

Order of Worship: Sunday, August 17, 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: Today's story looks at the Annunciation to Mary. It's essentially a message of being called as we are, in our ordinariness. Do we wrestle at times with that sense of inadequacy that many of us struggle with in relationship to the idea that we are each gifted and called by God?

Prelude

Welcome & Call to worship

Opening prayer

Opening Hymn: #41 HWB - Come, Thou Almighty King

Prayer of Confession/Affirmation

Scripture: Isaiah 6:1-8 (NIV) In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of His robe filled the temple. Above Him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. 3 And they were calling to one another: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of His glory." At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.

"Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty." Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. With it he touched my mouth and said, "See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"

Hymn: #120 HWB - Holy, holy, holy

Scripture: Luke 1:26-38 (NIV) Gail - In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you."

Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. But the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call Him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David, and He will reign over Jacob’s descendants forever; His kingdom will never end.”

“How will this be,” Mary asked the angel, “since I am a virgin?” The angel answered, “The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. For no word from God will ever fail.” “I am the Lord’s servant,” Mary answered. “May your word to me be fulfilled.” Then the angel left her.

Message: Why Me? Why not me? ~ Pastor Charleen Jongejan Harder

Hymn of Response: #545 VT - Here I am, Lord

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Announcements

Offering

Closing Hymn: #420 HWB - Heart with loving heart united

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 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