

POINT GREY INTER-MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

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Steve Anonby - Sabbath as Discipline

Worship Leader:	Paul Thiessen	Music Worship:	J. Evan Kreider
Accompanist:	J. Evan Kreider	Usher:	Henry Neufeld

Last Sunday On Sunday April 28, 2019, Ron Reed (founding Artistic Director of Pacific Theatre) offered insight into what it means to be a sheep of the Shepherd, and how difficult they can often be. Ron talked of some of the problems that came with managing Pacific Theatre, and how it seeped into both his artistic pursuits and his spiritual life. He then shared a painting "Sermon on the Mount" by Claude Lorrain and commented on various parts of it. Being a sheep doesn't necessarily mean that you are docile, and being comforted isn't necessarily comfortable. [JL]

The message can be heard in your favorite browser at <https://pgimf.org/service/the-sheep-of-his-pasture-2019/>

There was also a Congregational Annual Meeting immediately following the service, at which the business of the church was discussed and plans made for the coming year.

PGIMF News - Upcoming Services

May 12	Gareth Brandt	God as Mother
May 19	Jon Nofziger/Char Siemens	Faithfulness in Trying Times
May 26	Church Retreat at Camp Luther	
June 2	Hephzibah Chand	The Last Shall Be First: The Revolutionary Teaching of Jesus

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 at <https://forms.gle/8FqbVzKN366j56mC6> 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 don't let money stop you from coming – assistance available.

Summer coffee signup

For those who delight in our "ministry of the table" after the Sunday service, the signup sheet for coffee hour is on the bulletin board at the back of the chapel. Please provide only coffee and tea - baked goods not necessary.

Wider Church

Regent College The college invites you a lecture by Jens Zimmerman launching his new book Dietrich Bonhoeffer's Christian Humanism, which answers puzzling questions about this pacifist's active life straddling the profane and the sacred. This free lecture takes place Wednesday May 8 from 7:30 - 9:00 pm in the Chapel at Regent College.

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.

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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Finance — Doug Medley (604-328-2980); Congregational Co-ordinator — Janice Kreider (604-228-1217)

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/>

Mennonite Faith & Learning Society The Society invites you to a one-day workshop with Joel Thiessen (Ambrose) in a seminar for lay leaders and pastors to learn about flourishing congregations and developing practical tools to develop similar successes in our own congregations. Saturday May 4th from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm at Columbia Bible College. Lunch provided, registration (\$40) required. More information and registration at www.mennonitefaithandlearning.net

Vancouver School of Theology invites you to the Revitalizing the Church Workshop with Stanley Hauerwas presenting his thoughts on how to provide pastoral care without undermining the gospel. Event takes place Tuesday May 14th from 9:30 am to 2:00 pm at Chapel of the Epiphany (6030 Chancellor Blvd, UBC). Registration is \$25, including lunch at <https://vst.edu/form-page/revitalizing-the-church-workshop>

Pacific Theatre invites you to the new showing of The Cake by Bekah Brunstetter. Wyen Della follows the rules to a good life into supporting a wedding with two brides, her world is thrown into turmoil. Play runs Tues.-Sat. May 17 - June 8 with special showings. Tickets \$20-\$36.50 at www.pacifictheatre.org or by phone at 604-731-5518.

Borders to Beginnings Tenth Church (11 W. 10th Ave, Vancouver) in partnership with Journey Home (a refugee ministry) and Killarney Park MB Church presents an opportunity for you to support their refugee ministry with five families by extending its impact to providing more families with opportunities for housing, clothing, food and transportation with a special fundraising night featuring a sit-down dinner with Middle Eastern chefs, impacting stories from refugees and your financial support. Tickets \$30 to this event which takes place Saturday May 11 from 6:00 - 8:00 pm at Tenth Church are available at <https://www.tenth.ca/events/borders-to-beginnings/2019-05-11>

Luke 13:10-16

¹⁰ Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. ¹¹And 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. ¹²When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, 'Woman, you are set free from your ailment.' ¹³When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. ¹⁴But 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.' ¹⁵But 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? ¹⁶And 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?' [NRSV]

Exodus 20:8-11

⁸ Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. ⁹For six days you shall labour and do all your work. ¹⁰But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or

the alien resident in your towns. ¹¹For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it. [NRSV]

Leviticus 25:3-7

³For six years you shall sow your field, and for six years you shall prune your vineyard, and gather in their yield; ⁴but in the seventh year there shall be a sabbath of complete rest for the land, a sabbath for the Lord: you shall not sow your field or prune your vineyard. ⁵You shall not reap the aftergrowth of your harvest or gather the grapes of your unpruned vine: it

shall be a year of complete rest for the land. ⁶You may eat what the land yields during its sabbath—you, your male and female slaves, your hired and your bound labourers who live with you; ⁷for your livestock also, and for the wild animals in your land all its yield shall be for food. [NRSV]

Psalm 30

Thanksgiving for Recovery from Grave Illness

A Psalm. A Song at the dedication of the temple. Of David.

¹ I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up,
and did not let my foes rejoice over me.

² O Lord my God, I cried to you for help,
and you have healed me.

³ O Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol,
**restored me to life from among those gone
down to the Pit.**

⁴ Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones,
and give thanks to his holy name.

⁵ For his anger is but for a moment;
his favour is for a lifetime.

**Weeping may linger for the night,
but joy comes with the morning.**

⁶ As for me, I said in my prosperity,
'I shall never be moved.'

⁷ By your favour, O Lord,
you had established me as a strong mountain;

**you hid your face;
I was dismayed.**

⁸ To you, O Lord, I cried,
and to the Lord I made supplication:

⁹ 'What profit is there in my death,
if I go down to the Pit?

**Will the dust praise you?
Will it tell of your faithfulness?**

¹⁰ Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me!
O Lord, be my helper!'

¹¹ You have turned my mourning into dancing;
**you have taken off my sackcloth
and clothed me with joy,**

¹² so that my soul may praise you and not be silent.
**O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you for
ever. [NRSV]**

I often say that we do not think ourselves into a new way of living, but we live ourselves into a new way of thinking. I'm not suggesting that theory and theology are unimportant; but I believe that faith is more about how we live on a daily basis than making verbal assent to this or that idea.

Richard Rohr