

## POINT GREY INTER-MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

Web site: [www.pgimf.org](http://www.pgimf.org)

February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020

### Henry Neufeld - *Three Stories*

**Worship Leader:** Karl Brown  
**Accompanist:** Rosemary Bell

**Music Worship:** Paul Thiessen  
**Usher:** Stephanie Jeong

**Last Sunday** Evan Kreider led a meditation on the importance of hymns in our faith, noting that he's never been moved to tears by a sermon or the reading of Scripture, but there have been times when he couldn't make it through a hymn due to being overcome by emotion. Various members of the congregation shared a favorite hymn and something significant about it or why it was a favorite. We contemplated each hymn text in silence and then sang the hymn. Tena Neufeld chose "I owe the Lord a morning song"; Hilda Driedger chose "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"; Walter Quiring wanted us to do not a hymn, but John Cage's 4'33" which involved more silent listening to what was going on around us and inside us; Annie Funk chose "Praise the Lord, Sing Hallelujah"; Sven Eriksson selected "O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus." At the end, Curtis Funk performed a piano improvisation on the last hymn. [RP]

The message can be heard in your favourite browser at <https://pgimf.org/service/favorite-hymns-of-faith-and-why/>

### PGIMF News - Upcoming Services

February 23

March 1

March 8

March 15

Margaret Trim

Henry Klippenstein

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Janice Kreider

Transfiguration Sunday

How do you experience God? Pt 1

How do you experience God? Pt 12

TBA

**Help Wanted** Build up your treasure in heaven now by serving on the Unnamed Committee To Move To Our New Home to seek out more servants for Christ in our own fellowship, as well as help for the Camp Luther Committee. And if you have always wanted to take on a task in the church because you have some good ideas, please volunteer now! Tap someone on the shoulder now, before the Nominations Committee taps you!

#### Potluck

Next Sunday all are invited to potluck lunch after the service. Bring your favourite dish to share and guests and friends.

**Camp Luther Committee** The committee is looking for members, a theme and for activities to do. Bring your ideas to Chan or Diane and help make it a great weekend!

**Membership** The fellowship has reserved Pentecost (May 31<sup>st</sup>) 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

**Farewell to Menno Simons Event** Come March 14th at 2:00 pm to celebrate the legacy of the MSC and say farewell with the students to the building that housed them all for 34 years! Send memories or photographs, and please RSVP on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/events/s/menno-farewell/189615245576771/> or to [alumni@mennosimonscentre.com](mailto:alumni@mennosimonscentre.com)

### Wider Church News

**Mennonite church BC** MCBC is looking for more lay-people to fill vacancies on the nominations. Spots are available on Church Development, Evangelism & Church Health, Camps, CBC, Womens' Ministry and more. Please express your interest to [office@mcbc.ca](mailto:office@mcbc.ca) by February 21. See Janice for a link to the comprehensive list of positions open.

#### 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 (604-290-1627); **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**—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*

**Pacific Theatre** A play by St. Germain pits a local black civil rights activist fighting for her daughter's education against a white leader of the KKK in the same town. Runs Feb 28-March 21 with tickets \$UNKNOWN available online at [www.pacifictheatre.org](http://www.pacifictheatre.org) or by phone at 604-731-5518.

**VST** The Peter Kaye lectures continue February 21 at 7:00 pm with Professor Candida Moss speaking on the resurrection of the body, one of the foundational statements of Christian theology. Her exploration of the assumptions we make about the body will make for an interesting evening. Free event, in the Epiphany Chapel (6030 Chancellor Blvd, UBC). More info at <https://vst.edu/event/candida-moss/>

**The Church and the Wet'suwet'en** Flynn Ritchie's blog Church for Vancouver has an interesting post collecting information on the current turmoil involving the Wet'suwet'en and Canadian industry, with the church's perspectives on it. You can read more at <https://churchforvancouver.ca/in-midst-of-wetsuweten>

### Matthew 13:1 - 11

<sup>1</sup>That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. <sup>2</sup>Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. <sup>3</sup>And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. <sup>4</sup>And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. <sup>5</sup>Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. <sup>6</sup>But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they

withered away. <sup>7</sup>Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. <sup>8</sup>Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. <sup>9</sup>Let anyone with ears listen!'

<sup>10</sup> Then the disciples came and asked him, 'Why do you speak to them in parables?' <sup>11</sup>He answered, 'To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given. [NRSV]

### Psalm 119:1 - 8

<sup>1</sup> Happy are those whose way is blameless,  
who walk in the law of the Lord.  
<sup>2</sup> Happy are those who keep his decrees,  
who seek him with their whole heart,  
<sup>3</sup> who also do no wrong,  
but walk in his ways.  
<sup>4</sup> You have commanded your precepts  
to be kept diligently.

<sup>5</sup> O that my ways may be steadfast  
in keeping your statutes!  
<sup>6</sup> Then I shall not be put to shame,  
having my eyes fixed on all your commandments.  
<sup>7</sup> I will praise you with an upright heart,  
when I learn your righteous ordinances.  
<sup>8</sup> I will observe your statutes;  
do not utterly forsake me. [NRSV]

### Exodus 12:25 - 27

<sup>25</sup>When you come to the land that the Lord will give you, as he has promised, you shall keep this observance. <sup>26</sup>And when your children ask you, "What do you mean by this observance?" <sup>27</sup>you shall say, "It

is the passover sacrifice to the Lord, for he passed over the houses of the Israelites in Egypt, when he struck down the Egyptians but spared our houses." ' And the people bowed down and worshipped. [NRSV]

### Wisdom Corner

Revolution Haiku

Come fiery souls  
Shine bright to guide those frozen  
In fear of new ways.  
- Laila Yuile