

# **Order of Worship: Sunday, August 10, 2025**

**10:00 am – In-person worship**

**Pastor: Jim Brown**

Welcome to our guest speaker: Charleen Jongejan Harder is an ordained pastor in Mennonite Church Eastern Canada, and has served as a pastor in London, Leamington and Elmira. Her husband Kendall is the pastor at Shantz, just up the road. Together they have 2 teenaged children who attend Rockway Mennonite Collegiate. In the summer, Charleen enjoys camping and canoeing and relaxing in her hammock, as well as walking her dog Ruby and reading a good book. She recently turned 50 and is curious what the next decade might hold for her, but she knows that whatever happens, she is held in the arms of her God, who loves her.

Worship theme: The story of the raising of Lazarus invites us to wrestle with questions around grief. John honours Martha and Mary's question "Lord, if you had been there..." by allowing it equal space in the story, and allowing it to stand alongside Martha's confession of Faith - "I believe in the resurrection". We can believe while not knowing, and wondering why things unfolded the way they did.

Prelude

Welcome & Call to worship

Opening prayer

Opening Hymn: #5 HWB - There is a place of quiet rest

Prayer of Confession/Affirmation

Scripture: John 11:1-7 (NIV) *Now a man named Lazarus was sick. He was from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. (This Mary, whose brother Lazarus now lay sick, was the same one who poured perfume on the Lord and wiped His feet with her hair.) So the sisters sent word to Jesus, "Lord, the one You love is sick." When He heard this, Jesus said, "This sickness will not end in death. No, it is for God's glory so that God's Son may be glorified through it." Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So when He heard that Lazarus was sick, He stayed where he was two more days, and then He said to His disciples, "Let us go back to Judea."*

Hymn: #398 HWB - I love to tell the story

Scripture: John 11:17-26 (NIV) *Dianne H - On His arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem, and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet Him, but Mary stayed at home.*

*"Lord," Martha said to Jesus, "if You had been here, my brother would not have died. But I know that even now God will give You whatever You ask." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha answered, "I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in Me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in Me will never die. Do you believe this?"*

Message: Lord, If You Had Been There ~ Charleen Jongejan Harder

Hymn of Response: #598 HWB - A wonderful Saviour is Jesus

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Announcements

Offering

Closing Hymn: #426 HWB - Abide, O dearest Jesus

Benediction

Postlude

**\*\*Please join us downstairs for coffee time. No sermon discussion today.**

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**Announcements**

**KE Church will be using the church building** on Saturdays for the month of August (2nd, 9th, 16th, & 23rd) from 9am-6pm for a Youth Bible Day Camp.

**Onion Honey. Detweiler Meetinghouse**, 3445 Roseville Rd, Ayr. Thursday August 21st, 7 pm. Banjo, bass, guitars, mandolins, ethereal harmonies, and all of the rural spirit of resilience that will save our civilization (if it would just sit still and listen for a moment).

**Rockway invites everyone to join in the fun** this **Sept 13 & 14!** Whether you buy tickets for our *Food Market Fundraiser*, or join in on one of the other FREE events (including a *Hymn Sing!*), go to [rockway.ca/events](http://rockway.ca/events) to learn more about how we're celebrating 80 years.

**Rockway Mennonite Collegiate invites you to help PROTECT THIS BARN.** Visit [www.rockway.ca/campaign](http://www.rockway.ca/campaign) to watch our video and learn how we are celebrating our 80th Anniversary by upgrading some of our facilities. The full list is on the website. We've already reached 70% of our goal, but we need your help to reach 100% by the Fall! Thank you for supporting Rockway.

**Save the Date: Sunday, September 21, 3 pm:** "Music for MCC Meat Cannery". Come enjoy vocal and instrumental music offered by a variety of people. Concert will be held in the Steinmann Mennonite Church sanctuary. Cost by donation – all proceeds going to MCC Meat Cannery. Everyone is welcome.

**Upcoming Worship Services:**

Aug 10 - Charlene Jongejan Harder

Aug 17 - Charlene Jongejan Harder

Aug 24 - Pastor Jim

Aug 31 - Pastor Jim

Wilmot Ignited joint services

Aug 31 - St. Agatha

Oct 5 -

Dec 28 - Mannheim