

Order of Worship: Sunday February 04, 2024

10:00 am – In-person worship

Pastor: Jim Brown

Worship theme: *Depression, anxiety and other mental illnesses are a big health concern. Does our Christian faith have anything to offer? In what ways can the church or faith be life-giving or soul-destroying for those struggling with mental illness?*

Prelude

Welcome & Call to worship

Psalms 22:22-31 (NIV) I will declare Your name to my people; in the assembly I will praise You. You who fear the LORD, praise Him! All you descendants of Jacob, honor Him! Revere Him, all you descendants of Israel! For He has not despised or scorned the suffering of the afflicted one; He has not hidden His face from him but has listened to his cry for help. From You comes the theme of my praise in the great assembly; before those who fear You I will fulfill my vows.

The poor will eat and be satisfied; those who seek the LORD will praise Him. May your hearts live forever! All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations will bow down before Him, for dominion belongs to the LORD and He rules over the nations. All the rich of the earth will feast and worship; all who go down to the dust will kneel before Him—those who cannot keep themselves alive.

Posterity will serve Him; future generations will be told about the Lord. They will proclaim His righteousness, declaring to a people yet unborn: He has done it!

Opening prayer

Opening Hymn: #100 HWB– Praise Him, Praise Him

Prayer of Confession/Affirmation

Scripture: Matthew 11:28-30 (NIV) Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.”

Hymn: #628 HWB– What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Scripture: Psalms 22:1-15 (NIV) Brenda J My God, my God, why have You forsaken me? Why are You so far from saving me, so far from my cries of anguish? My God, I cry out by day, but You do not answer, by night, but I find no rest.

Yet You are enthroned as the Holy One; You are the one Israel praises. In You our ancestors put their trust; they trusted and You delivered them. To You they cried out and were saved; in You they trusted and were not put to shame.

But I am a worm and not human, scorned by everyone, despised by the people. All who see me mock me; they hurl insults, shaking their heads. “He trusts in the LORD,” they say, “let the LORD rescue him. Let Him deliver him, since He delights in him.”

Yet You brought me out of the womb; You made me trust in You, even at my mother’s breast. From birth I was cast on You; from my mother’s womb You have been my God.

*Do not be far from me, for trouble is near and there is no one to help.
Many bulls surround me; strong bulls of Bashan encircle me. Roaring lions that tear their prey open their mouths wide against me.*

*I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint. My heart has turned to wax;
it has melted within me. My mouth is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth;
You lay me in the dust of death.*

Message: *Out of the depths I cry, I praise ~ Pastor Jim*

Hymn of Response: #575 HWB – Precious Lord take my hand

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Announcements

Offering

Closing Hymn: #580 HWB – My life flows on

Benediction

Postlude

****Please join us downstairs for a potluck followed by our annual meeting and dessert.**

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**Announcements:**

**\*\*Please note that the annual meeting will not be on Zoom.**

**Refugee Sponsorship Fund.** We are now receiving donations for our Refugee project. If you are writing a cheque make it out to St Agatha MC as usual and then designate it for the Refugee Sponsorship fund. If you want to donate securities [stocks, mutual funds] but aren't sure how to do that talk to Pastor Jim, or you can also contact Abundance Canada. You can also talk to the committee members: Karen G, Masuma B, Rudy & Yvonne S, Donna J or Heather M.

**We are planning a Family night to MCC's Material Resource Centre in New Hamburg** on Friday April 12th for a tour of their facility and also to pack Hygiene Kits. In order to pack the kits, we need to bring funds or supplies with us. You are welcome to purchase the following items for these kits. You are also welcome to give a financial donation as well. There is a box for items and a jar for spare change at the back of the church. If you would like to allocate funds and receive a tax receipt for it, please designate your offering accordingly. Here are the items to include. New items only.

1 adult-sized toothbrush (in manufacturer's packaging)

1 large bar bath soap (in original wrapper)

1 nail clipper (good quality)

1 hand towel (medium weight, dark or bright colours preferred, approx. 40cm x 65cm/16in x 26in)

1 wide tooth comb 15-20cm/ 6-8in

**Join us for Founders' Day at Rockway on Thursday, February 15.** Whether it's Chapel, the Alumni & Former/Retired Faculty & Staff Tea Reception, our Soup Supper Fundraiser or the Alumni Sports Challenge, there is something for everyone! More information is available at [rockway.ca/foundersday](https://rockway.ca/foundersday) URL for [rockway.ca/foundersday](https://rockway.ca/foundersday): <https://rockway.ca/foundersday/>

**February 13 and 15 | Ontario Livestock Exchange, St. Jacobs.** Since 1981, the Livestock Sale (formerly Heifer Sale) has raised over \$5.1 million to support the work of Mennonite Central Committee through the auctioning of heifers and other donated items. For more information, to sponsor or donate to the sale, visit [mcc.org/events](http://mcc.org/events).

**Save the date: Sunday, December** 1, evening for a Christmas Choral Concert. All MCEC churches in Wilmot Township as well as East Zorra MC and Tavistock MC are invited to participate. Each church (or combination) choir will present 2 selections on their own. Together the mass choir will sing a few selections. Steinmann Mennonite Church will serve as host; Nancy Steinmann Yantzi has agreed to serve as choral conductor for the mass choir. More details will be coming later in the year.

**Material Resources is organizing two shipments to Ukraine**, one at the end of January and one in March. Our partners in Ukraine are in need of various items such as [comforters, assorted kits and bars of laundry and bath soap](#). We are blessed to have received everything needed for January, but we still need more items for March. Your contribution can make a significant difference in the lives of those in need. Learn more at [mcc.org/get-involved/kits](https://mcc.org/get-involved/kits).

**Employment Opportunity - Rockway Mennonite Collegiate** is now accepting applications for the role of PRINCIPAL. To read the job posting, visit: [rockway.ca/employment](https://rockway.ca/employment). Applicants should send their resumes with cover letters to [careers@rockway.ca](mailto:careers@rockway.ca) by Monday, February 5, 2024. URL for [rockway.ca/employmenthttps://rockway.ca/contact/employment-opportunities/](https://rockway.ca/contact/employment-opportunities/)

**The MCC New Hamburg Thrift Centre is searching for a new associate** to join their [Softline](#) team. Don't miss out on this chance to be part of something meaningful! Go to [mcc.org/careers](https://mcc.org/careers) for more information and to apply.

**Do you know an 18-30 year old looking for job experience** in their field? **Serving and Learning Together (SALT)** is a year long service experience with one of MCC's international partners. SALT service opportunities for 2024-2025 include placements such as tech support, community development, public health, project management, teaching and childcare. To explore SALT assignments, click [here](#). Ready to go? [Apply now](#).

**Upcoming Worship Services:**

Feb 04: Pastor Jim – We will be having a potluck followed by our annual meeting and dessert

Feb 11: Pastor Jim

Feb 18: Pastor Jim

Feb 25: Catherine Hunsberger

Mar 03: Pastor Jim