

POINT GREY INTER-MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

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Ron Reed - The Sheep of His Pasture
Worship Leader: Rosie Perera **Music Worship:** Andre Pekovich
Accompanist: Rosemary Bell **Usher:** Edward Epp

Last Sunday Our PGIMF Potluck Breakfast was well-attended and followed by our traditional service of songs and scriptures from the Easter story.

Two Sundays ago On Palm Sunday, we heard from Anita Fast (former worker with Christian Peacemaker Teams, and current Registrar at Vancouver School of Theology) on the power of Christ to evoke praise for God from all creation. While the events of the week leading up to Easter contain betrayal and murder, Jesus brought holiness to an otherwise repulsive situation. Christ's rebuke of the Pharisees' attempts to silence his palm-waving supporters echoed the stones crying out for justice in Habakkuk 2:11-12. How blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord – Hallelujah! [KH]

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

PGIMF News - Upcoming Services

May 5	Steve Anonby	Sabbath as Discipline
May 12	Gareth Brandt	God as Mother
May 19	Jon Nofziger/Char Siemens	Faithfulness in Trying Times
May 26	Church Retreat at Camp Luther	

Retreat at Camp Luther It's time again for our annual retreat to Camp Luther and this year's theme is "Piecing it Together". We ask that people bring their artistic talents (stain glass, knitting, poetry, etc.) to the retreat this year so that we can "peace" it all together for a mini little gallery on the Saturday morning. For those of us who would like to learn new skills, the retreat team would be tapping shoulders for individuals to share & teach their talents with everyone else. There will be sewing, stained glass, and more to come! If you would like to volunteer your artistic talents, please let me, Andre, or Diane know. Register on-line or call the church office at 604-228-8911 and leave a message if you are unable to register on-line. Retreat begins at 6:00 pm Friday May 24th and ends after lunch on Sunday May 26th. Cost \$75, but do not let money inhibit your participation – see a board member for assistance.

Wider Church

Regent College Christians in a Culture of Surveillance How should Christian practices be shaped in the digital context where watching and being watched have become so culturally central? Come to a discussion on Wednesday, May 1, from 7:30PM - 9:00 pm in the Chapel at Regent college. Free admission.

AMBS - IMS You are invited to meet with Ken Hawkey (former director of development at AMBS) and Jamie Pitts (Director of the IMS and Associate Professor of Anabaptist Studies at AMBS) to hear about the Institute for Mennonite Studies (IMS) and its publications of distinction on the Mennonite world, with a view to supporting an endowment to ensure the work continues. Wednesday, May 5th, from 10:00 am -11:00 a.m. at Peace Church at 52nd (formerly First United Mennonite Church) Education building 659 East 52nd Ave. Vancouver.

Vancouver Cantata Singers You are invited to a Nordic program at the Scandinavian Cultural Centre (6540 Thomas St, Burnaby) on Saturday May 25th at 7:30 pm featuring works by Jaakko Mäntyjärvi, Mia Makaroff, Gisli Magnason, Per Nørgår. Enjoy a pre-show talk with Alan Matheson before the show. Tickets \$10-35 at <http://vancouvercantatasingers.com/concerts/>

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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Psalm 23

A Psalm of David.

¹The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

²He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
He leadeth me beside the still waters.

³He restoreth my soul:

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his
name's sake.

⁴Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow
of death,

I will fear no evil: for thou art with me;

Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

⁵Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of
mine enemies:

Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth
over.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the
days of my life:

And I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever. [KJV]

Isaiah 40:9-11

⁹You who bring good news to Zion,
go up on a high mountain.

You who bring good news to Jerusalem,

lift up your voice with a shout,

lift it up, do not be afraid;

say to the towns of Judah,

"Here is your God!"

¹⁰See, the Sovereign Lord comes with power,

and his arm rules for him.

See, his reward is with him,

and his recompense accompanies him.

¹¹He tends his flock like a shepherd:

He gathers the lambs in his arms

and carries them close to his heart;

he gently leads those that have young. [TNIV]

John 10:1-16

¹Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the
sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is
a thief and a bandit. ²The one who enters by the gate
is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens
the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He
calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.

⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead
of them, and the sheep follow him because they know
his voice. ⁵They will not follow a stranger, but they will
run from him because they do not know the voice of
strangers. ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech with
them, but they did not understand what he was
saying to them.

⁷ So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I
am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who came before me
are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen
to them. ⁹I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be

saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture.

¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I
came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

¹¹ 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays
down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand, who is
not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees
the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs
away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them.

¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand
does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good
shepherd. I know my own and my own know me,
¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father.
And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other
sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring
them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there
will be one flock, one shepherd. [NRSV]

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,
when we stray from your ways and listen to other
voices,
you find us and bring us back:
forgive us when we cling to possessions
and neglect those in need;

forgive us when we fail to act for the good of all;
forgive us when we hesitate to welcome those from
another fold.
Help us to stand before you as one flock,
healed by Jesus' wounds,
and trusting in his name alone. Amen.