

POINT GREY INTER-MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

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J. Evan Kreider - And Lead Us Not Into Temptation

Worship Leader: Travis Martin
Accompanist: Ruth Enns

Music Worship: Veronica Dyck
Usher: Diane Ehling

Last Sunday PGIMF attender Sue Kim spoke on the plight of Korean people living in Japan in a message entitled Unfinished War, Forgotten People. This message will not be posted to the internet due to the sensitivity of its subject

PGIMF News - Upcoming Services

March 18	Paul Thiessen	The Least of These
March 25	Palm/Passion Sunday	Service of prayers
April 1	Easter Sunday	Service of Praise, Scripture and Songs
April 8	Henry Neufeld	The Voice from the Shore

Scriptures for Today

James 1:2-16
Genesis 2:15-17
Genesis 3:1-7
Genesis 22:1-14

Abendmusik Lenten Vespers Join the Abendmusik Vesper Choir for an hour of Choral Music for the Lenten Season season **tonight** at St. Philip's Anglican (3737 West 27th Ave, Vancouver) at 7:30 pm. All donations go to benefit the Menno Simons Centre.

West Point Grey Lenten Prayer Series You are invited to join the WPG churches on Wednesdays at noon, for 1/2 hour; with a meal of soup & bread afterward to celebrate the Lenten season

- Mar 14 – St. Anselm's Anglican, 5210 University Blvd.
- Mar 21 – West Point Grey Presbyterian, 4397 West 12th Ave

Camp Luther the Camp Luther committee is looking for volunteers and ideas to help put on this year's event May 25-27 at Camp Luther. Please see Diane, Chan or Andre with anything you've got!

Friday group Our final session for this spring: Friday, March 16, at the Peretz Centre, 10:00 a.m. We'll be looking at Chapter 14 (A more Christlike message) from Jersak's book: A More Christlike God. All welcome.

Wider Church

MCC Homelessness is not just a Vancouver phenomenon. The Fraser Valley has a significant problem with homelessness and MCC is in the forefront of efforts to address it with the Fraser Valley Rental Assistance Project. MCC BC's Homelessness Prevention and Outreach Program (HPOP) runs a wide variety of services that include the Rent Bank, weekly meals, emergency shelter, sponsorship of low barrier housing in partnership with Raven's Moon Resource Society, and Homelessness Abbotsford Rental Connect. More info or to donate at <https://mcccanada.org> or donate by phone at 604-850-6639

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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Regent College Public Lecture On March 14 at noon, Jeffrey Greenman and Jonathan Wilson will be hosting a lecture on Stanley Hauerwas with opportunity for questions and discussion. This discussion will take place in preparation for the Laing Lectures, which will be delivered by Dr. Hauerwas the following week. The lectures are entitled "Theological Existence Today," and will be taking place March 20-22 in the Regent College Chapel. This weeks lecture takes place at noon in the Chapel at Regent College.

MCC Middle East MCC has invited MCC partner Dr. Riad Jarjour to speak on his organization's efforts to put an end to fighting and violence, to help Arab Christians stay in their homeland and to promote peace, reconciliation and mutual respect among diverse ME communities. This talk, entitled "Tending the Ninety-Nine" takes place at the MCC Centre, 33933 Gladys Ave. Abbotsford, BC on Wednesday March 21 beginning at 7:00 pm. Refreshments served - please RSVP by March 14th to 604-850-6639

Pacific Theatre presents Bar Mitzvah Boy, a new play by Mark Lieren-Young about a successful lawyer who tries to "check off" the mitzvah on his to-do list, only to find himself drawn into a deeper immersion in the necessity of faith and the meaning behind rituals. Runs March 23-April 14, at Pacific Theatre (1440 W. 12th Ave, Vancouver). Tickets \$20-30 at the box office at www.pacifictheatre.org or at 604-736-5518

Lord's Prayer

[Loving Creator of the Universe],
May your love be done on earth,
in time, as it is in eternity.
Give all of us each day the bread we need,
and give hope to all who hunger for your life.
As we share our bread along the way,
pardon us the times we've broken faith.
Forgive our lack of loyalty and love;
and move us quickly to forgiveness
when wrongs are done to us.
Do not abandon us in the time of hard testing.
Save us from evil's every incarnation,
From the powers that possess our spirits and our
structures.
Forever bind us to your liberating joy!
For you alone are God of grace and glory,
and Rock of our Redemption.
Let it be so, God, let it be so.
Amen.

New Zealand Prayer Book

Lord's Prayer

Abba, Amma, Beloved,
your name be hallowed,
your reign spread among us,
your will be done well, at all times, in all places,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us the bread we need for today.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Let us not fail in the time of our testing.
Spare us from the trials too sharp to endure.
Free us from the grip of all evil powers.
For yours is the reign, the power, and the glory,
for the victory of love, for now and eternity,
world without end.
Amen and amen.

And Then There were Nuns:
Adventures in a Cloistered Life
Jane Christmas
Chp 2 At a Crossroads
Greystone Books, 2013

James 1:2-16

² My brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of any kind, consider it nothing but joy, ³because you know that the testing of your faith produces endurance; ⁴and let endurance have its full effect, so that you may be mature and complete, lacking in nothing.

⁵ If any of you is lacking in wisdom, ask God, who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly, and it will be given you. ⁶But ask in faith, never doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind; ^{7,8}for the doubter, being double-minded and unstable in every way, must not expect to receive anything from the Lord.

⁹ Let the believer who is lowly boast in being raised up, ¹⁰and the rich in being brought low, because the

rich will disappear like a flower in the field. ¹¹For the sun rises with its scorching heat and withers the field; its flower falls, and its beauty perishes. It is the same with the rich; in the midst of a busy life, they will wither away.

¹² Blessed is anyone who endures temptation. Such a one has stood the test and will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him.

¹³No one, when tempted, should say, 'I am being tempted by God'; for God cannot be tempted by evil and he himself tempts no one. ¹⁴But one is tempted by one's own desire, being lured and enticed by it; ¹⁵then, when that desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin, and that sin, when it is fully grown, gives birth to death. ¹⁶Do not be deceived, my beloved. [NRSV]

Genesis 2:15-17

¹⁵ The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. ¹⁶And the Lord God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of

every tree of the garden; ¹⁷but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.' [NRSV]

Genesis 3:1-7

¹Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God say, "You shall not eat from any tree in the garden"?' ²The woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; ³but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die."' ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not die; ⁵for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you

will be like God, knowing good and evil.' ⁶So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. ⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves. [NRSV]

Genesis 22:1-14

¹After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, 'Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' ²He said, 'Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt-offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you.' ³So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt-offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. ⁴On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. ⁵Then Abraham said to his young men, 'Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you.' ⁶Abraham took the wood of the burnt-offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. ⁷Isaac said to his father Abraham, 'Father!' And he said, 'Here I am, my son.' He said, 'The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt-offering?' ⁸Abraham said, 'God himself will

provide the lamb for a burnt-offering, my son.' So the two of them walked on together.

⁹ When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. ¹¹But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said, 'Abraham, Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' ¹²He said, 'Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.' ¹³And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt-offering instead of his son. ¹⁴So Abraham called that place 'The Lord will provide'; as it is said to this day, 'On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided.' [NRSV]

Call to Worship

Leader: We gather as pilgrims
on a journey of faith.

**People: We come seeking the cloud of your presence
as we travel the way.
We come seeking your pillar of fire
to light our darkness.**

All: Shine in our hearts, O God,
with the light of your love.
Make your presence known
through Jesus the Christ. AMEN

Hymnal: A Worship Book #661