

Order of Worship: Sunday, April 28, 2024

10:00 am – In-person worship

Pastor: Jim Brown

Worship theme: *When it comes to knowing stuff, how much do we need to know? Does it feel overwhelming at times trying to keep up with all the new info that comes at us? What about when it comes to faith: how much or what do we need to know or understand?*

Prelude

Welcome & Call to worship

Scripture: Ephesians 2:4-10 [NRSV]

But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which He loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with Him and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come He might show the immeasurable riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what He has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Opening prayer

Opening Hymn: #432 Church Hymnal – There is a Name I love to hear

Prayer of Confession/Affirmation: # 712 HWB

Hymn: #340 HWB – Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus

Scripture: 2 Timothy 1:8-14 [NRSV] Linda G

Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me His prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to His own purpose and grace.

This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the One in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that He is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to Him.

Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

Message: *Knowing what we need to know ~ Pastor Jim*

Hymn of Response: #338 HWB – I know not why

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Announcements

Offering

Closing Hymn: #343 HWB – My hope is built on nothing less

Benediction

Postlude

Announcements

On May 5 I will be speaking on the sensitive and painful topic of violence and sexual violence against women, including in the Christian community. I know for some people this topic could trigger difficult or even traumatic memories and emotions. And so I'm letting you know ahead of time so you can prepare or also choose not to attend. There will also be some resources available for those who wish to get support. There will be reading copies of the message available after that Sunday. Pastor Jim.

****Please let Karen know if you would like to supply a pie for Hidden Acres Chicken BBQ Pie auction on June 11th. Pies should be homemade or purchased from a bakery.**

****Refugee Sponsorship funds: The funds donated for this will be held until we know that the family has safely moved or if we renew our application with MCC again. If the funds end up not being needed, we will consult with each donor for how they should be directed then.**

Canadian Mennonite subscriptions: All who attend St. Agatha Mennonite Church may receive a subscription to Canadian Mennonite.

Please note, starting April 2024, Canadian Mennonite magazine will be printed monthly. Current subscribers have the first opportunity to receive one email a week with select stories, interviews, and news from behind-the-scenes. If you already receive Canadian Mennonite as a PDF every second Friday, the new service is already included in your subscription. If you currently only receive your magazine by mail, don't miss out! Ask Karen to add your email address to your subscription. We can add up to two email addresses per household.

Subscriptions are paid for collectively through MCEC. To start a new subscription or to change your delivery preferences (to receive print, digital or both), please contact Karen by April 28th.

MCC Run for Relief 2024 For those part of the team, please stay after Sunday School if you can for a few minutes to do some basic planning for our walk May 24 to the fairgrounds in New Hamburg: about 13-14 km. People can walk for part of it or all of it. We also want to get a pic of at least some of the group so I can set up our donation page. If you have any questions please speak to Pastor Jim

Remembering Henry Pauls – A CILT Cabin Dedication Service will be held on April 28 at 10am at Silver Lake Mennonite Camp to honour Henry Pauls' legacy with the camp.

SLMC Summer Camp – Registration is open! Visit slmc.ca/summer-camp to view all programs available at Silver Lake Mennonite Camp this summer.

Spring Work Weekend – Enjoy a family-friendly, free weekend at Silver Lake to help open the camp for the summer. All meals provided. April 26-28. Register at slmc.ca/retreats.

SLMC Annual Meeting - Silver Lake Mennonite Camp will hold its 2024 Annual Meeting on May 11th at 11:30am on Zoom (link at slmc.ca). There will be voting on by-law changes that can be found on the SLMC website. All are welcome! **Spring Teen Camp** – High school youth ages 13-17 are invited to Silver Lake from May 10-12 for a fun weekend of waterfront activities, campfires, games, great food and more! Register at slmc.ca/retreats

SLMC Grand Paddle & Hike - Silver Lake is holding its annual fundraiser May 10-12. Visit the [fundraising site](#) to create/join your team or donate. All participants are welcome to join scheduled group paddles/hikes/bike rides on May 11 at 2pm (details at slmc.ca).

Spring Seniors Retreat at Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp On Monday, April 29th join us for a day of fellowship, community and conversations. Dr. Martha Taylor will share with us in the morning and Jane Kuepfer will host a panel discussion in the afternoon as we intentionally explore end-of-life conversations. www.hiddenacres.ca See Bulletin Board for more info.

*****Sunday, June 9, 2-4 pm: Bicentennial Event: Guided Cemetery Tour** Former Steinmann pastor, Fred Lichti will lead a storytelling history tour beginning at the St. Agatha Mennonite Church cemetery and ending at the Steinmann Mennonite Church cemetery. Refreshments will be served in the Fellowship Hall at the end of the tour. All are welcome.

Pray for peace in Haiti and for political and social stability that people can go about their normal lives. Pray also for MCC staff and its 11 partners in the country that they would have wisdom and resilience in the course of ongoing stress and trauma.

Upcoming Worship Services:

April 28: Pastor Jim

May 5: Pastor Jim

May 12: Pastor Jim

May 26: Pastor Jim

May 19: Wilmot Ignited at Mannheim

This year's Wilmot Ignite long weekend services are as follows:

May 19: hosted by Mannheim

June 30: hosted by Hillcrest

August 4: hosted by St Agatha!

Sept 1: hosted by Nith Valley

Dec 29: hosted by Wilmot