

Order of Worship: August 30, 2026

10:00 am – In-person worship

Pastor: Jim Brown

Worship theme: Have you ever played tug of war with a rope, where each side is trying to pull the other to their side and win? That can be a fun game. But it's not as much fun in life if different forces are trying to pull us one way or another. Trying to live by competing values and beliefs can also leave us feeling pulled in opposite directions, and there's no winning in that game.

Prelude

Welcome & Call to worship

Opening prayer

Scripture: **Jeremiah 10:1-6** (NIV) Hear what the LORD says to you, people of Israel. This is what the LORD says: "Do not learn the ways of the nations or be terrified by signs in the heavens, though the nations are terrified by them.

For the practices of the peoples are worthless; they cut a tree out of the forest, and a craftsman shapes it with his chisel. They adorn it with silver and gold; they fasten it with hammer and nails so it will not totter. Like a scarecrow in a cucumber field, their idols cannot speak; they must be carried because they cannot walk. Do not fear them; they can do no harm nor can they do any good."

No one is like You, LORD; You are great, and Your name is mighty in power.

Opening Hymn: #12 HWB - Come Let us all unite to sing

Affirmation of Faith

Prayer of Confession/Affirmation

Scripture: **Matthew 6:24** (NIV) "No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.

Hymn: #517 HWB - Open my eyes that I may see

1 Kings 18:16-24 (NRSV) Gary Z - So Obadiah went to meet Ahab and told him; and Ahab went to meet Elijah. When Ahab saw Elijah, Ahab said to him, "Is it you, you troubler of Israel?" He answered, "I have not troubled Israel; but you have, and your father's house, because you have forsaken the commandments of the LORD and followed the Baals. Now therefore have all Israel assemble for me at Mount Carmel, with the four hundred fifty prophets of Baal and the four hundred prophets of Asherah, who eat at Jezebel's table."

So Ahab sent to all the Israelites, and assembled the prophets at Mount Carmel. Elijah then came near to all the people, and said, "How long will you go limping with two different opinions? If the LORD is God, follow Him; but if Baal, then follow him." The people did not answer him a word.

Then Elijah said to the people, "I, even I only, am left a prophet of the LORD; but Baal's prophets number four hundred fifty. Let two bulls be given to us; let them choose one bull for themselves, cut it in pieces, and lay it on

the wood, but put no fire to it; I will prepare the other bull and lay it on the wood, but put no fire to it. Then you call on the name of your god and I will call on the name of the LORD; the god who answers by fire is indeed God.”

Message: Where are we limping around? ~ Pastor Jim

Hymn of Response: #102 HWB - To God be the glory

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Announcements

Offering

Closing Hymn: #71 HWB - Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee

Benediction

Postlude

**** Please join us downstairs for congregation discussion/coffee time.**

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**Announcements**

**\*\*Tuesday, September 8, 2026 - 7pm Coordinating Committee meeting at the church.**

**September 6 is the Labour Day long weekend** and Mannheim is hosting the Wilmot Ignited congregations. This will also be the kick off for the 5 part series entitled *Season of Creation; God's Shalom for our Common Home*. The Season of Creation is celebrated by Christians around the world, in many denominations. The season starts with a day of prayer for creation on September 1, the first day of the Orthodox church calendar, a day to commemorate God’s creation of the world. It is observed over the following five Sundays, ending on October 4, the feast day of Saint Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology.

The Mennonite Church is joining other denominations this year and a team has planned our worship series. The Season of Creation team includes: Ian Funk (Langley Mennonite Fellowship pastor), Laura Enns (Stirling Ave. Mennonite Church), Marie Moyer (Lethbridge Mennonite Church), Mykayla Turner (Ottawa Mennonite Church), Tim Wiebe-Neufeld (MC of Alberta Executive Minister).

We invite you to join us at Mannheim at 9:45 a.m. for worship, next Sunday, September 6. There will be a fellowship time and refreshments following the service.

**Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp** is looking to hire a **part-time LINC Staff member**. They will support the LINC Coordinator in running our programs for young adults with special needs from September to May. For more details, visit [www.hiddenacres.ca](http://www.hiddenacres.ca).

**Upcoming Events:**

**LINC Connect and Skills** - Mondays & Tuesdays in Fall, Winter & Spring

**Summer Camps** - July & August

**Family Camping Weekend** - September 4-7

**Fall Seniors Retreat** - October 5

**Fall LINC Retreat** - October 23-25

## **Annual General Meeting - December 1**

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## **Register today for Peace Conference: Nourishing Peace Together**

*Saturday, November 7, Rockway Mennonite Collegiate, Kitchener*

If you're hungry for connection, meaning and practical ways to resist despair in a world that feels overwhelming, plan to be at this year's Peace Conference. MCC Ontario is hosting an in-person event for people who don't have everything figured out but who want to build peace. Attendees will:

- Learn how to practice peace in everyday life
- Hear from courageous people pursuing justice, reconciliation and care in hard places
- Share food, stories and space
- Take action, like knotting comforters and sending advocacy letters, to remind us we're not powerless. Pay what you can.

Lunch is included. Register [here](#).

## **Upcoming Worship Services:**

Aug 30 - Pastor Jim

Sept 6 - joint service at Mannheim