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Thomas Bergen - Mark Series: Jesus, the Healing One

Worship Leader: Janice Kreider
Accompanist: Ruth Enns

Music Worship: Veronica Dyck
Usher: Chris Skinner

Two Sundays ago we held our Thanksgiving service of readings, prayers and songs created by our moderator, Veronica Dyck.

Last Sunday Janice Kreider shared three stories of justice and injustice. The first story was about an Afghan family helped through the immigration process in Vancouver by neighbours, the Sherbrooke Refugee Food Bank, and the Salvation Army. "Stolen Waters, Thirsty People" set the story of the Woman at the Well in the Shoal Lake 40 First Nation (found in the book, *Unsettling the Word: Biblical Experiments in Decolonization*). The third story was about a Mennonite family in the Holdeman Church deeply affected by a case of alcoholism and shunning. As James 1:27 suggests, may we care for orphans and widows in their distress, and keep ourselves unstained by the world. [KH]

The message can be heard in your favourite browser at <https://pgimf.org/service/stories-of-justice-and-injustice/>

Scriptures for Today

Mark 1:29-34

Mark 2:1-17

PGIMF News - Upcoming Services

October 28	Henry Neufeld	Adam 1 & 2
November 4	J. Evan Kreider	"...and I believe in the resurrection of the dead, and in the age to come"
November 11	Thomas Bergen	Mark series: Jesus the Authoritative One
November 18	Veronica Dyck	TBA

Friday Group We start our discussion of Rachel Held Evan's book "**Inspired**" this Friday, October 26 at 10:00 a.m. in the education building behind First United Mennonite Church, 659 East 52nd Ave. All are welcome.

Potluck! Next Sunday we continue our ever-popular potluck lunches after the service. Bring a dish to share and enjoy the company of the most interesting individuals in Vancouver (and their friends - please bring them!). Stay after the lunch for a Congregational meeting to discuss our congregational future as we look beyond the Menno Simons Centre for a possible new home.

Wider Church

Regent College The Regent College free lecture series continues with Dmytro Bintsarovskiy exploring the mysticism of the Orthodox church fathers in their answer to the problems of the modern world in a lecture entitled *Union with the Unknown: John Meyendorff on the Essence-Energy Distinction*, Thursday October 25th at 7:30 pm. Event held in the great hall at Regent College, free admission.

Vancouver Cantata Singers Hear Herbert Howells' Requiem and other works of grief and loss in the Cantata Singers' fall concert *Threnody: Requiem and Remembrance* on Saturday Nov. 10th at 7:30 pm at Christ Church Cathedral. Tickets \$10-35 at the website or from the choir.

Transitional Housing wanted The Regent College Student Housing Services is looking for hosts to provide free housing and local telephone use for up to one week (between December 1 and January 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 if you can help.

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)

BCMB Regional Meetings

Dear Ministry Partners,

I want to remind you of our upcoming BCMB Regional gatherings as we gather pastors, board chairs, elders and members to meet for prayer, encouragement and discernment about matters that we face together including:

- Our rapidly changing Canadian context. What do the government and supreme court decisions of the past year mean for us as churches? What is God calling us too in this season of increased government ambivalence toward Christian faith and values?
- The National MB landscape is in transition. How do you see your church and other BCMB churches improving our partnership to reach other parts of Canada with the gospel? What would you like the new "Multiply" ministry to understand as they seek to serve your local church.

In order to prepare well for you, please use the link below to let us know if you will be attending the Vancouver meeting on Wednesday, November 7th at 7:00 - 9:00 pm at Church on 5, (10200 No. 5 Rd., Richmond)

<https://bcmb.org/event/regional-meetings-vancouver/>

Please come prepared to engage these topics and to engage in prayer as we bring our BCMB family before the Lord on our knees.

In Christ,
Rob Thiessen

Art exhibit! This one is at the Fraserview Church, 11295 Mellis Drive in Richmond until October 28. Ray Dirks has story paintings of women who brought their children out of the former Soviet Union.

Symphony of Hymns This fundraising concert for MCBC's church health connections and outreach ministries takes place Saturday November 10th at Sherbrooke Mennonite Church (7155 Sherbrooke St., Vancouver) at 7:00 pm and features Gail Suderman, Calvin Dyck and Christopher Lee on the clarinet. Offering taken.

Residential Care Workers needed immediately for supporting and empowering people with intellectual disabilities in residential homes. Locations: Richmond and Ladner. Go to Bethesda Christian Association's website www.bethesdaabc.com/careers.html to learn more and to apply. Working toward a future where people of all abilities live together in interdependent communities.

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Call to Worship

Reader 1:

From Bethlehem to Nazareth,
From Jordan to Jericho,
From Bethany to Jerusalem,
From then to now,

ALL: Come, Lord Jesus.

Reader 2:

To heal the sick,
To mend the broken-hearted,
To comfort the disturbed,
To disturb the comfortable,
To cleanse the temple,
To liberate faith from convention,

ALL: Come, Lord Jesus.

Reader 3:

To carry the cross,
To lead the way,
To shoulder the sin of the world
And take it away,

ALL: Come, Lord Jesus.

Leader:

Today,
To this place,
To us,

ALL: Come Lord Jesus. AMEN

(#142 from Sing the Story)

Mark 1:29-34

²⁹ As soon as they left the synagogue, they went with James and John to the home of Simon and Andrew. ³⁰ Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they immediately told Jesus about her. ³¹ So he went to her, took her hand and helped her up. The fever left her and she began to wait on them.

³² That evening after sunset the people brought to Jesus all the sick and demon-possessed. ³³ The whole town gathered at the door, ³⁴ and Jesus healed many who had various diseases. He also drove out many demons, but he would not let the demons speak because they knew who he was. [NIV]

Mark 2:1-17

¹ A few days later, when Jesus again entered Capernaum, the people heard that he had come home. ² They gathered in such large numbers that there was no room left, not even outside the door, and he preached the word to them. ³ Some men came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. ⁴ Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus by digging through it and then lowered the mat the man was lying on. ⁵ When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralyzed man, "Son, your sins are forgiven."

⁶ Now some teachers of the law were sitting there, thinking to themselves, ⁷ "Why does this fellow talk like that? He's blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?"

⁸ Immediately Jesus knew in his spirit that this was what they were thinking in their hearts, and he said to them, "Why are you thinking these things? ⁹ Which is easier: to say to this paralyzed man, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up, take your mat and walk?' ¹⁰ But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins." So he said to the man, ¹¹ "I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home." ¹² He got up, took his mat and walked out in full view of them all. This amazed everyone and they praised God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!"

¹³ Once again Jesus went out beside the lake. A large crowd came to him, and he began to teach them. ¹⁴ As he walked along, he saw Levi son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," Jesus told him, and Levi got up and followed him.

¹⁵ While Jesus was having dinner at Levi's house, many tax collectors and sinners were eating with him and his disciples, for there were many who followed him. ¹⁶ When the teachers of the law who were Pharisees saw him eating with the sinners and tax collectors, they asked his disciples: "Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?"

¹⁷ On hearing this, Jesus said to them, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners." [NIV]

