

POINT GREY INTER-MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

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J. Evan Kreider - *This is My New Commandment*

Worship Leader: Veronica Dyck

Music Worship: Michael Despotovic

Accompanist: Ruth Enns

Usher: Chris Skinner

Last Sunday Matthia Langone (MATS Regent College, D.Min. VST, iconographer and lecturer) walked us through the context and meaning portrayed in her painting of the occasion of Mary's visitation with her cousin Elizabeth as recorded in Luke 1:39-45. The more important reality of that scene was the moment of recognition for both women of the mystery of God's working in their lives, also witnessed by a mute Zechariah. Mary's song of praise (The Magnificat) was prompted by this moment of revelation, not the archangel's earlier annunciation to her, as we might have expected. Christ's ministry was all about helping us to recognize God, asking us all: "who do you say that I am?" [KH]

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

PGIMF News - Upcoming Services

August 4	Angelika Dawson	Hello Darkness, My Old Friend
*** August 11	Aslam Bulbulia & Shagufta Pasta	Mindfulness in Eating / Eid al-Adha
August 18	Young Tae Choi	Loneliness and the Arts
August 25	Karl Brown	TBA

Place to stay Chan and Stephanie are looking for someone to host their family friend Evelyn Rempel Petkau who will visit Vancouver from Manitoba together with her daughter and 3 grand children (aged 9, 6 and 4) to attend the wedding of Chan and Stephanie. Does anyone have space they would be willing to share with them from August 23-28? Expectations are not high - it's said they can sleep on floors in the same room. Evelyn is a close friend of theirs from the Carmen Mennonite Church. Please contact Chan if you can help.

Church list update Thomas and Cara Bergen's new address is (*all updated information available on request from webmaster*)

Coffee update. Thanks to all who have graciously provided coffee throughout the summer season. This is just a reminder to sign up on the board at the back of the church for one of the remaining Sundays. ***Please note a special event has been planned for Sunday August 11th and the coffee group will be assembled by direct request of the congregation. If you wish to participate in coffee service that Sunday, please contact Michael or Andre.

Menno Simons Centre Please welcome the new residence coordinators Adam and Bethany Parsons who move from Alberta to take up the position August 19th. Meanwhile, thanks are due to Chloe Derrenbacker and Madeline Sawatsky as the interim on-site Coordinators directed by Thomas Bergen from Edmonton.

Wider Church

Regent College The Summer free public lectures series continues Monday July 29th at Regent College with Malcolm Guite, poet and chaplain of Girton College, Cambridge, giving an account of his work with a composer and painter in a collaborative art project *Ordinary Saints*. Return Wednesday July 31st to hear Susan Phillips speak on walking the spiritual exercises while walking the Camino. All lectures begin at 7:30 pm in the Chapel at Regent College.

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*

MCC-BC

Save the Date! MCC's Annual General Meeting takes place Saturday, October 19 from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm at King Road MB Church. We will celebrate the 40th anniversary of the private refugee sponsorship program which emerged out of MCC's response to the Vietnamese boat people crisis in 1979, and will be featuring the work of MCC in Vietnam, then and now. Keynote speaker will be Clare Ewert Fisher who served MCC in Vietnam in the 1970s and was evacuated as Saigon fell, when her adopted Vietnamese son was given to her. Join us for a day filled with Vietnamese flavor?including food, music, and visuals.

UBC Graduate and Faculty Christian Forum The forum also presents theologian Malcolm Guite this Tuesday July 30th in a lecture and discussion over lunch on *The Poetic Imagination: a Way of Seeing Reality More Clearly*. Event takes place at noon in Henry Angus 223 at UBC. RSVP a must for this event to Gordon Carkner at (e-mail address available on request from webmaster)

Lunchtime Lecture Regent alumna Bethany Sollereeder invites you to bring your lunch to the Chapel at Regent for her noontime lecture on *God, Evolution and Animal Suffering: Theodicy without a Fall* in which she postulates death, suffering and the violent competition of evolution are part of God's good creation rather than the result of a fall, and offers new possibilities of a loving God. Thursday August 1st at noon in the Chapel at Regent College.

PGIMFers in Performance! Stephanie will perform with Vancouver Pops on Sunday August 18 from 3 – 5 pm at the Chan Center (*no, the Caleb Chan who donated the money for the Chan Centre is not the dynamic duo of our fellowship – ed.*) Her performance with the choir takes place in Part II and she would appreciate seeing people she knows there! Tickets (\$20-40) for the concert ***Legends of Heroes - Songs from Superhero Movies*** are available now at <http://vancouverpops.com/concerts>.

Call to Worship

We come to praise our God, to celebrate all things that God saw was "good".
Let every created thing give praise to the LORD, for he issued his command.

We come to praise our God, in response to God's gloriously creative activities.
He set them in place forever and ever. His decree will never be revoked.

We come to praise our God, to share together in the joyful self-abandonment of praising our God, because our focus and emphasis is entirely and only on God!

***Let them all praise the name of the LORD.
For his name is very great;
his glory towers over the earth and heaven!
Praise the LORD! ...Praise the LORD!
Amen.***

http://www.thetimelesspsalms.net/w_resources/easter5c_2016.htm

Prayer of Commitment

Holy God, before time you named us
Through time you redeem us
You call us, precious in your sight
May we love as you love.

Holy One, through the turbulent waters
Make us steady, your hands
Holding strong the fragile and weak
May we love as you love.

Gracious God, may the fruits of our lives
be food for the hungry, bread

clothing, shelter, fire, water, Word
May we love as you love.

God of justice, remove the chaff
Of our lives that keep us from
Hearing, following, Your call
May we love as you love.

Loving God, take this day our fears our
Worries, distractions, and all
Turn them into wheat, heart food
May we love as you love. Amen.

~ written by Terri and posted on **RevGalBlogPals**. <http://revgalblogpals.blogspot.ca/>

Acts 11:1-18

¹Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³saying, 'Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?' ⁴Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ⁵'I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. ⁶As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷I also heard a voice saying to me, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat." ⁸But I replied, "By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth." ⁹But a second time the voice answered from heaven, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." ¹⁰This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. ¹¹At that very moment three men,

sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. ¹²The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. ¹³He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, "Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; ¹⁴he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved." ¹⁵And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. ¹⁶And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, "John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." ¹⁷If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?' ¹⁸When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, 'Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.' [NRSV]

Psalm 148

¹ Praise the Lord!
Praise the Lord from the heavens;
praise him in the heights!

² Praise him, all his angels;
praise him, all his host!

³ Praise him, sun and moon;
praise him, all you shining stars!

⁴ Praise him, you highest heavens,
and you waters above the heavens!

⁵ Let them praise the name of the Lord,
for he commanded and they were created.

⁶ He established them for ever and ever;
he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

⁷ Praise the Lord from the earth,
you sea monsters and all deeps,

⁸ fire and hail, snow and frost,
stormy wind fulfilling his command!

⁹ Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars!
¹⁰ Wild animals and all cattle,
creeping things and flying birds!

¹¹ Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the earth!

¹² Young men and women alike,
old and young together!

¹³ Let them praise the name of the Lord,
for his name alone is exalted;
his glory is above earth and heaven.

¹⁴ He has raised up a horn for his people,
praise for all his faithful,
for the people of Israel who are close to him.
Praise the Lord! [NRSV]

Revelation 21:1-6

¹Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;

⁴ he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away.'

⁵ And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' ⁶Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. [NRSV]

John 13:31-35

³¹ When he had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once.

³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I

say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.' [NRSV]