

POINT GREY INTER-MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

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March 15th, 2020

Janice Kreider - *Stories*

Lent III

Worship Leader: Paul Thiessen
Accompanist: Ruth Enns

Song Selector: Curtis Funk
Usher: Diane Ehling

Last Sunday Henry Klippenstein gave the second of two talks entitled, "How do we experience God?", in which he explores two contrasting approaches to experiencing God as individuals, as well as the ways in which people can experience God through relationships. The first method, which involves a careful and at times imaginative listening of thoughts, is covered in T. M. Luhrmann's book, "When God Talks Back". Luhrmann documents the nature of the supernatural experiences that the people of the Vineyard movement claim to experience, and concludes that these people are psychologically healthy individuals. The second method involves contemplative prayer, in which one dedicates time each day to silence and shut off their mind. Though harder than it might first appear, the only trick needed to achieve it is wanting to do it in the first place. It is important to realize, however, that neither of the two methods will be adequate if one does not recognize God in the person sitting next to you. [JL]

Errata

Deberah Shears' phone number was magically changed in the last church list to the wrong number. Please correct it to *(number available from webmaster)*

The message can be heard in your favourite browser at <https://pgimf.org/service/how-do-you-experience-god-pt2/>

PGIMF News - Upcoming Services

March 22	J. Evan Kreider	Blindness
March 29	TBA	
April 5	Carla Funk	If Stones Cry Out
April 12	Service of scriptures and songs	Easter Sunday

Membership The fellowship has reserved Pentecost (May 31st) to celebrate church membership with a Membership Sunday in our new place of worship at St. James Community Square (Rm 104). If you feel called to become a member of PGIMF, or know someone who does, please let any member of the board (listed at the bottom of this page) know

Rotating Charity donation - seeking input Your opportunity to suggest charities for the PGIMF 2020 Annual Rotating Local Charity has been extended to Sunday, March 21st. Please email Travis Martin at *(email available from webmaster on request)*. Please include the basics - organization name, purpose or special project seeking funding, why it's important to you.

Wider Church News

Save the Date Peace on 52nd church invites you to their Good Friday service April 10th at which the participation of anyone is most welcome. PGIMF has already declined the invitation to participate as a congregation, but we are further invited to open worship up to individuals who want to celebrate with Peace on 52nd themselves.

Nominations!

Please see the list of nominations attached to this bulletin and give your best thought to who could be asked to serve in the coming year! Select the unexpected or nominate yourself, and return your thoughts to the committee: Chan, Rosie, Andre and Michael (we'll be calling you all soon!)

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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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 gratefully acknowledges that we meet on the unceded ancestral lands of the Musqueam, Tsleil-Waututh and Squamish peoples. As Jesus reconciled us to God, we are called and commit ourselves to the work of reconciliation with each other

Psalm 95

One O come, let us sing unto the Lord/
All **Let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation**
One Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving/
All **And show ourselves glad in him with psalms**
One For the Lord is a great God
All **and a great King above all gods**
One In his hand are all the corners of the earth
All **And the strength of the hills is his also**
One The sea is his and he made it:
All **And his hands prepared the dry land**
One O come, let us worship and fall down
All **And kneel before the Lord our Maker**
One For he is the Lord our God:
All **and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand**
One Today O that you would hear his voice:
All **Harden not your hearts as in the Provocation, and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness**
One When your fathers tempted me;
All **Proved me and saw my works**
One Forty years long was I grieved with that generation, and said;
All **"It is a people that do err in their hearts, for they have not known my ways"**
One Unto whom I swear my wrath;
All **The they should not enter my rest**
All **Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost**
All **As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, World without end, Amen**

Matthew 11:2-6

² When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples ³and said to him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?' ⁴Jesus answered them, 'Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵the blind receive their sight,

the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. ⁶And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me.' [NRSV]

John 6:1-14

¹After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. ²A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. ³Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. ⁴Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. ⁵When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming towards him, Jesus said to Philip, 'Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?' ⁶He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. ⁷Philip answered him, 'Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.' ⁸One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, ⁹'There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so

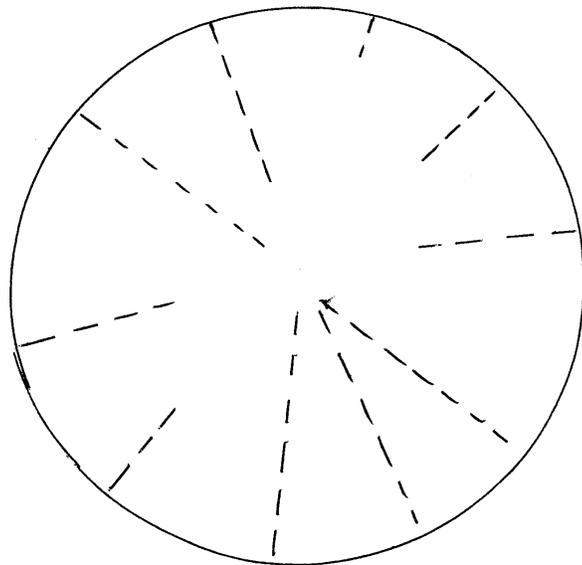
many people?' ¹⁰Jesus said, 'Make the people sit down.' Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. ¹¹Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹²When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, 'Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.' ¹³So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. ¹⁴When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, 'This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.' [NRSV]

Romans 5:1-8

¹Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been

poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

⁶ For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. [NRSV]



From Abba Dorotheus of Gaza, 6th century

Humour Corner

Thousands of Mennonites across North America were totally freaking out at the prospect of having to quarantine themselves for a couple weeks should they be in the unfortunate situation of having not adequately washed their hands. The panic is so strong that local store shelves have been completely emptied of essentials such as hand sanitizer, toilet paper, and formavorscht.....

...Read more on this important story at <https://dailybonnet.com/frantic-mennonites-stockpile/>

Daily Wisdom

The road of life is paved with flat squirrels that couldn't make a decision.