

## Order of Worship: April 19, 2026

10:00 am – In-person worship

Pastor: Jim Brown

Worship theme: We return to Leviticus one last time in this series to ask the question: how do we prepare for worship? And we can ask that question in different ways. Part of this rests on God's command that we should be holy as God is. Isn't God alone holy? Who then could approach God? Or what does it mean to be holy? Prophets like Amos, as well as Jesus' conversation with the Samaritan woman at the well all help us to better understand what this question is about.

Prelude

Welcome & Call to worship

Scripture: **John 4:21-26** (NIV) "Woman," Jesus replied, "believe Me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and His worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth." The woman said, "I know that Messiah" (called Christ) "is coming. When He comes, He will explain everything to us." Then Jesus declared, "I, the one speaking to you—I am He."

Opening prayer

Opening Hymn: #47 Chorus book - Fill my cup – See back of bulletin for rest of verses

Prayer of Confession/Affirmation

Scripture: **Leviticus 19:1-3, 29-37** (NRSV) The LORD spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy. You shall each revere your mother and father, and you shall keep My sabbaths: I am the LORD your God.

Do not profane your daughter by making her a prostitute, that the land not become prostituted and full of depravity. You shall keep My sabbaths and reverence My sanctuary: I am the LORD. Do not turn to mediums or wizards; do not seek them out, to be defiled by them: I am the LORD your God. You shall rise before the aged, and defer to the old; and you shall fear your God: I am the LORD.

When an alien resides with you in your land, you shall not oppress the alien. The alien who resides with you shall be to you as the citizen among you; you shall love the alien as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God. You shall not cheat in measuring length, weight, or quantity. You shall have honest balances, honest weights, an honest ephah, and an honest hin: I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt. You shall keep all My statutes and all my ordinances, and observe them: I am the LORD

Hymn: #75 HWB - Holy, holy, holy

Scripture: **Amos 5:21-24** (NIV) Yvonne - I hate, I despise your religious festivals; your assemblies are a stench to Me. Even though you bring Me burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them. Though you bring choice fellowship offerings, I will have no regard for them. Away with the noise of your songs! I will not listen to the music of your harps. But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!

Message: How do we prepare for worship? ~ Pastor Jim

Hymn of Response: #514 HWB Lord I am fondly, earnestly longing

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Announcements

Offering

Closing Hymn: #418 HWB - Move in our midst

Benediction

Postlude

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

### **Announcements**

\*\*Anointing with oil will be offered next Sunday at the end of the service.

**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](#).

**Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp** and Retreat Centre is currently seeking to hire a year-round Housekeeping Coordinator (20-25 hours/week) and Housekeeping Staff (10-15 hours/week) to begin as soon as possible. Job descriptions for both positions are available on our website at [www.hiddenacres.ca](http://www.hiddenacres.ca). To apply, please forward your resume to [brent@hiddenacres.ca](mailto:brent@hiddenacres.ca). **\*\*\*Chicken BBQ & Pie Auction - June 9. Summer Camps - July & August. Alumni Day - July 4. Family Camping Weekend - September 4-7**

**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.

**Rockway Mennonite Collegiate will be hosting**, and performing in, the *Mennonite Schools Network Choral Festival (MSN formerly MSC)* on **Saturday, May 2, 3pm at The St. Matthews Centre**. For more information, please visit [rockway.ca/events](http://rockway.ca/events). All are welcome.

**Pool 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!

### **Upcoming Worship Services:**

April 26 - Pastor Jim - Anointing with oil will be offered at the end of the service.

May 3 - Pastor Jim

May 10 - Pastor Jim

May 17 - Wilmot Ignited Churches worship at Nith Valley

May 24 - Robert Mann

May 31 - Pastor Jim

### Fill My Cup

1) Like the woman at the well I was seeking  
for things that could not satisfy  
And then I heard my Savior speaking:  
“draw from my well that never shall run dry.”

Chorus: Fill my cup Lord, I lift it up , Lord  
Come and quench this thirsting of my soul.  
Bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more;  
Fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole.

2) There are millions in this world who are craving  
the pleasure earthly things afford.  
But none can match the wondrous treasure  
That I find in Jesus Christ, my Lord.

Chorus

3) So, my brother, if the things this world gave you  
Leave hungers that won't pass away.  
My blessed Lord will come and save you  
If you kneel to Him and humbly pray.

Chorus