

POINT GREY INTER-MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

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Charis Weathers - A Care in the World?

Ascension Sunday

Worship Leader: Rosie Perera
Accompanist: Curtis Funk

Music Worship: Angela Ruthven
Usher: Diane Ehling

Last Sunday Thomas Bergen (Menno Simons Centre Residence Coordinator) continued his series on the Book of Mark, answering preliminary questions about its audience, authorship, and genre. The anticipated readers seem to be Romans, circa A.D. 65, when Nero began persecuting Christians. Church tradition attributes this gospel to John Mark of Jerusalem, believed to be the interpreter/scribe of the Apostle Peter's memoir. Like a mystery novel, the central question of Jesus' identity as the Messiah drives the dramatic tension of what reads like an ancient historical biography. The most important question that we can answer is Jesus' question to his disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" [KH]

Listen to the message at <https://pgimf.org/service/intro-to-mark-who-do-you-say-that-i-am/>

Scriptures for Today

John 17:6-19

Psalms 47

Acts 1:6-11

PGIMF News - Upcoming Services

May 20	Amela Puljek-Shank	MCC in the Middle East & Europe
May 27	Camp Luther	
June 3	John Friesen	Who am I?
June 10	Samuel Andri	TBA

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 want to help or have any suggestions.

Membership As mentioned at the PGIMF Annual General Meeting, you are invited to check the membership registers and see if you're on it. If not, please consider whether joining is for you. See Andre for the list.

AGM Minutes Please be advised that the minutes of the Congregational Meeting (AGM) are now posted on the PGIMF website in the members area. You'll need the usual password to get access to that area, available from any member of the church board or tech committee.

Wider Church

Regent College Public Lecture Hear Joshua Coutts speaking on Naming God in Earliest Christianity, a summation of references to the name of God throughout the OT & NT in a free public lecture on Wednesday May 16th beginning at 7:30 pm in the chapel at Regent College. Return Thursday at noon for a lunchtime lecture by Paul Heintzman, professor of Leisure Studies, who speaks on the theme Toward a Holistic Understanding Leisure: Christian Perspectives. All lectures open to the public and free admission.

Memorial Dr. Walter (Wally) Unger, former president of Columbia Bible College passed away May 8th. A celebration of life will be held on Monday May 14th at Columbia Place (on the CBC Campus) at 7 p.m. For more info regarding this service, please contact Linda Funk at Bakerview Church (email address available from webmaster)

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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Employment offered MCBC seeks a person to support congregations in living out their missional imagination, promote biblical stewardship, establish congregational relationships, and who will engage MCBC congregations in a commonly shared focus on discipleship and peacemaking. If you know someone who would be good at this position, please have them contact Garry Janzen at (e-mail address available from webmaster) to start a conversation. See the position description at www.mcbs.ca in the [Church Engagement Position Job Description](#)

John 17:6-19

⁶ "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸ for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹ I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰ All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹ And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Creator, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. ¹² While I was with them, I protected them in your name that

you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³ But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. ¹⁴ I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁵ I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶ They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁷ Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸ As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹ And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth. [NRSV - modified]

Psalm 47

¹ lap your hands, all you peoples;
shout to God with loud songs of joy.
² or the Lord, the Most High, is awesome,
a great king over all the earth.
³ He subdued peoples under us,
and nations under our feet.
⁴ He chose our heritage for us,
the pride of Jacob whom he loves.
⁵ God has gone up with a shout,
the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

⁶ Sing praises to God, sing praises;
sing praises to our King, sing praises.
⁷ For God is the king of all the earth;
sing praises with a psalm.
⁸ God is king over the nations;
God sits on his holy throne.
⁹ The princes of the peoples gather
as the people of the God of Abraham.
For the shields of the earth belong to God;
he is highly exalted. [NRSV]

Acts 1:6-11

⁶ So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' ⁷ He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' ⁹ When he had said this, as they were watching, he

was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰ While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹ They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.' [NRSV]

Sonnet for Ascension Day

We saw his light break through the cloud of
glory
Whilst we were rooted still in time and place
As earth became a part of Heaven's story
And heaven opened to his human face.
We saw him go and yet we were not parted
He took us with him to the heart of things
The heart that broke for all the broken-hearted
Is whole and Heaven-centred now, and sings,

Sings in the strength that rises out of weakness,
Sings through the clouds that veil him from our
sight,
Whilst we our selves become his clouds of
witness
And sing the waning darkness into light,
His light in us, and ours in him concealed,
Which all creation waits to see revealed.
- Malcolm Guite

Mother's Day Prayer

Lord, we remember the mothers
who have gone before us.
**For their love, sacrifice, struggle and joy,
we thank you.**

Lord, we remember the mothers of Scripture
who are part of our story
as we are a part of your story.
**For their courage, faith, love and fierceness,
we thank you.**

