

# Order of Worship: Sunday, April 13, 2025

**10:00 am – In-person worship**

**Pastor: Jim Brown**

Worship theme: On Palm Sunday Jesus is the focus of a processional into Jerusalem. In a powerful and provocative way Jesus is portraying His ministry and His call to God's people, as an alternative to both the religious and political powers of that time. But He is not looking to overthrow other powers but rather to invite them to join in on recognizing and living as if God really is Lord over all. So if we claim salvation through Jesus, do we understand what we are being saved for?

Prelude

Welcome & Call to worship

Luke 19:29-38 (NIV) *As He approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, He sent two of His disciples, saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' say, 'The Lord needs it.'"*

*Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They replied, "The Lord needs it." They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it.*

*As He went along, people spread their cloaks on the road. When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen: "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"*

Opening prayer

Opening Hymn: #238 HWB - Hosanna, loud hosanna

Prayer of Confession/Affirmation

Scripture: **Matthew 13:24-30 (NIV)** *Jesus told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared. "The owner's servants came to him and said, 'Sir, didn't you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?' "'An enemy did this,' he replied.*

*"The servants asked him, 'Do you want us to go and pull them up?' "'No,' he answered, 'because while you are pulling the weeds, you may uproot the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.'"*

Hymn: #239 HWB - Ride on, ride on in majesty

Scripture: **1 Peter 2:9-12 (MSG)** *Minnie - But you are the ones chosen by God, chosen for the high calling of priestly work, chosen to be a holy people, God's instruments to do His work and speak out for Him, to tell others of the night-and-day difference He made for you—from nothing to something, from*

*rejected to accepted. Friends, this world is not your home, so don't make yourselves cozy in it. Don't indulge your ego at the expense of your soul. Live an exemplary life in your neighborhood so that your actions will refute their prejudices. Then they'll be won over to God's side and be there to join in the celebration when He arrives.*

Message: *Why does Christ save each of us? ~ Pastor Jim*

Hymn of Response: #253 HWB - Alas! and did my Savior bleed?

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Announcements

Offering

Closing Hymn: Build Your Kingdom here (words in Bulletin)

Benediction

Postlude

Please join us downstairs for congregational discussion/coffee time.

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### **Announcements**

**Rockway's Founders' Day Chapel, Soup Supper Fundraiser** and Alumni Sports Challenge originally scheduled for Friday, February 14 has been postponed to Friday, May 2. Please visit [www.rockway.ca/events](http://www.rockway.ca/events) for more information. We thank you for your continued prayers as our school continues to heal from the tragic loss experienced in our community. Thank you so much for your understanding and support, Jen on behalf of Rockway Admin - *Should you have questions, comments or suggestions about any of these, please feel free to reach out via email [jenhb@rockway.ca](mailto:jenhb@rockway.ca) or phone 519.743.5209 x3547*

**Spirit and screen.** Do not conform any longer to the pattern of Apple, Insta and Google.... *Canadian Mennonite* magazine invites you to do a digital detox experiment this Lent. Starting March 5, cut screens back in some way and fill the gap with something holy. Then be in touch. We'll bring detoxers together by teleconference during Lent and report stories in our June issue. If intrigued, see [canadianmennonite.org/detox](http://canadianmennonite.org/detox).

**Rockway Mennonite Collegiate** invites you to join us in celebrating our 80th anniversary on **Friday, May 2, 2025**. Morning: Chapel with guest speakers Ray Boehm '84 and Mary Groh '49. Evening: Soup Supper Fundraiser and Alumni Sports Challenge. Learn more at [rockway.ca/events](http://rockway.ca/events)!

**Tri-County Mennonite Homes** is looking for church members to serve on the Board of Directors. If you or someone you know would be interested, please contact Bruce Bechtel 519-801-0470 for more information.

### **Upcoming Worship Services:**

April 13: Pastor Jim

April 18: Pastor Jim

April 20: Pastor Jim – The Sunrise service starts at 8am followed by breakfast.

April 27: Renee Sauder

May 04: Pastor Jim

May 11: Pastor Jim

### **Future events**

\* Thank you everyone who helped with the church basement cleaning! The library cleaning/reorganizing will resume this Saturday, April 12 @ 10 am.

### **BUILD YOUR KINGDOM HERE**

1. Come set Your rule and reign, In our hearts again  
Increase in us we pray, Unveil why we're made  
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope Like wildfire in our very souls  
Holy Spirit come invade us now

We are Your Church We need Your power In us

2. We seek Your kingdom first, We hunger and we thirst  
Refuse to waste our lives For You're our joy and prize  
To see the captive hearts released The hurt; the sick; the poor at peace  
We lay down our lives for Heaven's cause

We are Your church. We pray revive this earth

**Chorus:** Build Your kingdom here. Let the darkness fear  
Show Your mighty hand Heal our streets and land  
Set Your church on fire Win this nation back  
Change the atmosphere Build Your kingdom here We pray

3. Unleash Your kingdom's power Reaching the near and far  
No force of hell can stop Your beauty changing hearts  
You made us for much more than this Awake the kingdom seed in us  
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ  
We are Your Church We are the hope on earth

**Chorus**