

## POINT GREY INTER-MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

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### Michael Despotovic - The Mirror Reflects, Everything Grows

**Worship Leader:** Paul Thiessen  
**Accompanist:** Rosemary Bell

**Music Worship:** J. Evan Kreider  
**Usher:** Ed Epp

**Last Sunday** Amy Anderson (Director of Communications and Public Engagement at Regent College), spoke on the theme of God's all-encompassing love. Throughout Scripture, we see God acting in love toward creation – toward his people as a collective, and as individuals. Both Old and New Testaments show a God whose love is persistent (emphasized by the refrain in Psalm 136), faithful, and transformative. Many Christians do not truly believe that God loves them, but we are called to encourage each other to receive and live into this love. Deep confidence in God's love is essential in developing hopeful faith, healthy service, and holy love for God, creation, and each other.

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

#### Scriptures for Today

Jeremiah 12:1-3

John 9:13-16

2Corinthians 3:17-18

2Peter 1:5-8

#### PGIMF News - Upcoming Services

September 2 J. Evan Kreider  
September 9 Steve Klassen  
September 16 Thomas Bergen  
September 23 TBA

Psalms for these Sad Distracted Times  
Student Potluck Barbeque  
Mark

#### Wider Church

**MCBC Women's Retreat** Contagious Joy (James 1:2-3) with Katelynn Pankratz takes place October 12-14 at Camp Squeah. Retreat schedule and details on activities and costs (\$45 - \$125) at <https://www.mcbs.ca/womens-ministry/> Register now!

**MCBC Service Peace & Justice committee** You are invited to the SPJ committee's presentation at Langley Mennonite Church (20997 - 40<sup>th</sup> Ave, Langley) featuring Sr. Lisa Pires in a talk entitled "We Teach Life, Sir". Lisa is a CPT member volunteering in Hebron since October 2017, and will return to Hebron in Mid-September. Thursday September 6<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7:00 pm. RSVP please to Henry Krause at (contact info available from webmaster upon request)

**Magazines wanted** If people have any of the following magazines they would like to donate to the Patients' Library at St Paul's Hospital, they can give them to Evan. If you do not wish anyone to know that you subscribe to any of these magazines, you can leave them anonymously.

- National Geographic\*
- Entertainment\* (People, Us Weekly, Variety, Billboard, etc.)
- Fashion (Fashion, Elle, Vogue, Harper's Bazaar, InStyle, Marie Claire, GQ, etc.)
- Health (Women's Health, Men's Health, Shape, Alive, Chatelaine, etc.)
- Sports (ESPN, Sporting News, The Hockey News, Sportsnet Magazine, etc.)
- Fitness (Canadian Health & Lifestyle, Fitness, Shape, etc.)

#### 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**—Travis Martin (604-603-7843); Chan Yang (778-681-1475);  
**Finance** — Doug Medley (604-328-2980); **Congregational Co-ordinator** — Janice Kreider (604-228-1217)

**Help needed** for two chronically sick young adults Dunbar/UBC Area. We are a family based in Dunbar (near St George's School) with two young adult children both of whom have become disabled for different reasons. One struggles with chronic pain and fatigue and uses a wheelchair for mobility. The other suffers from ongoing concussion symptoms which significantly limit daily activities. Both regularly attend a number of medical and therapeutic appointments. In addition, one attends a limited number of classes at UBC. We are urgently looking for someone/some people to help with driving to these appointments on an as needed basis, generally one to three hours most week days. Most/all trips are local, such as to UBC or Broadway/Oak. We provide a car and are willing to pay modest compensation for your time. Please contact David at (contact info available from webmaster)

### **Jeremiah 12: 1-3 (NRSV)**

<sup>1</sup>You are always righteous, Lord,  
when I bring a case before you.

Yet I would speak with you about your justice:  
Why does the way of the wicked prosper?

Why do all the faithless live at ease?

<sup>2</sup>You have planted them, and they have taken root;

they grow and bear fruit.

You are always on their lips  
but far from their hearts.

<sup>3</sup> Yet you know me, Lord;  
you see me and test my thoughts about you.

### **John 9: 13-16 (NRSV)**

<sup>13</sup>They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. <sup>14</sup>Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. <sup>15</sup> Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes.

Then I washed, and now I see." <sup>16</sup>Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided.

### **2 Corinthians 3: 17-18 (NSRV)**

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. <sup>18</sup>And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected

in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

### **2 Peter 1: 5-8 (NSRV)**

<sup>5</sup>For this very reason, you must make every effort to support your faith with goodness, and goodness with knowledge, <sup>6</sup>and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with endurance, and endurance with godliness, <sup>7</sup>and godliness with mutual affection,

and mutual affection with love. <sup>8</sup>For if these things are yours and are increasing among you, they keep you from being ineffective and unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

## Psalm 84

- All <sup>1</sup> How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!
- 1 <sup>2</sup> My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.
- 2 <sup>3</sup> **Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.**
- 1 <sup>4</sup> Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise. Selah
- 2 <sup>5</sup> **Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.**
- 1 <sup>6</sup> As they go through the valley of Baca they make it a place of springs; the early rain also covers it with pools.
- 2 <sup>7</sup> **They go from strength to strength; the God of gods will be seen in Zion.**
- 1 <sup>8</sup> O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob! Selah
- 2 <sup>9</sup> **Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of your anointed.**
- 1 <sup>10</sup> For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than live in the tents of wickedness.
- 2 <sup>11</sup> **For the LORD God is a sun and shield; he bestows favor and honor. No good thing does the LORD withhold from those who walk uprightly.**
- All <sup>12</sup> O LORD of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.

## Wisdom corner

"I am often asked whether my refugee work has shaken my faith in a God who permits all this suffering. God? God has nothing to do with this. It is human beings who are to blame, not God. Greedy, ruthless human beings who put their trust in money and power. I am not even talking about the people traffickers. I am talking about those who are willing to let half the world live in poverty, who sanction conflict and even finance it. The problem is human beings, not God."

- Tears of Salt, A Doctors Story by Pietro Bartolo and Lidia Tilott