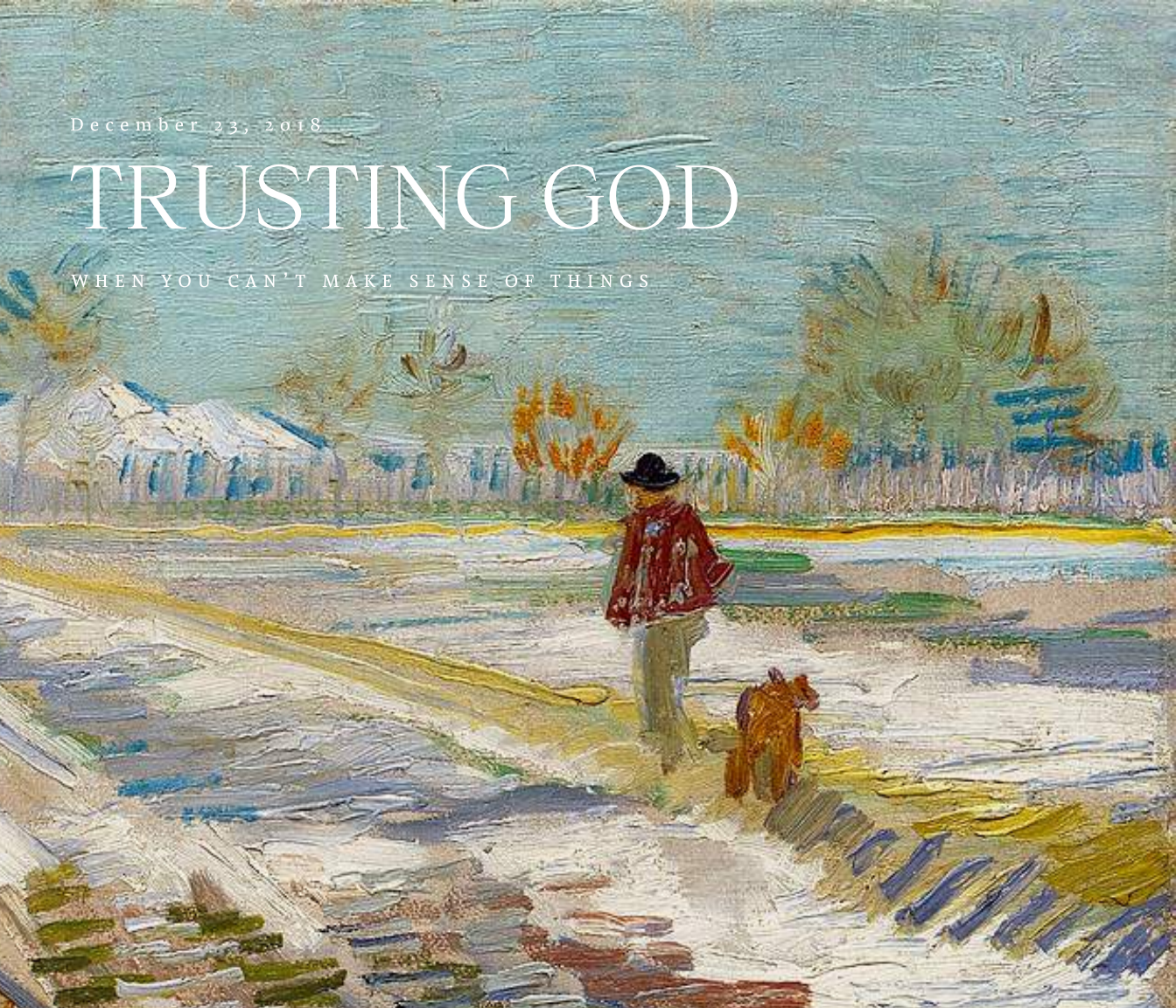


December 23, 2018

TRUSTING GOD

WHEN YOU CAN'T MAKE SENSE OF THINGS



Reflections


Blue homespun and the bend of my breast
keep warm this small hot naked star
fallen to my arms. (Rest . . . you who have had so far to come.)
Now nearness satisfies
the body of God sweetly. Quiet he lies
whose vigor hurled a universe. He sleeps
whose eyelids have not closed before.

His breath (so slight it seems no breath at all)
once ruffled the dark deeps to sprout a world.
Charmed by dove's voices, the whisper of straw,
he dreams, hearing no music from his other spheres.
Breath, mouth, ears, eyes
he is curtailed
who overflowed all skies, all years.
Older than eternity, now he is new.
Now native to earth as I am, nailed
to my poor planet, caught that I might be free,
blind in my womb to know my darkness ended,
brought to this birth for me to be new-born,
and for him to see me mended
I must see him torn.

- *Mary's Song* by Lucy Shaw

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'Landscape With Snow' by Vincent van Gogh, 1888

Scripture

Isaiah 53.3-10

- He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief;
and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.
- 4 Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.
- 5 But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.
- 6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way;
and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.
- 7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth.
- 8 By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered
that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people?
- 9 And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death,
although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.
- 10 Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him; he has put him to grief;
when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days;
the will of the Lord shall prosper in his hand.

Sermon

The Gift of God (and our poverty)

Rankin Wilbourne

Events & News

Welcome to Pacific Crossroads - We Have a Gift for You

This Christmas season, we want to extend all new (or newish) guests a warm welcome. Stop by the tents right outside the auditorium for a quick meet and greet and a free gift.

2019 Global Missions Info Session, January 20

In 2019, PCC aims to send more than 100 mission team members to Central Asia. If you've considered participating, even for a second, or if you're curious about finding out how to support the global church, come to our first info session to learn about trips, fundraising, etc.

Community Group Fair, January 13

PCC Community Groups meet in homes all around Los Angeles, where group members learn to love and care for one another as followers of Jesus. CG fairs are a great first step towards getting plugged into a Community Group. Let us help you find a group that's well suited to you.

View and sign up for all events on our mobile app, on our website, PacificCrossroads.org/Events, or speak with someone at the 'New Here?' tent.

Ministry Resources

Congregational Care

Our congregational care team is here to care for you if you are in a difficult place. Email pastoralcare@pacificcrossroads.org or call our office at 310.551.0081.

Celebrate Recovery

Join together weekly with others to celebrate God's healing power in our lives. Visit PacificCrossroads.org/CelebrateRecovery.