

## POINT GREY INTER-MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

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July 7, 2019

### Steve Heinrichs - *The God who became poor and the rights of the poor*

**Worship Leader:** Karl Brown      **Music Worship:** Paul Thiessen  
**Accompanist:** Rosemary Bell      **Usher:** Henry Neufeld

**Last Sunday** Our service was cancelled in favour of attending the joint worship service at the Mennonite Church Canada national assembly held in Abbotsford.

**Two Sundays ago** Our church service was cancelled in favour of attending the joint worship service with other West Point Grey churches at the annual Service in the Park at Trimble Park, at which PGIMF was well represented in the congregation, the choir and the worship leading.

**Three Sundays ago** Henry Neufeld told the stories of a strange radical group called the Sons of Freedom and their peace-loving parent group, the Doukhobors. The Doukhobors, a communal and spiritual Christian group, were pacifists living in Russia before the country started persecuting them. They were able to escape thanks to generous help from the British Quakers and Leo Tolstoy; they first went to Cyprus, then to Canada after realizing that the living conditions weren't favorable. In the 1930s, the Sons of Freedom had expressed anti-government sentiments and disdain for anything government-related in a rather destructive manner; they had nude protests and destroyed government properties. Even though some of the descendants of the recipients of that kindness ended up doing destructive things, that does not negate the value of "senseless acts of kindness". [JL]

The message can be heard in your favorite browser at <https://pgimf.org/service/stories-of-transformation/>

### PGIMF News - Upcoming Services

July 14	Laura Sportack	The Indirection of Joy
July 21	Matthia Langone	TBA
July 28	Laurel Borisenko	TBA
August 4	Angelika Dawson	Psalm 88

**Prayer request**  
Peter and family

**Church visit** Please come Saturday July 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am to St. James Community Square, 3214 W 10th Ave, (10th and Trutch). Parking on the street or behind the building. Please use the side door entrance off Trutch St., no stairs. There's a ramp to the door; Henry N. has the code for the door. **As a potential site for PGIMF it's important that as many as possible attend.**

### Wider Church

**Regent College** The summer free lecture series continues Monday July 8<sup>th</sup> with John Walton (Wheaton) speaking on the *Lost World of the Israelite Conquest* in a reframing of 'holy warfare'. Return on Wednesday July 10<sup>th</sup> to hear Paul Stevens discuss *Investing in Heaven: The Ultimate Use of Money*. All lectures are free and begin at 7:30 pm in the Chapel at Regent College.

**MCC Bake Sale** A favourite booth at the annual MCC Relief Sale is the Bake Sale booth and your help is needed to fill it. Items may be baked in homes or church kitchens. You can download printable labels from Katie Kowalchuk at MCC or pick them up from any MCC Thrift Store. More details can be found at <https://www.mccfestival.com/bake-sale/>

### 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)

*PGIMF acknowledges that we are meeting on the unceded ancestral land of the Coast Salish peoples, predominantly the traditional lands of the Musqueam and Tsleil-Waututh families, and we recognize their enduring connection to this land. As Jesus reconciled us to God we are called and commit ourselves to the work of reconciliation with each other and with the indigenous peoples of this land.*

**An invitation to celebrate art** PGIMF's art gallery has new additions to its collection from Erna Friesen and invites you to enter into the world of its subject with this famous poem:

## TREES

I think that I shall never see  
A poem lovely as a tree.

A tree whose hungry mouth is prest  
Against the earth's sweet flowing breast;

A tree that looks at God all day,  
And lifts her leafy arms to pray;

A tree that may in Summer wear  
A nest of robins in her hair;

Upon whose bosom snow has lain;  
Who intimately lives with rain.

Poems are made by fools like me,  
But only God can make a tree.  
*- Joyce Kilmer*

## Congregational Song We Are One In The Spirit

Jason Upton

We are one in the Spirit  
We are one in the Lord  
We are one in the Spirit  
We are one in the Lord

And we pray that all unity  
May one day be restored  
And they'll know we are Christians  
By our love, By our love  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians  
By our love

We will walk with each other  
We will walk hand in hand  
We will walk with each other  
We will walk hand in hand  
And together we'll spread the news  
That God is in our land

We will work with each other  
We will work side by side  
We will work with each other  
We will work side by side  
And we'll guard each man's dignity  
And save each man's pride

All praise to the Father  
From whom all things come  
And all praise to Christ Jesus His only son  
And all praise to the Spirit  
Who makes us one

Make us one, Lord!

Make us one, Lord!

## 2 Corinthians 8:9

<sup>9</sup>For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich.

## Psalm 12

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

<sup>1</sup> Help, O Lord, for there is no longer anyone who is godly;  
the faithful have disappeared from humankind.

<sup>2</sup> They utter lies to each other;  
with flattering lips and a double heart they speak.

<sup>3</sup> May the Lord cut off all flattering lips,  
the tongue that makes great boasts,

<sup>4</sup> those who say, 'With our tongues we will prevail;  
our lips are our own—who is our master?'

<sup>5</sup> 'Because the poor are despoiled, because the needy groan,  
I will now rise up,' says the Lord;  
'I will place them in the safety for which they long.'

<sup>6</sup> The promises of the Lord are promises that are pure,  
silver refined in a furnace on the ground,  
purified seven times.

<sup>7</sup> You, O Lord, will protect us;  
you will guard us from this generation for ever.

<sup>8</sup> On every side the wicked prow,  
as vileness is exalted among humankind. [NRSV]