

POINT GREY INTER-MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

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John Hodges - What is Man?

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Music Worship:

Veronica Dyck

Accompanist:

Curtis Funk

Usher:

Chris Skinner

Last Sunday Jeremy Funk (son of PGIMF attenders Lois and Curtis Funk) shared from personal experience about the challenge of invisibility faced by persons with physical disabilities. Even praying for healing for someone without asking first can be a de-humanizing action. The story of the formerly paralyzed man in Mark 2 demonstrated that in Christ, God affirms the humanity of each of us. May we likewise welcome others into the peace described by Jesus, no matter what our bodily differences may be. [KH]

Listen to the message at <https://pgimf.org/service/god-the-human-being/>

Scriptures for Today

Psalm 8

Genesis 1:24-26; 2:7

Hebrews 2:5-9

Job 32: 6-22

1 Corinthians 15:44-49

Colossians: 1: 15-20

PGIMF News - Upcoming Services

August 12

John Klassen

Reformation-Era Women - Reflecting on God

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Amy Anderson

The Love of God

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Michael Despotovic & Hizmet

Testimony

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PGIMF 32nd Anniversary

Seeking your opinion The new congregational coordinator wonders if anyone at PGIMF ever looks at our bulletin board by the stairs

Passings Tena Neufeld's brother Peter passed away Tuesday, July 31. The funeral will be held in Manitoba on Aug. 7. You are encouraged to remember the family in your prayers.

Wider Church

Institute for Religion Peace and Justice You are invited to direct any whom you know who love peace and justice in the Lord's kingdom to this new certificate program offering from the University of the Fraser Valley. The Certificate in Religion, Peace and Justice is for any curious and thoughtful person who wants to integrate spiritual and theological considerations with practical peace work, nonviolent activism, peacemaking, and advocacy for either personal enrichment and knowledge acquisition or professional enhancement. The Certificate is a stand-alone credential with undergraduate and graduate options. This Certificate in Religion, Peace and Justice is meant to distill the best content and expose students to an experience that will expand their worldview in an organized, self-contained, digestible but thorough and infinitely enriching package.

Creation Care River Cleanup Mennonite Creation Care Network encourages Mennonite churches to participate in river cleanups. Sherbrooke Mennonite is leading several Vancouver churches in a cleanup (location TBA but in the Lower Mainland) on August 25th, and invites PGIMF to participate. Meet at Sherbrooke Mennonite at 9am, event runs until noon. Snacks and water will be provided (please bring your own water bottles and a bagged lunch if you want). More information from Annika Krause at (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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MCC Festival for World Relief Each year, MCC relief sales raise fun and millions of dollars for MCC's relief, development and peace work around the world through sales and auctions of quilts, furniture, items and activities for children. Make a difference this year on September 14-15 at Tradex Abbotsford by bidding in an auction or explore how you could donate an item for auction, help prepare and serve food or give your time on the day of a sale. Kids participate too with My Coins Count (formerly Penny Power), a powerful way to show children that they can make a difference in the world. For more information see www.mcccanada.ca/.

Ride for Refuge Save the Date! Saturday, September 29th sees hundreds participating in this fun, ride/walk fundraising event in support of MCBC's International Witness ministry. Congregations already in partnership with a Witness worker couple/family are encouraged to participate in raising funds for that ministry. If your church does not already relate directly to a Witness worker, please choose from the list at https://donate.mennonitechurch.ca/projects/by_worker. Alternatively, partner with another church to raise funds for the worker they sponsor. For more information or to register, go to <https://rideforrefuge.org/home>.

Psalm 8

To the leader: according to The Gittith. A Psalm of David.

¹ O Lord, our Sovereign,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens.

² Out of the mouths of babes and infants
you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,
to silence the enemy and the avenger.

³ When I look at your heavens, the work of your
fingers,
the moon and the stars that you have established;

⁴ what are human beings that you are mindful of
them,
mortals that you care for them?

⁵ Yet you have made them a little lower than God,
and crowned them with glory and honour.

⁶ You have given them dominion over the works of
your hands;

⁷ you have put all things under their feet,
all sheep and oxen,

and also the beasts of the field,

⁸ the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

⁹ O Lord, our Sovereign,
how majestic is your name in all the earth! [NRSV]

Genesis 1:24-26; 2:7

²⁴ And God said, 'Let the earth bring forth living
creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things
and wild animals of the earth of every kind.' And it
was so. ²⁵ God made the wild animals of the earth of
every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and
everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind.
And God saw that it was good.

²⁶ Then God said, 'Let us make humankind in our
image, according to our likeness; and let them have

dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds
of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild
animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing
that creeps upon the earth.'

[...]

– ⁷then the Lord God formed man from the dust of
the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath
of life; and the man became a living being. [NRSV]

Hebrews 2:5-9

⁵ Now God did not subject the coming world, about
which we are speaking, to angels. ⁶But someone has
testified somewhere,
'What are human beings that you are mindful of

them,
or mortals, that you care for them?

⁷ You have made them for a little while lower than the
angels;

you have crowned them with glory and honour,
⁸ subjecting all things under their feet.
Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, ⁹but we do see

Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honour because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. [NRSV]

Job 32: 6-22

⁶ Elihu son of Barachel the Buzite answered:
'I am young in years,
and you are aged;
therefore I was timid and afraid
to declare my opinion to you.
⁷ I said, "Let days speak,
and many years teach wisdom."
⁸ But truly it is the spirit in a mortal,
the breath of the Almighty, that makes for understanding.
⁹ It is not the old that are wise,
nor the aged that understand what is right.
¹⁰ Therefore I say, "Listen to me;
let me also declare my opinion."
¹¹ 'See, I waited for your words,
I listened for your wise sayings,
while you searched out what to say.
¹² I gave you my attention,
but there was in fact no one that confuted Job,
no one among you that answered his words.

¹³ Yet do not say, "We have found wisdom;
God may vanquish him, not a human."
¹⁴ He has not directed his words against me,
and I will not answer him with your speeches.
¹⁵ 'They are dismayed, they answer no more;
they have not a word to say.
¹⁶ And am I to wait, because they do not speak,
because they stand there, and answer no more?
¹⁷ I also will give my answer;
I also will declare my opinion.
¹⁸ For I am full of words;
the spirit within me constrains me.
¹⁹ My heart is indeed like wine that has no vent;
like new wineskins, it is ready to burst.
²⁰ I must speak, so that I may find relief;
I must open my lips and answer.
²¹ I will not show partiality to any person
or use flattery towards anyone.
²² For I do not know how to flatter—
or my Maker would soon put an end to me! [NRSV]

1 Corinthians 15:44-49

⁴⁴It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. ⁴⁵Thus it is written, 'The first man, Adam, became a living being'; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. ⁴⁶But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. ⁴⁷The first

man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. ⁴⁸As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. ⁴⁹Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven. [NRSV]

Colossians: 1: 15-20

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the

body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. [NRSV]