

Order of Worship: April 12, 2026

10:00 am – In-person worship

Pastor: Jim Brown

Welcome to our guest speaker: Pastor Rebecca Riek is a member of First Mennonite Church, where she has served for 19 years as an elder, and she also pastors a South Sudanese congregation that worships there. She is currently studying at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary in the M.Div. Connect program. Rebecca is a peace advocate and has led the *Women of Good News* ministry for over 21 years, focusing on prayer, healing, and reconciliation among women affected by trauma. She is married to her husband Joseph and is a mother of seven.

Prelude

Welcome & Call to worship

Scripture: Ephesians 1:17-23 (NIV) I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know Him better. I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which He has called you, the riches of His glorious inheritance in His holy people, and His incomparably great power for us who believe.

That power is the same as the mighty strength He exerted when He raised Christ from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. And God placed all things under His feet and appointed Him to be head over everything for the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills everything in every way.

Opening prayer

Opening Hymn: #528 HWB - I stand amazed in the presence

Prayer of Confession/Affirmation

Scripture: Matthew 28:18-20 (NIV) “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Hymn: #344 HWB - I will sing of my Redeemer

Scripture: John 20:19-21 (NIV) Gary B - On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” After He said this, He showed them His hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. Again, Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent Me, I am sending you.

Message: Great Commission ~ Pastor Rebecca Riek

Hymn of Response: #343 HWB - My hope is built on nothing less

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Announcements

Offering

Closing Hymn: #423 HWB - May the grace of Christ our Saviour

Benediction

Postlude

**Please join us downstairs for Congregation discussion/ coffee time.

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**Announcements**

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

**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).

**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