info at [www.mennonitemuseum.org](http://www.mennonitemuseum.org).

### 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.

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## Call to Worship

### Leader:

God of all who thirst,  
our hearts are parched from wandering in deserts  
far from your life-giving springs.  
Call us to your well.

### ALL:

Fill our cups with your grace,  
Let your love overflow in our hearts,  
and make us fully alive. AMEN

## Mark 15:25-32

<sup>25</sup> It was nine in the morning when they crucified him.  
<sup>26</sup> The written notice of the charge against him read:  
the king of the Jews. <sup>27</sup> They crucified two rebels with  
him, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>28</sup> So the  
Scripture was fulfilled which says, "And He was  
numbered with the transgressors." <sup>29</sup> Those who  
passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads  
and saying, "So! You who are going to destroy the

temple and build it in three days, <sup>30</sup> come down from  
the cross and save yourself!" <sup>31</sup> In the same way the  
chief priests and the teachers of the law mocked him  
among themselves. "He saved others," they said, "but  
he can't save himself! <sup>32</sup> Let this Messiah, this king of  
Israel, come down now from the cross, that we may  
see and believe." Those crucified with him also  
heaped insults on him.

## Luke 23:32-43

<sup>32</sup> Two other men, both criminals, were also led out  
with him to be executed. <sup>33</sup> When they came to the  
place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along  
with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his  
left. <sup>34</sup> Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do  
not know what they are doing." And they divided up  
his clothes by casting lots. <sup>35</sup> The people stood  
watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They  
said, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is  
God's Messiah, the Chosen One." <sup>36</sup> The soldiers also  
came up and mocked him. They offered him wine  
vinegar <sup>37</sup> and said, "If you are the king of the Jews,

save yourself." <sup>38</sup> There was a written notice above  
him, which read: this is the king of the Jews. <sup>39</sup> One of  
the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him:  
"Aren't you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" <sup>40</sup> But  
the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God,"  
he said, "since you are under the same sentence? <sup>41</sup>  
We are punished justly, for we are getting what our  
deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing  
wrong." <sup>42</sup> Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when  
you come into your kingdom." <sup>43</sup> Jesus answered him,  
"Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in  
paradise."

## John 19:18

There they crucified him, and with him two others—one on each side and Jesus in the middle.

## John 19:31b-33

Because the Jewish leaders did not want the bodies  
left on the crosses during the Sabbath, they asked  
Pilate to have the legs broken and the bodies taken  
down. <sup>32</sup> The soldiers therefore came and broke the  
legs of the first man who had been crucified with

Jesus, and then those of the other. <sup>33</sup> But when they  
came to Jesus and found that he was already dead,  
they did not break his legs.

## The Magnificence of Erudition

Consider what happens when a person becomes a Christian. Paul writes, "So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation." (2 Cor 5:17). When God comes, God brings a whole new world. The Spirit of God breaks through the self-enclosed worlds we inhabit; the Spirit re-creates us and sets us on the road toward becoming what I like to call a "catholic personality," a personal microcosm of the eschatological new creation. A catholic personality is a personality enriched by otherness, a personality which is what it is only because multiple others have been reflected in it in a particular way. The distance from my own culture that results from being born by the Spirit creates a fissure in me through which others can come in. The Spirit unlatches the doors of my heart saying: You are not only you; others belong to you too.

- Miroslav Volf, Exclusion and Embrace p. 51

## Humour Corner

