

Order of Worship: Sunday, February 1, 2026

10:00 am – In-person worship

Pastor: Jim Brown

Worship theme: This morning Pastor Jim will be doing a faith story interview with M. This will include early memories of family and faith, transitioning not only to Canada but also to committing her life to Christ, and her perspectives on faith and the church.

Prelude

Welcome & Call to worship: #659 in HWB

Opening prayer

Opening Hymn: #160 Chorus book - The Steadfast Love

Prayer of Confession/Affirmation: #706 in HWB

Scripture: Isaiah 26 (NIV) In that day this song will be sung in the land of Judah: We have a strong city; God makes salvation its walls and ramparts. Open the gates that the righteous nation may enter, the nation that keeps faith. You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in You. Trust in the LORD forever, for the LORD, the LORD Himself, is the Rock eternal. He humbles those who dwell on high, He lays the lofty city low; He levels it to the ground and casts it down to the dust.

Feet trample it down—the feet of the oppressed, the footsteps of the poor. The path of the righteous is level; You, the Upright One, make the way of the righteous smooth. Yes, LORD, walking in the way of Your laws, we wait for You; Your name and renown are the desire of our hearts. My soul yearns for You in the night; in the morning my spirit longs for You.

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When Your judgments come upon the earth, the people of the world learn righteousness. But when grace is shown to the wicked, they do not learn righteousness; even in a land of uprightness they go on doing evil and do not regard the majesty of the LORD. LORD, Your hand is lifted high, but they do not see it. Let them see your zeal for Your people and be put to shame; let the fire reserved for your enemies consume them.

LORD, You establish peace for us; all that we have accomplished You have done for us. LORD our God, other lords besides You have ruled over us, but Your name alone do we honor. They are now dead, they live no more; their spirits do not rise. You punished them and brought them to ruin; You wiped out all memory of them. You have enlarged the nation, LORD; You have enlarged the nation. You have gained glory for Yourself; You have extended all the borders of the land.

LORD, they came to You in their distress; when You disciplined them, they could barely whisper a prayer. As a pregnant woman about to give birth writhes and cries out in her pain, so were we in Your presence, LORD. We were with child, we writhed in labor, but we gave birth to wind. We have not brought salvation to the earth, and the people of the world have not come to life.

But Your dead will live, LORD; their bodies will rise— let those who dwell in the dust wake up and shout for joy— Your dew is like the dew of the morning; the earth will give birth to her dead. Go, my people, enter your rooms and shut the doors behind you; hide yourselves for a little while until His wrath has passed by. See, the LORD is coming out of His dwelling to punish the people of the earth for their sins. The earth will disclose the blood shed on it; the earth will conceal its slain no longer.

Hymn: #409 HWB - What Does the Lord Require of You

Scripture: Psalms 27 (NIV) Gary Z - The LORD is my light and my salvation —whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life— of whom shall I be afraid? When the wicked advance against me to devour me, it is my enemies and my foes who will stumble and fall. Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear; though war break out against me, even then I will be confident.

One thing I ask from the LORD, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the LORD and to seek Him in His temple. For in the day of trouble He will keep me safe in His dwelling; He will hide me in the shelter of His sacred tent and set me high upon a rock. Then my head will be exalted above the enemies who surround me; at His sacred tent I will sacrifice with shouts of joy; I will sing and make music to the LORD.

Hear my voice when I call, LORD; be merciful to me and answer me. My heart says of You, “Seek His face! ” Your face, LORD, I will seek. Do not hide Your face from me, do not turn Your servant away in anger; You have been my helper. Do not reject me or forsake me, God my Savior. Though my father and mother forsake me, the LORD will receive me. Teach me Your way, LORD; lead me in a straight path because of my oppressors. Do not turn me over to the desire of my foes, for false witnesses rise up against me, spouting malicious accusations.

I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living. Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD.

Faith Story Interview

Hymn of Response: #570 VT - When We Walk with the Lord

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Announcements

Offering

Closing Hymn: #336 HWB - When peace, like a river

Benediction

Postlude

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

Announcements

Free Family Day Open House - Join us on Feb 16th between 10-3:30 for a self guided day of snowshoeing, sledding, treasure hunts, crafts, pretzel making, games, puzzles and more. Bring a bagged lunch or pay \$6 for a hot lunch. View the poster at back or visit hiddenacres.ca to register.

Did you go to Rockway? Did you play on one of the girls' volleyball teams or always wished that you had? You're invited to Rockway on **Sunday, February 8 from 2 - 4 pm** to reconnect with peers during a friendly afternoon of volleyball. All skill levels are welcome. RSVP at rockway.ca/events.

Rockway Mennonite Collegiate invites you to their **Founders' Day Chapel, Thursday, February 12 at 9:15 am**. For more information and to RSVP, please visit rockway.ca/events.

Join us at Rockway Mennonite Collegiate on Friday, February 20 for our "new" event, Winter Warmup: February Feast & Alumni Sports Challenge. Proceeds from the February Feast (formerly Soup Supper) go towards May Trips Week. Stay tuned to rockway.ca/events for more information.

Rockway Mennonite Collegiate invites you to their two upcoming drama performances. Our grade 7&8 students are preparing for their fairytale mystery performance of, *Humpty Dumpty is Missing!* on March 5 & 6 while our high school students are preparing for a one night only performance of *The Day the Internet Died* on March 10. To learn more and buy tickets, visit rockway.ca/events.

The Gospel of John will be the focus of the Lenten journey this year with the 2026 Narrative Lectionary scripture readings. You are invited to participate in a Wilmot Ignited Bible Study, led by pastors Kathryn, Kevin and Greg. This will be an in-depth study of John's gospel, starting **Wed, Feb 26** and running weekly for 5 sessions. We will meet at Hillcrest Mennonite Church from 7:00-8:30 pm. For more information, please contact kathryn@hillcrestmc.ca or pastor@nithvalleymennonite.com

Upcoming Worship Services:

Feb 1 - Pastor Jim

Feb 8 - Steven Roy

Feb 15 - Pastor Jim –annual meeting after the service, followed by a potluck

Feb 22 - Pastor Jim

Mar 1 - Pastor Jim