

POINT GREY INTER-MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

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Thomas Bergen - Who Do You Say That I Am?

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Last Sunday Handel's The Messiah was sung by the congregation and friends, with arias delivered by soloists and accompanied by Ruth Enns.

Two Sundays ago Alisha Fung (a VST theology student) spoke on Hebrews 11:8-16. Abraham is praised by the writer for being willing to leave his native country and--by faith--travel to live in another that was vastly different. Surely such a move would have been preceded and accompanied by endless doubts, but the storyteller reveals neither those doubts nor how Abraham dealt with them. Journeys of faith, and even faith itself, never come unaccompanied by doubts. Even Jesus expressed doubts from the cross when crying out, "My God, why have you forsaken me?" Certainty (not doubt) is the opposite of faith. [JEK]

Listen to the message at <https://pgimf.org/service/venturing-out-in-doubt/>

Scriptures for Today

2 Samuel 7:5-16

Mark 12:35-37

Mark 15:33-39

PGIMF News - Upcoming Services

May 13

Charis Weathers

A care in the World?

May 20

Amela Puljek-Shank

MCC in the Middle East & Europe

May 27

Camp Luther

June 3

John Friesen

Who am I?

Prayers of thanksgiving and sorrow. You are encouraged to keep the our friends in your prayers this week - thanks for Sven's successful surgery, and sorrow for their daughter Anne-Marie's health issue.

Camp Luther The Camp Luther committee has selected the theme Exercising Soul, Mind, and Body and has a wide variety of activities including a Tai Chi class planned for this year's event May 25-27 at Camp Luther. Please see Diane, Chan or Andre if you wan to help or have any suggestions.

Wider Church

MCC The MCC Thrift Vancouver needs volunteers any and all days of the week except Sunday in all areas of service. If you want to spend some time volunteering but do not know what you can do, contact Cathy Jeffrey and MCC will make use of your abilities. Contact Cathy at: (E-mail available from webmaster) or 604-325-1612.

Regent College Public Lecture Immigrant churches serve key roles for their communities, but often great divides between the generations arise, and make the space fragile. Nikki Toyama-Szeto (Exec. Director of Evangelicals for Social Action) examines the gifts of the immigrant church and addresses some of the obstacles in a free public lecture entitled Skipping Stones in Glass Homes in the chapel at Regent College on Wednesday May 9th beginning at 7:30 pm. All welcome.

Pacific Theatre A Ron Reed play Tolkein explores the unlikely friendship between C.S Lewis and J.R.R. Tolkein in a play running May 11 - June 9th. Tickets \$20-30 at the box office at 604-731-5518 or on-line at www.pacifictheatre.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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MCBC Connect Too keep up to date on everything happening at MCBC churches, you are encouraged to subscribe to MCBC Connect, the weekly e-bulletin that comes out every Wednesday afternoon at 4:00 pm by email. Things to pray for, events and ministries, all are available on MCBC Connect. Send your e-mail address to the Communications Coordinator, Kevin Barkowsky at (E-mail available from webmaster) with your request to subscribe.

MB Missions Greg Laing and the DMI leadership team invite you to a celebration evening on Friday June 8th to hear the stories of transformation in Columbia and the Phillippines. Event begins at 7:00 pm at King Road MB Church (32068 King Rd Abbotsford) and light refreshments will follow. RSVP to (E-mail available from webmaster) or phone 604-859-6267

Mennonite Disaster Service MDS volunteer opportunity in Williams Lake, BC. Fires in central BC in 2017 destroyed thousands of acres of forest as well as many homes. Come volunteer in your own province. On May 20, MDS will begin rebuilding in the community and we need volunteers. For more information or to volunteer go to <https://mds.mennonite.net> or phone 866-261-1274.

2 Samuel 7:5-16

⁵Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? ⁶I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. ⁷Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, 'Why have you not built me a house of cedar?' ⁸Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; ⁹and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. ¹⁰And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their

own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, ¹¹from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. ¹²When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. ¹³He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom for ever. ¹⁴I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me. When he commits iniquity, I will punish him with a rod such as mortals use, with blows inflicted by human beings. ¹⁵But I will not take my steadfast love from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you. ¹⁶Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure for ever before me; your throne shall be established for ever. [NRSV]

Mark 12:35-37

³⁵While Jesus was teaching in the temple, he said, 'How can the scribes say that the Messiah* is the son of David? ³⁶David himself, by the Holy Spirit, declared,
"The Lord said to my Lord,

'Sit at my right hand,
until I put your enemies under your feet.' "
³⁷David himself calls him Lord; so how can he be his son?' And the large crowd was listening to him with delight. [NRSV]

Mark 15:33-39

³³ When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. ³⁴ At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, 'Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?' which means, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' ³⁵ When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, 'Listen, he is calling for Elijah.' ³⁶ And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a

stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, 'Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.' ³⁷ Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. ³⁸ And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. ³⁹ Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, 'Truly this man was God's Son!' [NRSV]

Responsive Reading - Psalm 98

All 1 O sing to the Lord a new song,
 for he has done marvellous things.
One: His right hand and his holy arm
Two: **have gained him victory.**
One: 2 The Lord has made known his victory;
Two: **he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.**
One: 3 He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness
Two: **to the house of Israel.**
One: All the ends of the earth have seen
Two: **the victory of our God.**
One: 4 Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;
Two: **break forth into joyous song and sing praises.**
One: 5 Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre,
Two: **with the lyre and the sound of melody.**
One: 6 With trumpets and the sound of the horn
Two: **make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.**
One: 7 Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
Two: **the world and those who live in it.**
One: 8 Let the floods clap their hands;
Two: **let the hills sing together for joy**
One: 9 at the presence of the Lord, for he is coming
Two: **to judge the earth.**
All He will judge the world with righteousness,
 and the peoples with equity.