

## POINT GREY INTER-MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

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March 31, 2019

Fourth Sunday in Lent

### Jeff Borden - Recovery from Addiction

**Worship Leader:** Paul Thiessen  
**Accompanist:** Ruth Enns

**Music Worship:** Curtis Funk  
**Usher:** Diane Ehling

**Last Sunday** Last Sunday On the 3rd Sunday of Lent, former Menno Simons Centre resident and PGIMF alumna, Heather Pauls Murray, reflected on ways in which mountain hiking has nourished her soul and life. In antiquity, many high places were thought to be so special spiritually that they were dedicated to the gods. Millennia later, even secular Romantic poets felt that the vastness of mountains offered a sense of the infinite. We too, like Jesus, should take time to experience mountains with the intent of getting new perspectives on the ruts of our thinking and daily living. [JEK]

You can hear the audio recording of this service at <https://pgimf.org/service/mountains-2019/>

### PGIMF News - Upcoming Services

April 7	Thomas Bergen	Mark Series: The Identity of Jesus
April 14	Anita Fast	Holy S*#! / Passion Sunday
April 21	Service of readings and songs	Easter Sunday
April 28	Ron Reed	TBA

### Wider Church

**West Point Grey Lenten Prayer Series** You are invited to celebrate the Lenten season with six noon-time periods of reflection and prayer of 30 minutes followed by a simple lunch at the hosting congregations:

- April 3 Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic (2465 Crown St., Vancouver)
- April 10 West Point Grey Baptist (4509 W. 11<sup>th</sup> Ave. Vancouver)

**MCBC Service Peace & Justice committee** The committee invites you do your part to help pass Bill C-262 to implement the United Nations Declaration of Indigenous Peoples. This stand is a key step in reconciliation with our aboriginal neighbours. Besides writing letters to your MP (MCC-BC has a template letter you can use on their website to do this), you are particularly invited to show your solidarity by participating in a special Interfaith Rally next Saturday April 6<sup>th</sup> from 1-3 pm at the CBC Building (300 Hamilton St, Vancouver). Word of this multi-faith event is going out to all churches and religious institutions, so if you can't come, please pray.

**MCC Mozambique & Malawi** Cyclone Idai displaced or affected nearly 3 million people in Malawi and Mozambique with more than 750 reported dead, 100,000 displaced and a significant part of the countries' crops damaged. MCC is present in Malawi, Mozambique and Zimbabwe and has already dispatched a shipment of blankets, soap, hygiene kits, school kits, relief kits and canned meat to Malawi. MCC director Ron Ratzlaff was in Beira with the MCC Country Reps when the cyclone hit and gave an eyewitness report on the devastation and loss of life on MCC's website. You can help those affected deal with their losses and provide aid with your donation to Cyclone Idai Relief at MCC-BC's office at (E-mail available from webmaster upon request) or by calling the office at 604-850-6639 ext 1121

**MDS** Mennonite Disaster Service is now scheduling their spring and summer projects. If you'd like a holiday that costs you little but gives you a lot of friendship and experience, consider volunteering on the Canadian project in Grand Forks BC helping clean up and rebuild houses from the flooding last year. Contact Kelsey Friesen at (Contact info available from webmaster upon request)

#### 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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**KAIROS BC-Yukon Gathering** The BC-Yukon KAIROS Regional Gathering takes place April 26-27 in n Vancouver. As KAIROS relatives, you are invited to attend hear stories about the justice issues that the churches that make up KAIROS work on every day. KAIROS Ted Talks and a full day of workshops are highlights. Friday evening's event takes place at Mount Pleasant Neighbourhood House (800 E. Broadway, Vancouver) and Saturday's takes place at St. Anselm's Anglican Church (5210 University Blvd.). Registration mandatory - \$40 or \$20 for students. To register, see KAIROS Canada's website [www.kairoscanada.org](http://www.kairoscanada.org) or on their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/events/2109306139183785/>

**Support work with Bethesda** Residential Care Workers needed immediately for supporting and empowering people with intellectual disabilities in residential homes. Locations: Richmond and Ladner. See Bethesda's website at [www.bethesdabc.com/careers.html](http://www.bethesdabc.com/careers.html) to learn more and to apply.

**Gathering 2019** You are invited to make plans to attend the Mennonite Church Canada annual Gathering June 28-July 1<sup>st</sup> including a seminars, business meetings, a Sunday worship service and lots of events for all ages. Event takes place at the Quality Inn and Conference Centre, in Abbotsford. Check out the website for Gathering 2019 at <http://ignitegathering2019.ca/>

## Psalm 32

Of David. A Maskil.

<sup>1</sup> Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven,  
**whose sin is covered.**

<sup>2</sup> Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity,  
**and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

<sup>3</sup> While I kept silence, my body wasted away  
**through my groaning all day long.**

<sup>4</sup> For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;  
**my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**  
Selah

<sup>5</sup> Then I acknowledged my sin to you,  
and I did not hide my iniquity;  
I said, '**I will confess my transgressions to the Lord',**  
**and you forgave the guilt of my sin.**  
Selah

<sup>6</sup> Therefore let all who are faithful  
offer prayer to you;  
**at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters**  
**shall not reach them.**

<sup>7</sup> You are a hiding-place for me;  
you preserve me from trouble;  
**you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.**  
Selah

<sup>8</sup> I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go;  
**I will counsel you with my eye upon you.**

<sup>9</sup> Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding,  
**whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle,**  
**else it will not stay near you.**

<sup>10</sup> Many are the torments of the wicked,  
**but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.**

<sup>11</sup> Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous,  
**and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.**

[NRSV]

## 2Corinthians 5:16-21

<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]

## Luke 15: 11-32

<sup>11</sup> Then Jesus said, 'There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup> The younger of them said to his father, "Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me." So he divided his property between them. <sup>13</sup> A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. <sup>14</sup> When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup> So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. <sup>16</sup> He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. <sup>17</sup> But when he came to himself he said, "How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! <sup>18</sup> I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; <sup>19</sup> I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.'" <sup>20</sup> So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. <sup>21</sup> Then the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son." <sup>22</sup> But the father said to his slaves, "Quickly, bring out a

robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. <sup>23</sup> And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; <sup>24</sup> for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!" And they began to celebrate.

<sup>25</sup> 'Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup> He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. <sup>27</sup> He replied, "Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound." <sup>28</sup> Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. <sup>29</sup> But he answered his father, "Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. <sup>30</sup> But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!" <sup>31</sup> Then the father said to him, "Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. <sup>32</sup> But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'" [NRSV]

