

# POINT GREY INTER-MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

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**Julianne Funk** - Creative Non-violence

**Worship Leader:** Veronica Dyck  
**Accompanist:** Rosemary Bell

**Music Worship:** Curtis Funk  
**Usher:** Chris Skinner

**Last Sunday** Rosie Perera led us on a laugh track through the evidence in the Bible that laughter is God's gift to us. Our culture has a reputation for dour prudishness, but Mennonite comedians are gaining in popularity! In the OT, we read of Abraham & Sarah's hilarity at the prospect of becoming natural parents at the ages of 100 & 90 respectively. In the NT, wordplay abounds, including Jesus using satire, hyperbole, and playfully preposterous analogies in his parables like the speck and the log in the eye. We can have the last laugh at Satan by accepting Christ's offer of salvation. [KH]

Listen to the message at <https://pgimf.org/service/quest-for-the-hysterical-jesus/>

## Scriptures for Today

Matthew 5:1-6, 38-48

1 Kings 3:16-28

Psalm 85

2 Corinthians 5:14-21

## PGIMF News - Upcoming Services

July 29                      Jeremy Funk  
August 5                     John Hodges  
August 12                    John Klassen  
August 19                    Amy Anderson

God the Human Being  
What is Man?  
A History Lesson  
TBA

**ParticipACTION at PGIMF** Our community is always looking to see whether our visitors and friends want to make a deeper commitment to us. If you wish to join a mailing list, get on the formal church contact list, offer your testimony, or become a member, please contact any member of the church board (see bottom of page) to begin the conversation.

## Wider Church

**Regent College Public lectures** Dr. Terry LeBlanc (Director of Indigenous Pathways and NAIITS) offers his thoughts on when a liberal society begins to hold traditional ideas in contempt and people adhering to old norms become marginalized. His lecture When Fundamentalism Meets Fascism takes place Monday July 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30 pm. Return on Tuesday the 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm for Peter Shaw speaking on leadership and teambuilding in a lecture entitled Living with Never-ending Expectations as a Leader which includes a complimentary copy of his new book. All lectures in the Chapel at Regent college.

**Mennonite Disaster Service** MDS is hosting a project in British Columbia! The devastating fires in Williams Lake created an opening for MDS to contribute to the rebuild of two or three homes there. If you're looking for a working holiday, contact MDS at 1-866-261-1274 or by e-mail.

**Lunchtime Roundtable at Regent** Faculty Roundtables occur in summer to get to know members of the teaching team at Regent college including faculty, visiting professors and friends. This week's discussion features Dr Mark Elliot and Dr Paul Spilsbury in a conversation about biblical theology. Bring your lunch to Room 100 at noon on Wednesday July 25<sup>th</sup> for a lively discussion.

## 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

(based on Psalm 85)

Holy and Faithful God, you are full of grace and truth; so we come to worship you.

**We, your people, acknowledge and rejoice in our personal relationship with our God.**

God of steadfast love and mercy you have forgiven us; so we come to worship you.

**We, your people, acknowledge and rejoice in God's merciful generosity towards us.**

God, who is our living memory and our eternal hope, in awe and reverence we come to worship you.  
We gather here because you are the Holy One who speaks peace to us.

**We, your people come to worship you, acknowledging and rejoicing that we have come from God; that we are God's own people; and in due time, that we will return to God. Amen.**

[http://www.thetimelesspsalms.net/w\\_resources/advent2b\\_2014.htm](http://www.thetimelesspsalms.net/w_resources/advent2b_2014.htm)

## 1 Kings 3:16-28

<sup>16</sup> Later, two women who were prostitutes came to the king and stood before him. <sup>17</sup> One woman said, 'Please, my lord, this woman and I live in the same house; and I gave birth while she was in the house.

