

## POINT GREY INTER-MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

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July 1, 2018

**Andria Irwin** - Faithful and Unruly

**Worship Leader:**  
**Accompanist:**

Henry Neufeld  
Curtis Funk

**Music Worship:**  
**Usher:**

Andre Pekovich  
Ed Epp

**Last Sunday** The annual Service in the Park was held at Trimble Park with eight local churches in attendance.

**Two Sundays ago** Susan Hackett returned with a message of truth, healing, and reconciliation. For many generations, the Christian church supported colonial governments using the Doctrine of Discovery to dispossess aboriginal communities from their lands. White-skinned Mennonite refugees to the Americas blended in with the dominant settlers and benefited from the same unearned privileges. In response to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of 2014, the Mennonite Central Committee affirmed the U.N. Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples as a guide for right relations. In our daily lives, we can be careful that our attempts to be sympathetic don't end up being patronizing. When we inevitably offend and are offended, will we follow Christ's model and reconcile through patient and sacrificial giving and receiving? [KH]

Listen to the message at <https://pgimf.org/service/the-meaning-of-privilege/>

### Scriptures for Today

Mark 5:21-43

Psalms 130

Lamentations 3:22 - 33

2 Corinthians 8:7 -15

### PGIMF News - Upcoming Services

July 8

Andrea Perrett

John 21:15-25

July 15

Rosie Perera

Christian humour

July 22

Julianne Funk

TBA

July 29

Jeremy Funk

TBA

**Testimonies** The fellowship enjoyed hearing testimonies from attenders being received into membership, and would like to extend the invitation to all who wish to give the testimony of their lives with Christ on a given Sunday. Please see Andre, Evan or Rosie if you would like to arrange a Sunday service to offer your testimony.

**Housing Alternatives** Former PGIMF attender Carolyn Good hopes to help her son find housing alternatives for when he attends UBC later this year. Contact her at e-mail available from webmaster) if you can help.

**Chapel artwork** The artwork hung on the chapel's north wall commemorates a 1991 Peace Theology Symposium, held at Columbia Bible College featuring academics from Mennonite colleges from all over North America. Sven Eriksson created a worship team that included David & Linda Klassen, Alf and Elvy Siemens, April Yamasaki and Lois Siemens offering 20-minute worship sessions featuring music, drama and liturgies; and Laura Sportack painted these visuals of "The Hands of God" depicted in the acts of Creation, Healing, Justice, and communion. After the artwork spent some time hanging at AMBS, Laura offered them from her storage to provide inspiration for our reflections.

### Wider Church

**Regent College Public lectures** Dr. Richard Winter outlines the difference between striving for excellence and praying to perfectionism in a talk entitled The Pursuit of Excellence and the Perils of Perfectionism on Monday July 2. Then, return Wednesday July 4 as Dr. Gordon T. Smith delves into 1 Peter as it shapes disciple-making and church maturity in a lecture entitled Catechesis for a Secular Age: The Wisdom of 1 Peter. Both lectures begin at 7:30 pm in the Chapel at Regent College. Free admission.

### 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**—Janice Kreider (604-228-1217); Chan Yang (778-681-1475);  
**Finance** — Doug Medley (604-328-2980); **Congregational Co-ordinator** — Veronica Dyck (604-290-1627)

**Lunchtime Lecture** Dr. Drew Trotter explores what the films we nominate for awards tell us - whether escapist fantasy, or insight into societal problems, the films we watch have shaped our society in the last half century in his talk *The Movies and Us: What the Academy Award Nominees Tell Us About Ourselves*. Thursday July 5<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 non in the Chapel at Regent College.

**Lodging wanted** A couple (David & Naomi Hepler) studying in Abbotsford seek a place to stay for two weeks July 14-24 while David attends UBC . If you can help, please contact Gerald Neufeld at (e-mail available from webmaster)

**Housing wanted** The Regent College Student Housing Services seeks hosts to provide free housing and local telephone use for up to one week (between July 1 and September 15) for incoming students while they search for permanent housing. Meals are not expected (but welcome nonetheless!). Please contact the housing coordinator at [housing@regent-college.edu](mailto:housing@regent-college.edu) if you can help.

**MCBC** Gerry Grunau, Chair of the Finance Committee at MCBC thanks the church for its faithful financial support which provides the financial resources to fulfill commitments to support nationwide ministries such as international Witness programs that help churches flourish around the world, equip international leaders, strengthen world missions and invest in our future. PGIMF has given \$1020 so far this year.

## Psalm 130

A Song of Ascents.

<sup>1</sup> Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.

<sup>2</sup> Lord, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive

to the voice of my supplications!

<sup>3</sup> If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,  
Lord, who could stand?

<sup>4</sup> But there is forgiveness with you,  
so that you may be revered.

<sup>5</sup> I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,

and in his word I hope;

<sup>6</sup> my soul waits for the Lord

more than those who watch for the morning,

more than those who watch for the morning.

<sup>7</sup> O Israel, hope in the Lord!

For with the Lord there is steadfast love,  
and with him is great power to redeem.

<sup>8</sup> It is he who will redeem Israel

from all its iniquities.

[NRSV]

## Lamentations 3: 22 - 33

<sup>22</sup> The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,  
his mercies never come to an end;

<sup>23</sup> they are new every morning;

great is your faithfulness.

<sup>24</sup> 'The Lord is my portion,' says my soul,  
'therefore I will hope in him.'

<sup>25</sup> The Lord is good to those who wait for him,  
to the soul that seeks him.

<sup>26</sup> It is good that one should wait quietly  
for the salvation of the Lord.

<sup>27</sup> It is good for one to bear  
the yoke in youth,

<sup>28</sup> to sit alone in silence

when the Lord has imposed it,

<sup>29</sup> to put one's mouth to the dust

(there may yet be hope),

<sup>30</sup> to give one's cheek to the smiter,

and be filled with insults.

<sup>31</sup> For the Lord will not  
reject for ever.

<sup>32</sup> Although he causes grief, he will have compassion  
according to the abundance of his steadfast love;

<sup>33</sup> for he does not willingly afflict

or grieve anyone.

[NRSV]

## 2 Corinthians 8: 7-15

<sup>7</sup>Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

<sup>8</sup>I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. <sup>9</sup>For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. <sup>10</sup>And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something—<sup>11</sup>now finish doing it, so that your

eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. <sup>12</sup>For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have. <sup>13</sup>I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between <sup>14</sup>your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. <sup>15</sup>As it is written, 'The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little.'  
[NRSV]

## Mark 5: 21 - 43

<sup>21</sup>When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered round him; and he was by the lake. <sup>22</sup>Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet <sup>23</sup>and begged him repeatedly, 'My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.'<sup>24</sup>So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. <sup>25</sup>Now there was a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years. <sup>26</sup>She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. <sup>27</sup>She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, <sup>28</sup>for she said, 'If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.'<sup>29</sup>Immediately her haemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. <sup>30</sup>Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, 'Who touched my clothes?' <sup>31</sup>And his disciples said to him, 'You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, "Who touched me?"' <sup>32</sup>He looked all round to see who had done it. <sup>33</sup>But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the

whole truth. <sup>34</sup>He said to her, 'Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.'

<sup>35</sup>While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, 'Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?' <sup>36</sup>But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, 'Do not fear, only believe.'<sup>37</sup>He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. <sup>38</sup>When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. <sup>39</sup>When he had entered, he said to them, 'Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.'<sup>40</sup>And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. <sup>41</sup>He took her by the hand and said to her, 'Talitha cum', which means, 'Little girl, get up!' <sup>42</sup>And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. <sup>43</sup>He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.  
[NRSV]