



Tree of Life, 2018
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Artist Statement

We gather at the Tree of Life, which was in the garden, and will be with us in the restored creation. Around the tree we rest and play; under its branches we belong. It is our source of wisdom, and its leaves are for the healing of the nations. By the tree, we need not fear, for the lamb rests in the bosom of the lion, and the child and the adder play together. By the tree, we meet our friends—old and new, forgotten and familiar. And when we have gathered, we realize the tree has been with us all along. So come, friends, rest, play, and belong.

Wanner Mennonite Church

Sunday February 20 @ 11 am Speaker: KyongJung Kim
Accountability: the Final Frontier Galatians 6:2-5

WORSHIP SERVICE IS ON ZOOM! The link is [here](#).

Worship Leaders: Sheila Mayman-Labelle, Janice Snider
Accompanist: Karen Haack; A-V: Dave Wilson

Today we're continuing our worship series looking at healthy relationships. Because of last Sunday's AGM, we missed the Faith Formation conversation about "getting to forgiveness" (questions below). Today, KyongJung's sermon will discuss accountability, without which forgiveness is much more difficult; Accountability questions are below as well. Ken will lead the FF discussion today, and leave it up to the participants which set of questions to discuss (or whether to give half the time to each set). So come prepared to consider which set you'd rather talk about.

"Getting to Forgiveness" questions:

1. When we forgive someone, who benefits? To whom is our forgiveness a gift? What reasons do you have for your answer?
2. Describe a time when you struggled to forgive someone. Why was it difficult to do? If you eventually did so, what helped you over the threshold? If you have not forgiven, what has kept you from doing so, and how do you live with the tension between Matt 6:12-15 and unforgiveness?
3. How can groups of people forgive? How can they process the decision to corporately forgive another group or an individual? How real is it when they do but some of their members personally do not forgive?
4. Are there one or more processes of forgiveness in your life that you have either intentionally or unintentionally dropped or just stopped working at? Is God calling you to do anything about any of them this week? Will you do it?

"Accountability: the Final Frontier" questions:

1. Tell a story of when you either received accountability from someone else or invited another to accept some accountability. Did it go well, or not? What contributed to that outcome?
2. What have been some frustrations for you in terms of holding others accountable?
3. In what ways have you avoided accountability? What have been your motivations for doing so?
4. What would be meaningful ways to make practicing accountability less fearful for you?
5. What do we need most in order to best practice accountability with each other? What would be meaningful ways to make practising accountability more joyful for you?

Next Sunday: Feb. 27. *Boundaries: discerning and respecting our own responsibilities and those of others.* (Gal. 6.1-5). Ken preaching.

Boundaries Class

We're in the home stretch of a sermon series about healthy relationships that are followed by an hour of related discussion. On Feb. 27, we're planning to look at boundaries. *Boundaries* is the idea that each person has a set of things for which we are individually responsible, and that there are other things for which others (not us) are responsible. When we take responsibility that rightfully belongs to others, they often feel disrespected and disempowered, whether they are able to articulate that or not. And when we fail to take responsibility that rightfully belongs to us, we effectively offload that responsibility onto those around us, who again, easily feel disrespected and imposed upon. Healthy boundaries make fulfilling relationships much easier. Unhealthy boundaries predispose us to unhappy relationships. But how can we get from unhealthy boundaries to healthy ones? How can we even identify healthy and unhealthy boundaries?

Henry Cloud and John Townsend have developed this idea into a book and curricula entitled *Boundaries*, which have impacted our own lives more than any other book except for the Bible. So we're excited to share with you their **9-session** series of classes that will expand on those two sermons about healthy boundaries. We'll do this in the discussion hour after worship, beginning on Feb. 27 and continue for 9 weeks, taking a break on Easter Sunday. We've ordered a number of participant's guides (\$15+tax), as well as a few optional books, *Boundaries* (\$25+tax) that will be available. Please let us know if you'd like us to reserve a participant's guide and/or a *Boundaries* book for you. If you would like to invite someone from outside the church, please feel free. And if you have any questions, please call or text us at 226-341-6706 or 226-350-6215 or email us at dawne.ken.pwchurches@gmail.com.

Dawne & Ken

CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RELATED EVENTS

Lectio Divina Prayer meeting takes place every Thursday from **1pm to 2pm**. This week's Scripture text is Mark 14:53-65. The Zoom link is [here](#). Meeting ID: 875 3755 0024 Passcode: 931300

World Day of Prayer 2022, Theme: I Know the Plans I Have for You. Based on Jeremiah 29:1-14. You can view the World Day of Prayer Service video at www.wicc.org

MC Canada Gathering 2022 Virtual Choir: calling all singers to join the virtual choir as we prepare to meet in Edmonton this summer by celebrating with music composed by Phil Campbell Enns. Join voices across the country in singing "Greater Things Than These." Upload instructions are [here](#). Submission deadline extended to March 1.

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