Lord, we remember those who have not given
birth to us,

but are mothers to us.
**For their gift of themselves that they have
given,
we thank you.**

For the women who struggle with fertility,
for those women whom society labels as less in
their childlessness,
for those women who have lost children;
**for their tears, for their strength,
for their wisdom, for their lives,
we thank you.**

Claire Schoepp, <https://re-worship.blogspot.ca/2017/04/a-prayer-for-mothers-day.html>

Call to Worship

A new day has begun.
Hope wins!
A fresh start is granted.
Faith wins!
Today you have the opportunity to do something new.
Hope wins!
Christ is entering your life in a new way.
Faith wins!
Come, let us worship God, who is inviting us into life in a new way,
a way that transcends death, a way of hope and faith.
Love wins!
Let us worship Christ, who overcame death to give us new life!

Rev. Mindi Welton Mitchell (<http://rev-o-lution.org/>), inspired by Acts 1:9-11.

Litany of Generosity

There is nothing we have
that we have not received;
all we have and are belong to God,
through the life, death, and resurrection of Christ.

To spend everything on ourselves,
and to give without sacrifice
is the way of the world
that is contrary to our Father's intent.

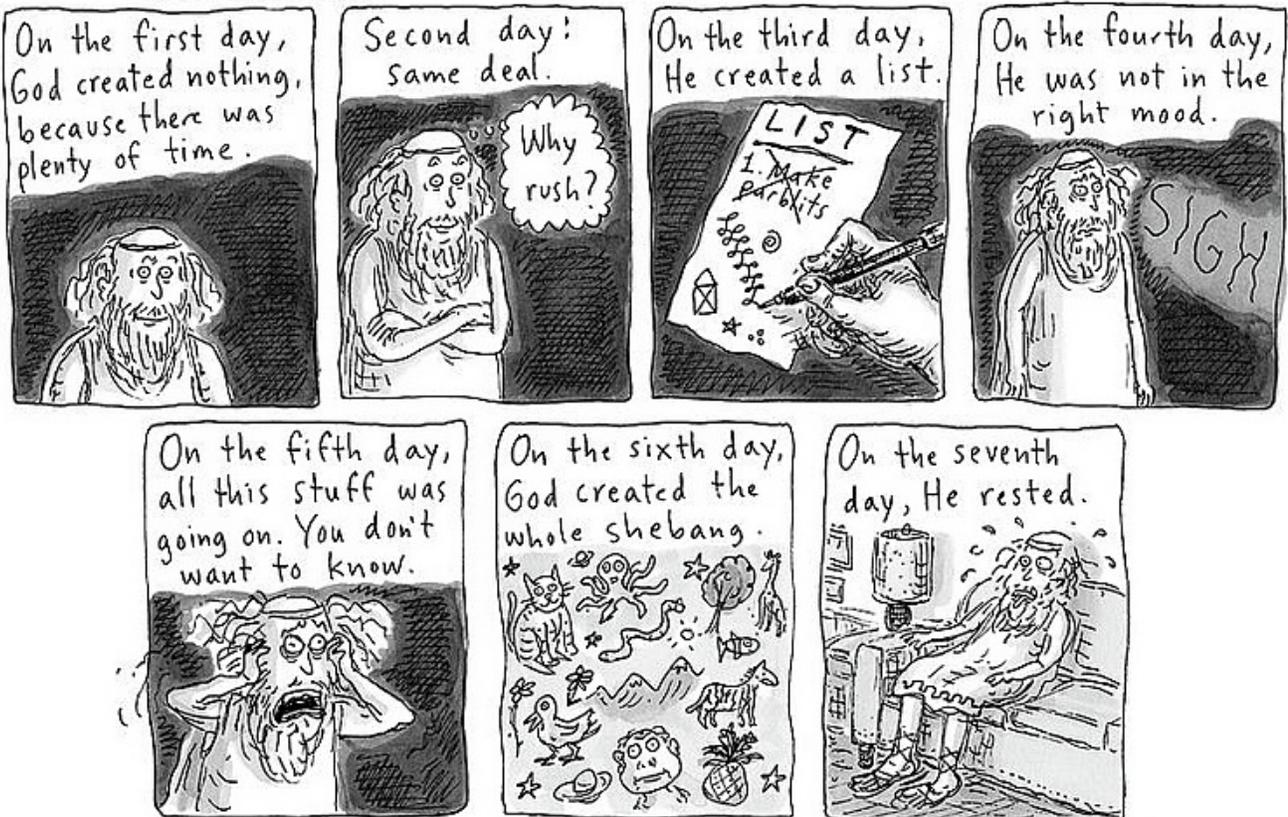
But generosity is the way of those
who call Christ their Lord.

We are determined to be generous
because our Father is generous.

We delight to give freely out of that which God has given to us.

- from Artisan Church

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