

Order of Worship: Sunday, April 6, 2025

10:00 am – In-person worship

Pastor: Jim Brown

Worship theme: The Bible talks about loving each other. Jesus certainly said a lot and proved His love for us in His ministry and as He faced the cross. So what does it mean for us to love each other? How far is that love willing to go or risk or sacrifice. Pastor Jim will be sharing an old story, that is true, about how this worked itself out between 2 brothers.

Prelude

Welcome & Call to worship

Opening prayer

Opening Hymn: #338 HWB - I know not why God's wondrous

Prayer of Confession/Affirmation

Scripture: Romans 5:1-8 (NIV) *Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.*

You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Hymn: #345 HWB - God sent His son

Scripture: John 15:9-14 (NIV) Diane H - *As the Father has loved Me, so have I loved you. Now remain in My love. If you keep My commands, you will remain in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commands and remain in His love. I have told you this so that My joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are My friends if you do what I command*

Message: *Who could give anything more? ~ Pastor Jim*

Hymn of Response: Love is patient and kind [words on back of bulletin]

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Announcements

Offering

Closing Hymn: #349 HWB - Spirit of the living God

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).

**Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp's 41st Annual Bowlathon** is happening again this year on April 5th! This is one of the camp's main annual fundraising events with last year's Bowlathon raising over \$30,000! You can show your support by making a donation on-line, sending an e-transfer or mailing a cheque. More information can be found at [www.hiddenacres.ca/donate](http://www.hiddenacres.ca/donate) Also, see poster at back.

**Seniors Retreat at Hidden Acres** - On April 14, 2025 seniors are invited to Hidden Acres for *Exploring Beginnings: The New Testament and the Anabaptist Bible* with guest speakers Alicia Batten and Mollee Moua. Cost is \$55 and includes lunch. For more information or to register go to [hiddenacres.ca/programs/seniors-retrea](http://hiddenacres.ca/programs/seniors-retrea)

**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 6: Pastor Jim  
April 13: Pastor Jim  
April 18: Pastor Jim  
April 20: Pastor Jim

### **Future events**

\*Thanks to all who helped in the spring cleaning of the foyer, office and sanctuary!  
The basement cleaning will start this Saturday at 10 am.

**Love is patient and kind      [1 Corinthians 13]**

Chorus:

Love is patient and kind slow to anger  
Love delights in truth  
There is nothing that love cannot face  
and loves endures, love endures

1. If I speak in tongues of men or angels  
and have no love and have no love  
I am a noisy gong or clanging cymbal  
without love; without love

2. If I have the gift of prophecy  
and know every hidden truth  
Or have faith strong enough to move mountains  
without love what is the use?

3. Are there prophets their work will be over  
are the tongues their voice will cease  
Is there knowledge it too will pass away  
only love lives eternally

4. There are three things that last forever  
out of all I'm singing of  
there is faith--- and hope and charity  
but the greatest of these is love

by Patricia Shelley