

## POINT GREY INTER-MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

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July 8, 2018

**Andrea Perrett - Feeding Sheep**

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

Janice Kreider  
Ruth Enns

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

Angela Ruthven  
Ed Epp

**Last Sunday** Andria Irwin (VST graduate student) spoke on the miracles of the synagogue leader's young daughter restored to life, and the hemorrhaging woman healed, as recorded in Mark 5:21-43. In each case, their expression of disorderly faith was the catalyst for a miraculous transformation. Jairus risked his standing in the religious establishment, and the woman risked further censure for touching Jesus' cloak while ritually unclean. We will be courageous and fully embody our faith in our actions? [KH]

### Scriptures for Today

Isaiah 55:1-13

John 21:15-25

Listen to the message at <https://pgimf.org/service/faithful-and-unruly/>

### PGIMF News - Upcoming Services

July 15	Rosie Perera	Quest for the Hysterical Jesus
July 22	Julianne Funk	Creative Non-violence
July 29	Jeremy Funk	God the Human Being
August 5	John Hodges	TBA

**Housing Alternatives** Former PGIMF attendee Carolyn Good hopes to help her son find housing alternatives for when he attends UBC later this year. You can 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's worship team (David & Linda Klassen, Alf and Elvy Siemens, April Yamasaki and Lois Siemens) offered 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.

**New book** PGIMF's prolific writer of family history, Helmut Lemke, has a new book out - Slipping the Noose - which is the story of Mennonite flight from traditional lands in what is now Poland. Slipping the Noose describes two events at the end of World War II in Germany:

- in the first, a Mennonite family quickly pack the bare necessities in horse drawn wagons and flee the pursuing Russian Army for two months in the coldest winter in memory, suffering hardships and receiving kindnesses, as they trek through war-torn Germany to safety in the West. Childhood memories and customs of her Mennonite ancestors add detail and the difficulties of starting new careers in the West is a timeless story of refugees everywhere.

- in the second story, a young Mennonite starts on a daring journey from a military hospital in western Germany to his home village in East Prussia in search of his mother. Tales of life-threatening confrontations with Russian soldiers who now occupy his home village contrast with stories of how God guided and protected him even after expulsion from the farm by the new Polish authorities and an escape from a forced journey to a labour camp.

See Helmut for your copy.

### 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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## **Wider Church**

**Regent College Public lectures** Hear Everett Hamner present climate data in accessible terms in a discussion of eco-theology and creation care in *No More Dithering: What Climate Change Means for Creation Care* on Monday, July 9 at 7:30 pm. Return at lunchtime on Wednesday July 11<sup>th</sup> to the Chapel at Regent College for a lunchtime lecture featuring Cindy Aalders, Everett Hamner and Drew Lewis discussing *The Bible in Contemporary Storytelling*. Free admission.

**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.

## **Prayer**

*(Sing the Story 149)*

Leader: Eternal Spirit,  
Life-Giver,  
Pain-Bearer,  
Lover-Maker,  
Source of all that is  
And that shall be,  
Father and Mother  
Of us all,  
Loving God,  
In whom is heaven:

*All: The hallowing of your name  
Echo through the universe.  
The way of your justice  
Be followed  
By the peoples of the world.  
Your heavenly will be done  
By all created beings.  
Your commonwealth  
Of peace and freedom  
Sustain our hope  
And come on earth. AMEN*

## **Isaiah 55: 1-5**

<sup>1</sup>Ho, everyone who thirsts,  
come to the waters;  
and you that have no money,  
come, buy and eat!  
Come, buy wine and milk  
without money and without price.  
<sup>2</sup> Why do you spend your money for that which is not  
bread,  
and your labour for that which does not satisfy?  
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,  
and delight yourselves in rich food.

<sup>3</sup> Incline your ear, and come to me;  
listen, so that you may live.  
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,  
my steadfast, sure love for David.  
<sup>4</sup> See, I made him a witness to the peoples,  
a leader and commander for the peoples.  
<sup>5</sup> See, you shall call nations that you do not know,  
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,  
because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,  
for he has glorified you. [NRSV]

## Isaiah 55: 6-11

<sup>6</sup> Seek the Lord while he may be found,  
call upon him while he is near;  
<sup>7</sup> let the wicked forsake their way,  
and the unrighteous their thoughts;  
let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy  
on them,  
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.  
<sup>8</sup> For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.  
<sup>9</sup> For as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
so are my ways higher than your ways  
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

<sup>10</sup> For as the rain and the snow come down from  
heaven,  
and do not return there until they have watered the  
earth,  
making it bring forth and sprout,  
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,  
<sup>11</sup> so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;  
it shall not return to me empty,  
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,  
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. [NRSV]

## Isaiah 55: 12-13

<sup>12</sup> For you shall go out in joy,  
and be led back in peace;  
the mountains and the hills before you  
shall burst into song,  
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.  
<sup>13</sup> Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;

instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;  
and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial,  
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.  
[NRSV]

## John 21:15-25

<sup>15</sup> When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to  
Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me  
more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you  
know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my  
lambs.' <sup>16</sup>A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of  
John, do you love me?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you  
know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Tend my  
sheep.' <sup>17</sup>He said to him the third time, 'Simon son of  
John, do you love me?' Peter felt hurt because he said  
to him the third time, 'Do you love me?' And he said  
to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I  
love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep. <sup>18</sup>Very  
truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to  
fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished.  
But when you grow old, you will stretch out your  
hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around  
you and take you where you do not wish to go.' <sup>19</sup>(He  
said this to indicate the kind of death by which he  
would glorify God.) After this he said to him, 'Follow  
me.'

<sup>20</sup> Peter turned and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved  
following them; he was the one who had reclined next  
to Jesus at the supper and had said, 'Lord, who is it  
that is going to betray you?' <sup>21</sup>When Peter saw him,  
he said to Jesus, 'Lord, what about him?' <sup>22</sup>Jesus said  
to him, 'If it is my will that he remain until I come,  
what is that to you? Follow me!' <sup>23</sup>So the rumour  
spread in the community that this disciple would not  
die. Yet Jesus did not say to him that he would not  
die, but, 'If it is my will that he remain until I come,  
what is that to you?'

<sup>24</sup> This is the disciple who is testifying to these things  
and has written them, and we know that his testimony  
is true. <sup>25</sup>But there are also many other things that  
Jesus did; if every one of them were written down, I  
suppose that the world itself could not contain the  
books that would be written. [NRSV]