

POINT GREY INTER-MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

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Kevin Hiebert - Time is God's Money

Worship Leader: Paul Froese
Accompanist: Ruth Enns

Music Worship: Travis Martin
Usher: Chris Skinner

Scriptures for Today

Matthew 22:15-22
1 Thessalonians
1:1-10
Psalm 99
Isaiah 45:1-7

Last Sunday Dr. Veronica Dyck spoke on the account of the Golden Calf in Ex 32. Despite the deep anger of Yahweh at the Israelites for so quickly seeking an object to worship when Moses stayed too long on Mt. Sinai, Moses stood as prophet and intercessor for the people, pleading for God to remember his promises to the patriarchs. The passage shows how God's fundamental nature is to seek relationship with humankind, and that the paradigm of dialogue is at the core here, and throughout Scripture. God does not want to be left alone; God invites us to talk back! [VD]

The message can be heard in your favourite browser at <https://pgimf.org/service/talk-back-tuesdays>

PGIMF News

Upcoming Services

October 29	Thomas Bergen	Reflections on Ephesians / Congregational Meeting
November 5	Rosie Perera	Moral Outrage
November 12	Esther Hizsa	Peace Sunday
November 19	Laura Sportack	TBA

Friday Group The Friday Group will meet this Friday, Oct. 27 at 10:00 a.m. at the Education Building behind First Mennonite, 659 East 52nd Ave. We'll continue our discussion on aging and spirituality. All are welcome.

Hymn sing You are invited to the return engagement of Hymn Sing for Monday October 23rd at 7:00 pm at the Menno Simons Centre in the Chapel. All who love to sing are welcome to join us for an hour of favourites accompanied by the piano.

Wider Church

MCC MCC relief efforts are stretched thinly as it provides funding and resources to the world's disasters including Hurricane Irma, the Mexico City earthquake, South Asia flood relief, emergency response to violence in Kasai (DR Congo), South Sudan relief, Syria and Iraq crisis response, Ukraine emergency response, and Peruvian flooding response. Your dollars are most welcome now. Please donate at donate.mcc.org or by phone to 1-888-622-6337

Regent College You are invited to a book launch and lecture at Regent College featuring Mark Robert Anderson (Westm), the author of the book *The Qur'an in Context: a Christian Exploration* on Tuesday, October 24th at 2:00 pm in the Coffee Room at Regent College. After his MA in Islamic Studies (McGill) he lived, studied and taught in Egypt and Jordan for a decade. All welcome.

Potluck Lunch!

Please join the fellowship after the service next Sunday for a potluck lunch and fellowship. Bring your favourite dish to share, and a little extra for students who may join us.

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 (604-323-0634) *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* — Veronica Dyck

UBC Graduate & Faculty Christian Forum presents a video lecture with Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks, entitled *The Dignity of Difference: the Critical Moral Contribution of Religion in our Globalized World*. With Olav Slaymaker and Jason Byassee, this lecture uses the rabbinical tradition of Genesis to discuss the contributions each faith can make to each other in addressing persistent poverty, violence, injustice and inequality in our world. Wednesday, October 25 @ 4:00 p.m. in Chemistry D200, 2036 Main Mall. For more info, please see <https://ubcgfcb.com/>

Responsive Reading

To the church in the name of God the Father and Mother
and of the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

And also with you.

It is right to give thanks to God,
Offering our prayers and praise at the work of faith,
the labour of love and steadfastness
that is our hope in the Lord Jesus Christ.

**We are blessed to be counted as God's beloved,
to be empowered by the Holy Spirit
to live out the message of the gospel.**

And so we worship, in imitation of our ancestors in the faith.

**And so we worship,
making all things new as we live into God's word.**

Humour corner

Quebec Bans Mennonite Kerchiefs

A new Quebec law intended to promote something called "religious neutrality" means that conservative Mennonites and Amish have been effectively banned from entering the province. The law prohibits any kind of religious display in public places.

"We don't want men in suspenders and women in kerchiefs riding our public busses," said a government spokesperson through a translator. "These busses were made for exclusive use of Quebec's vibrant atheist population."

It is not known whether agnostics will be allowed to ride the Métro de Montréal or whether only those sporting a Richard Dawkins T-shirt will be permitted on board.

"We'll work out the kinks between the atheists and agnostics, but right now we're just trying to deal with all those Mennos," said the spokesperson. "Not only do they dress funny, but they speak French with this horrible Plautdietsch accent!"

The new law also replaces all religious hymnals with Celine Dion sheet music.

"We figure if they're forced to sing 'My Heart Will Go On' every Sunday, maybe they'll just get up and leave the province."

Separatist leaders are also blaming the "Mennonite vote" for losing the last sovereignty referendum.