

POINT GREY INTER-MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

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August 25, 2019

Karl Brown - *Wonder and Awe*

Worship Leader: Andre Pekovich
Accompanist: Ruth Enns

Song Leader: Angela Ruthven
Usher: Diane Ehling

Last Sunday Young Tae Choi (M.Div., worship leader at Dunwood Place Seniors Complex) spoke about two important motivations in serving ministries—the fear of God and the love of Christ—as exemplified in the lives of the apostle Paul (with reference to 2 Cor. 5:11-20) and that of a memorable Korean minister, Yang-won Son. Paul didn't give up on the immature congregation of Corinth because he believed that the reconciling ministry of Christ was the best model for promoting reverential awe for the holiness of God. Pastor Son in the town of Soon-chun did not want the murderer of his two teenage sons executed, but adopted the perpetrator as his own son and led him to Christ. As ambassadors of Christ's reconciliation, what are our motivations for serving the church and the world? [KH]

The message can be heard in your favorite browser at <https://pgimf.org/service/a-message-of-reconciliation-2019/>

PGIMF News - Upcoming Services

September 1	Jodi Spargur	People of the Covenant
September 8	April Yamasaki & Friends	MSC Residents Welcome BBQ
September 15	J. Evan Kreider	TBA
September 22	Curtis Funk	TBA

*****September 1 - PGIMF 33rd anniversary and communion*****

Address change: Effective August 30, Henry & Tena Neufeld will move to (*address available from webmaster upon request*) Phone number and email unchanged.

PGIMF Site Visit: Saturday, Sept. 7, 11:00 a.m. As part of our search for a new home the Transition Committee has scheduled a visit to Menno Court in east Vancouver. Menno Court is located at 1750 E. 41st Ave., between Knight and Victoria. Parking is ok on the south side of 41st. It's about half a block walk south on Bruce St. to reach Menno Court. Owned by the The Mennonite Senior Citizens Society of BC, Menno Court offers independent living for seniors. We'd like as many as possible to attend and view this facility.

Discussion meeting Brief congregational meeting after the service on September 15th to open the discussion about a new home for PGIMF.

Wider Church

MCC-BC Festival for World Relief LIVE AUCTIONS, join MCC on Friday at 7 pm for the Main Stage Auction and on Saturday at 10 am for our Children's Auction! Friday September 13th 5:00 - 9:00 pm and Saturday September 14th 10:00 am - 2:00 pm with a pancake breakfast at 8:00 am

Clothing donations St. Paul's Hospital clothing depot is in urgent need of donations for Men's Clothing, specifically for long sleeve t-Shirts (no button down dress shirts), long sleeve sweaters, sweat/jogging pants, jeans, cotton pants (no dress pants), men's shoes and men's warm jackets or rain jackets. All gratefully accepted by Evan who will transport them to St. Paul's clothing depot.

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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*Our fellowship gives thanks for the gift of meeting on the unceded lands of the
Musqueam, Tsleil-Watuth and Squamish peoples*

Jeremiah 1:4-10

⁴ Now the word of the Lord came to me saying,
⁵ 'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
and before you were born I consecrated you;
I appointed you a prophet to the nations.'
⁶ Then I said, 'Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how
to speak, for I am only a boy.'
⁷ But the Lord said to me,
'Do not say, "I am only a boy";
for you shall go to all to whom I send you,
and you shall speak whatever I command you.'
⁸ Do not be afraid of them,

for I am with you to deliver you,
says the Lord.'

⁹ Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my
mouth; and the Lord said to me,
'Now I have put my words in your mouth.'

¹⁰ See, today I appoint you over nations and over
kingdoms,
to pluck up and to pull down,
to destroy and to overthrow,
to build and to plant.' [NRSV]

Hebrews 12:18-29

¹⁸ You have not come to something that can be
touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and
a tempest, ¹⁹ and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice
whose words made the hearers beg that not another
word be spoken to them. ²⁰ (For they could not endure
the order that was given, 'If even an animal touches
the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.'
²¹ Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, 'I tremble
with fear.')

²² But you have come to Mount Zion and to
the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem,
and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³ and
to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in
heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits
of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴ and to Jesus, the
mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled
blood that speaks a better word than the blood of
Abel.

²⁵ See that you do not refuse the one who is
speaking; for if they did not escape when they
refused the one who warned them on earth, how
much less will we escape if we reject the one who
warns from heaven! ²⁶ At that time his voice shook the
earth; but now he has promised, 'Yet once more I will
shake not only the earth but also the heaven.'
²⁷ This phrase 'Yet once more' indicates the removal of what
is shaken—that is, created things—so that what
cannot be shaken may remain. ²⁸ Therefore, since we
are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us
give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable
worship with reverence and awe; ²⁹ for indeed our God
is a consuming fire. [NRSV]

Luke 13:10-17

¹⁰ Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on
the sabbath. ¹¹ And just then there appeared a woman
with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years.
She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up
straight. ¹² When Jesus saw her, he called her over
and said, 'Woman, you are set free from your
ailment.'
¹³ When he laid his hands on her,
immediately she stood up straight and began praising
God. ¹⁴ But the leader of the synagogue, indignant
because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept
saying to the crowd, 'There are six days on which
work ought to be done; come on those days and be

cured, and not on the sabbath day.'
¹⁵ But the Lord answered him and said, 'You hypocrites! Does not
each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey
from the manger, and lead it away to give it water?
¹⁶ And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham
whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set
free from this bondage on the sabbath day?'
¹⁷ When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and
the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful
things that he was doing. [NRSV]

He who can no longer pause to wonder and stand rapt in awe
is as good as dead; his eyes are closed. – *Albert Einstein*

It doesn't stop being magic just because you know how it works. – *Terry Pratchett*,