<sup>18</sup> Then on the third day after I gave birth, this woman also gave birth. We were together; there was no one else with us in the house, only the two of us were in the house. <sup>19</sup> Then this woman's son died in the night, because she lay on him. <sup>20</sup> She got up in the middle of the night and took my son from beside me while your servant slept. She laid him at her breast, and laid her dead son at my breast. <sup>21</sup> When I rose in the morning to nurse my son, I saw that he was dead; but when I looked at him closely in the morning, clearly it was not the son I had borne.' <sup>22</sup> But the other woman said, 'No, the living son is mine, and the dead son is yours.' The first said, 'No, the dead son is yours, and the living son is mine.' So they argued before the king.

<sup>23</sup> Then the king said, 'One says, "This is my son that is alive, and your son is dead"; while the other says, "Not so! Your son is dead, and my son is the living one."'

<sup>24</sup> So the king said, 'Bring me a sword', and they brought a sword before the king. <sup>25</sup> The king said, 'Divide the living boy in two; then give half to one, and half to the other.' <sup>26</sup> But the woman whose son was alive said to the king—because compassion for her son burned within her—'Please, my lord, give her the living boy; certainly do not kill him!' The other said, 'It shall be neither mine nor yours; divide it.' <sup>27</sup> Then the king responded: 'Give the first woman the living boy; do not kill him. She is his mother.' <sup>28</sup> All Israel heard of the judgement that the king had rendered; and they stood in awe of the king, because they perceived that the wisdom of God was in him, to execute justice. [NRSV]

## Psalm 85

To the leader. Of the Korahites. A Psalm.

<sup>1</sup> Lord, you were favourable to your land;  
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

<sup>2</sup> You forgave the iniquity of your people;  
you pardoned all their sin.  
Selah

<sup>3</sup> You withdrew all your wrath;  
you turned from your hot anger.

<sup>4</sup> Restore us again, O God of our salvation,  
and put away your indignation towards us.

<sup>5</sup> Will you be angry with us for ever?  
Will you prolong your anger to all generations?  
<sup>6</sup> Will you not revive us again,  
so that your people may rejoice in you?  
<sup>7</sup> Show us your steadfast love, O Lord,  
and grant us your salvation.  
<sup>8</sup> Let me hear what God the Lord will speak,  
for he will speak peace to his people,  
to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their  
hearts.  
<sup>9</sup> Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear

him,  
that his glory may dwell in our land.

<sup>10</sup> Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;  
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.  
<sup>11</sup> Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,  
and righteousness will look down from the sky.  
<sup>12</sup> The Lord will give what is good,  
and our land will yield its increase.  
<sup>13</sup> Righteousness will go before him,  
and will make a path for his steps. [NRSV]

## 2 Cor 5:14-21

<sup>14</sup> For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. <sup>15</sup> And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

<sup>16</sup> From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. <sup>17</sup> So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see,

everything has become new! <sup>18</sup> All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; <sup>19</sup> that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. <sup>20</sup> So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup> For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. [NRSV]

## Matt 5:1-6,38-48

<sup>1</sup> When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup> Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

<sup>3</sup> 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup> 'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

<sup>5</sup> 'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup> 'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

[...]

<sup>38</sup> 'You have heard that it was said, "An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth." <sup>39</sup> But I say to you, Do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the

right cheek, turn the other also; <sup>40</sup> and if anyone wants to sue you and take your coat, give your cloak as well; <sup>41</sup> and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile. <sup>42</sup> Give to everyone who begs from you, and do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you.

<sup>43</sup> 'You have heard that it was said, "You shall love your neighbour and hate your enemy." <sup>44</sup> But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, <sup>45</sup> so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. <sup>46</sup> For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax-collectors do the same? <sup>47</sup> And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? <sup>48</sup> Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect. [NRSV]

## Wit & Wisdom

As democracy is perfected, the office of the president represents, more and more closely, the inner soul of the people.

On some great and glorious day, the plain folks of the land will reach their heart's desire at last and the White House will be adorned by a downright moron."

- H.L. Mencken. The Baltimore Sun. July 26 1920



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