

Order of Worship: Sunday, February 15, 2026

10:00 am – In-person worship

Pastor: Jim Brown

Worship theme: Today is our annual meeting when we look back and when we might also look ahead. Yesterday was Valentine's Day. Do these have anything in common? Our scripture verses clearly talk about love, what it is, as well as what it isn't. So how do we know if love is real? How do we know if our own love is real? And what does this have to do with an annual meeting???

Prelude

Welcome & Call to worship

Scripture: 1 John 4:7-12 (NASB) Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. The one who does not love does not know God, for God is love. By this the love of God was manifested in us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world so that we might live through Him.

In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has seen God at any time; if we love one another, God abides in us, and His love is perfected in us.

Opening prayer

Opening Hymn: #345 HWB - God sent His Son

Prayer of Confession/Affirmation

Hymn: #522 HWB - My Jesus I love Thee

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 13 (NASB) Gary B - If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but do not have love, I have become a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy, and know all mysteries and all knowledge; and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. And if I give all my possessions to feed the poor, and if I surrender my body to be burned, but do not have love, it profits me nothing.

Love is patient, love is kind and is not jealous; love does not brag and is not arrogant, does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong suffered, does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never fails; but if there are gifts of prophecy, they will be done away; if there are tongues, they will cease; if there is knowledge, it will be done away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part; but when the perfect comes, the partial will be done away. When I was a child, I used to speak like a child, think like a child, reason like a child; when I became a man, I did away with childish things.

For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face; now I know in part, but then I will know fully just as I also have been fully known. But now faith, hope, love, abide these three; but the greatest of these is love.

Message: Love that is real ~ Pastor Jim

Hymn of Response: Love is patient and kind

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Announcements

Offering

Closing Hymn: #592 HWB - Love divine, all loves excelling

Benediction

Postlude

Love is patient and kind [1 Corinthians 13]

Chorus: Love is patient and kind slow to anger

Love delights in truth

There is nothing that love cannot face

and loves endures, love endures

1. If I speak in tongues of men or angels
and have no love and have no love

I am a noisy gong or clanging cymbal
without love; without love

2. If I have the gift of prophecy
and know every hidden truth
Or have faith strong enough to move mountains
without love what is the use?

3. Are there prophets their work will be over
are the tongues their voice will cease
Is there knowledge it too will pass away
only love lives eternally

4. There are three things that last forever
out of all I'm singing of
there is faith--- and hope and charity

but the greatest of these is love

**Please join us downstairs for the annual meeting, followed by a potluck.

Announcements

*****For the season of Lent** I'm planning a series on the book of Leviticus. So I encourage you to work at reading it over the next weeks. If you look deeply into it, it just might surprise you! Pastor Jim

Feast & Alumni Sports Challenge on Friday, February 20. It's fun for the whole family! Tickets are now on sale. Check out the menu and ticket prices at rockway.ca/events. The last day to pre-purchase your meal is February 19 at noon, after that, it's CASH ONLY at the door. **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 **Thurs, 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

Are you a grandparent looking for ways to make meaningful memories with your grandkids Grades 1-6 during March Break? Grandparent & Grandchild Day @ Hidden Acres is a great opportunity to spend time together playing, singing, creating, laughing, eating and worshipping together! Join us **March 16th** 2026 to experience majestic and exotic birds from around the world with Wings Over The Rainforest. Cost is \$30/person and includes lunch. For more information or to register click [here](#).

On Mon April 20, 2026 seniors (55+) are invited to spend the day at Hidden Acres. Our theme is *Consider the Birds: Practicing Hope In A Worrisome World*. Cost is \$55 and includes lunch. For more information or to register click [here](#).

Upcoming Worship Services:

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

Feb 22 - Pastor Jim

Mar 1 - Pastor Jim