

Order of Worship: April 05, 2026

Easter Sunday

10:00 am – In-person worship

Pastor: Jim Brown

Easter Sunrise service

Luke 24.1-13

Hymn: #273 HWB - Low in the grave He lay

Worship theme: The Lord is Risen! He is risen indeed! On the one hand we preach *“the foolishness of the cross,”* and as Paul declares, *“Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles.”* But today and every day we can also proclaim and celebrate: the foolishness and weakness of the cross, by the power of God’s love, resulted in victory through the resurrection of our Lord and Saviour. For as Paul declares *“For to be sure, He was crucified in weakness, yet He lives by God’s power. Likewise, we are weak in Him, yet by God’s power we will live with Him”*

Prelude

Welcome & Call to worship

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 15:12-23 (NIV) But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith.

More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that He raised Christ from the dead. But He did not raise Him if in fact the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. >

But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. But each in turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when He comes, those who belong to Him.

Opening prayer

Opening Hymn: #280 HWB - Christ the Lord is Risen today

Prayer of Confession/Affirmation

Scripture: Luke 24:13-18 (NIV) Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus Himself came up and walked along with them; but they were kept from recognizing Him.

He asked them, “What are you discussing together as you walk along?”

They stood still, their faces downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, asked Him, “Are You the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?”

Hymn: #278 HWB - Christ is alive! Let Christians sing

Scripture: Luke 24:19-27 Donna - "What things?" He asked. "About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. The chief priests and our rulers handed Him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified Him; but we had hoped that He was the One who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning but didn't find His body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said He was alive. Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus."

He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter His glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, He explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning Himself.

Message: On just being practical and realistic ~ Pastor Jim

Hymn of Response: #474 MH - We welcome glad Easter

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Announcements

Offering

Closing Hymn: #275 HWB - Lift your glad voices

Benediction

Postlude

**No Congregation discussion/ coffee time today.

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**Announcements**

**Thank you**

*\*Thanks to everyone for the prayers. My immune system is very very low so I won't be going anywhere for a while. Dr's are trying to get it built up. Got a bunch of them working on it.*

*Thanks Everyone,*

*Judy*

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| <p><b><u>On Easter Sunday we will meet at 8 am</u></b> for a brief Sunrise service and breakfast together and then have our regular service at 10. There will be no coffee or discussion after.</p> |
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**Bowlathon for Hidden Acres, April 11, 2026.** Unfortunately I (Judy) won't be attending but we can still donate to Hidden Acres. You can mail cheque to camp specifying Bowlathon..or..etransfer to maryanne@hiddenacres.ca...or...online-www.hiddenacres.ca/donate.

**On Mon April 20, 2026 seniors (55+)** are invited to spend the day at **Hidden Acres**. Our theme is *Consider the Birds: Practicing Hope In A Worrisome World*. Cost is \$55 and includes lunch. For more information or to register click [here](#).

**\*\*Coordinating committee meeting Tuesday, April 14 at 7pm at the Meetinghouse.**

**Mark your calendars! Rockway is hosting the Mennonite Schools Network** (formerly Council) Choral Festival from April 30 - May 2. Join us at The St. Matthews Centre on May 2 at 3 pm for a concert featuring 7 choirs (including our Senior Choir) from Canada and the US. Stay tuned to [rockway.ca/events](http://rockway.ca/events) for more information. **Families interested in learning more about Rockway Mennonite Collegiate** are encouraged to attend our **Grades 7 - 12 Information Night** on **Tuesday, April 14 at 7 pm**. Join us for a short program and campus tour. RSVP at [rockway.ca/events](http://rockway.ca/events).

**Poole People Player's Presents** "Sneaky Citizens of Saddlesore City". Their play will be presented on May 7, 8, 9 at the PERC in Milverton. Night performance at 7:30pm; Sat. afternoon performance at 2:00pm. For tickets call Janet at 519-595-8424 or 519-301-3717 or email [poolemem@perth.net](mailto:poolemem@perth.net) See poster at back.

**Save the Date: "Our Water – Challenges & Solutions"** On December 4, 2025, the Region of Waterloo announced a significant water capacity issue linked to population growth and aging infrastructure. The concern affects the Mannheim Service Area, which supplies Kitchener, Waterloo, parts of Cambridge, and Woolwich and Wilmot Townships. To help our community understand what this means and what can be done, the Nith Valley EcoBoosters invite you to: Our Water – Challenges & Solutions Tuesday, April 21, 2026 7:00–9:00 p.m. Zion United Church, 215 Peel St., New Hamburg Our keynote speaker, Dr. Hugh Simpson, is a hydrogeologist with over 30 years of experience in provincial and municipal groundwater management. Q&A will follow. This event is free, but registration is required. A livestream option will also be available. Registration details coming soon!

**Tri-County Mennonite Homes** is looking for members of our 15 supporting congregations to serve on our Board of Directors commencing at our annual meeting in June. If you are interested or have someone to recommend, please contact Bruce Bechtel for more information. 519-801-0470 [BBechtel@tcmhomes.com](mailto:BBechtel@tcmhomes.com).

**Upcoming Worship Services:**

April 12 - Rebecca Riek

April 19 - Pastor Jim

April 26 - Pastor Jim