

Order of Worship: Sunday February 11, 2024

10:00 am – In-person worship

Pastor: Jim Brown

Worship theme: *How we see ourselves makes a difference. It makes a difference in our actions and in how we face the world around us. It also makes a difference in our relationships. As Jesus grows and matures, how He sees Himself also impacts His actions and His relationships.*

Prelude

Welcome & Call to worship

Psalms 9.1-2, 7-12, 17-20 (NIV)

I will give thanks to You, LORD, with all my heart;

I will tell of all Your wonderful deeds. I will be glad and rejoice in You;

I will sing the praises of Your name, O Most High.

7 The LORD reigns forever; He has established His throne for judgment.

He rules the world in righteousness and judges the peoples with equity.

The LORD is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.

Those who know Your name trust in You, for You, LORD, have never forsaken those who seek You. Sing the praises of the LORD, enthroned in Zion; proclaim among the nations what He has done. For He who avenges blood remembers; He does not ignore the cries of the afflicted.

17 The wicked go down to the realm of the dead, all the nations that forget God. But God will never forget the needy; the hope of the afflicted will never perish. Arise, LORD, do not let mortals triumph; let the nations be judged in Your presence. Strike them with terror, LORD; let the nations know they are only mortal.

Opening prayer

Opening Hymn: #76 HWB – Praise I will praise you Lord

Prayer of Confession/Affirmation

Hymn: #36 HWB – God of our strength

Scripture: Luke 2:41-52 (NIV) *Minnie Every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the Festival of the Passover. When He was twelve years old, they went up to the festival, according to the custom. After the festival was over, while His parents were returning home, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but they were unaware of it. Thinking He was in their company, they traveled on for a day. Then they began looking for Him among their relatives and friends.*

When they did not find Him, they went back to Jerusalem to look for Him. After three days they found Him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. Everyone who heard Him was amazed at His understanding and His answers.

When His parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, "Son, why have You treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for You."

"Why were you searching for Me?" He asked. "Didn't you know I had to be in My Father's house?" But they did not understand what He was saying to them. Then He went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.

Message: *Do you know who you are? ~ Pastor Jim*

Hymn of Response: #743 VT – Just a closer walk with Thee

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Announcements

Offering

Closing Hymn: #505 HWB – I am Thine O Lord

Benediction

Postlude

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

Announcements:

****Please note there will be no zoom this Sunday.**

****Saturday, March 2, 2024 at 3:00pm - family afternoon of comforter knotting** followed by pizza supper at the church. Invite your family and friends to join us. Please bring some munchies and/or dessert to share and to go along with our pizza supper. For those of you helping to get things set up please be at the church at 2pm that day.

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. There has been another donation for the refugee sponsorship fund of \$1000.00.

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

Ash Wednesday service at Zion United Church 215 Peel St, New Hamburg on February 14 at 10:00 AM. Everyone is welcome.

Let Rockway Mennonite Collegiate make you supper on Thursday, February 15 with our second annual **Soup Supper Student Fundraiser, 5 - 7 pm** followed by the **Alumni Sports Challenge at 7 pm**. More information is available at www.rockway.ca/foundersday URL for 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.

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.

Save the date for our next film screening on Tuesday, March 19th, 7 p.m. at Zion United Church, 215 Peel St., New Hamburg. We are showing 3 short films that highlight a variety of contributions to our national identity made by Indigenous individuals and communities. **FYI - The KW Canadian Federation of University Women** group is hosting a film series this month called "Winter Storytelling - A Celebration of Indigenous Film". More details@ <https://www.cfuwkw.org/post/winter-storytelling-a-celebration-of-indigenous-film>

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.

SLMC Summer Camp – Registration is open! Visit slmc.ca/summer-camp to view all summer programs available at Silver Lake Mennonite Camp. **Winter Camp for Grownups** – This “choose your own adventure” weekend at Silver Lake Mennonite Camp is the perfect winter escape. Co-hosted by PiE (Pastors in Exile). March 1-3. Register at slmc.ca/retreats.

Rockway Mennonite Collegiate is accepting nominations to be on the Rockway Board of Directors. If you are a champion of Rockway and wish to apply, visit www.rockway.ca and fill out the [google form](#). If you wish to nominate someone else, please email your suggestion at: nominations@rockway.ca **URL for www.rockway.ca: <https://rockway.ca/about/board-of-directors/> Google form: <https://forms.gle/icJDuqSSZqed655j7> *Rockway Students Chipping in FORE!*** Registration for Rockway’s 29th Annual Golf Classic at Grey Silo is now open! Sign up as an individual or a team by April 15 to get the early bird price! Visit www.rockway.ca/golf for more information.

Upcoming Worship Services:

Feb 11: Pastor Jim

Feb 18: Pastor Jim

Feb 25: Catherine Hunsberger

Mar 03: Pastor Jim