

Order of Worship: April 03, 2026

Good Friday

10:00 am – In-person worship

Pastor: Jim Brown

Worship theme: The roots of our understanding of Communion and Jesus' deliverance of us through His sacrifice go back to the Passover when God delivered His people from slavery in Egypt, as well as God's purposes in establishing the sacrificial system recorded in the book of Leviticus. As we are reminded of all that God has done for us may the Spirit prepare our hearts to gratefully and joyfully receive this gift and to once again commit ourselves to the covenant offered to us through Jesus's blood shed for us.

Prelude

Welcome & Call to worship

Scripture: Luke 22:7-20 (NIV) Then came the day of Unleavened Bread on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and make preparations for us to eat the Passover." "Where do you want us to prepare for it?" they asked.

He replied, "As you enter the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him to the house that he enters, and say to the owner of the house, 'The Teacher asks: Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with My disciples?' He will show you a large room upstairs, all furnished. Make preparations there." They left and found things just as Jesus had told them. So they prepared the Passover.

When the hour came, Jesus and His apostles reclined at the table. And He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfillment in the kingdom of God." After taking the cup, He gave thanks and said, "Take this and divide it among you. For I tell you I will not drink again from the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." And He took bread, gave thanks and

broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is My body given for you; do this in remembrance of Me." In the same way, after the supper He took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is poured out for you.

Opening prayer

Opening Hymn: #247 HWB - Jesus, remember me

Prayer of Confession/Affirmation

Passover meal reenactment [downstairs]

Song: #100 Chorus book - Sing a New Song Unto the Lord [on guitar]

Scripture: Mark 15:25-39 (NIV) Minnie - It was nine in the morning when they crucified Him. The written notice of the charge against Him read: THE KING OF THE JEWS. They crucified two rebels with Him, one on His right and one on His left. Those who passed by hurled insults at Him, shaking their heads and saying, "So! You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, come down from the cross and save Yourself!" In the same way the chief priests and the teachers of the law mocked Him among themselves. "He saved others," they said, "but

He can't save Himself! Let this Messiah, this king of Israel, come down now from the cross, that we may see and believe." Those crucified with Him also heaped insults on Him.

At noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And at three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" (which means "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?").

When some of those standing near heard this, they said, "Listen, He's calling Elijah." Someone ran, filled a sponge with wine vinegar, put it on a staff, and offered it to Jesus to drink. "Now leave Him alone. Let's see if Elijah comes to take Him down," he said.

With a loud cry, Jesus breathed His last. The curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. And when the centurion, who stood there in front of Jesus, saw how He died, he said, "Surely this man was the Son of God!"

Meditation: God's Deliverance- from the Passover to the Cross ~ Pastor Jim

Hymn of Response: #257 HWB - Were you there

Sharing at the Lord's Table

Washing each others' feet and hands

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Announcements

Offering

Closing Hymn: #240 HWB - Go to dark Gethsemane

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*

**Our Good Friday service will begin at 10 am.** This year we are including a special feature in our service in that part way through the service we will go downstairs for a symbolic Passover or Sedar meal. This recognizes that the Lord's Supper and Jesus' words and images arise out of the Passover meal celebrating God's delivery of His people out of slavery in Egypt. Then we will move back upstairs again to celebrate Communion and practice footwashing together.

**On Easter Sunday we will meet at 8 am** for a brief Sunrise service and breakfast together and then have our regular service at 10. There will be no coffee or discussion after.

**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](#).

**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).

**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!

**Upcoming Worship Services:**

April 3 – Pastor Jim

April 5 - Pastor Jim

April 12 - Rebecca Riek

April 19 - Pastor Jim

April 26 - Pastor Jim