

Order of Worship: Sunday, February 16, 2025

10:00 am – In-person worship

Pastor: Jim Brown

Worship theme: Why is it hard to hear sometimes or in some situations? What can make it hard to see when we're driving? Why don't our glasses help sometimes? What can we do about it? What is the relationship between our heart and our ears? Why are our hearts sometimes like a compass?

Prelude

Welcome & Call to worship

Opening prayer

Opening Hymn: #41 HWB - Come Thou Almighty King

Prayer of Confession/Affirmation

Scripture: Matthew 13:13-15 (NRSV) *The reason I speak to them in parables is that 'seeing they do not perceive, and hearing they do not listen, nor do they understand.'*

With them indeed is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah that says: 'You will indeed listen, but never understand, and you will indeed look, but never perceive.'

For this people's heart has grown dull, and their ears are hard of hearing, and they have shut their eyes; so that they might not look with their eyes, and listen with their ears, and understand with their heart and turn, and I would heal them.'

Hymn: #7 [song sheet in HWB] Create in me a clean heart

Scripture: Psalms 51:6-17 [NRSV] Yvonne -*You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that You have crushed rejoice. Hide Your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquities.*

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from Your presence, and do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation and sustain in me a willing spirit. Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, and sinners will return to You. Deliver me from bloodshed, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of Your deliverance. O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare Your praise.

For You have no delight in sacrifice; if I were to give a burnt offering, You would not be pleased. The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.

Message: *Freeing our hearts to hear ~ Pastor Jim*

Hymn of Response: #18 [song sheet in HWB] Open our eyes Lord

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Announcements

Offering

Closing Hymn: #16 [song sheet in HWB] Sanctuary

Benediction

Postlude

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

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## **Announcements**

**Rockway's Founders' Day Chapel, Soup Supper Fundraiser** and Alumni Sports Challenge originally scheduled for Friday, February 14 has been postponed to Friday, May 2. Please visit [www.rockway.ca/events](http://www.rockway.ca/events) for more information. We thank you for your continued prayers as our school continues to heal from the tragic loss experienced in our community. Thank you so much for your understanding and support, Jen on behalf of Rockway Admin - *Should you have questions, comments or suggestions about any of these, please feel free to reach out via email [jenhb@rockway.ca](mailto:jenhb@rockway.ca) or phone 519.743.5209 x3547*

**Registration for Rockway's 30th Annual Golf Classic** opens **Friday, February 14!** Grab your friends and sign up to play in this tournament to help support our Student Tuition Assistance program. Not a golfer but want to show your support? Become a golf sponsor! Your sponsorship will help ensure the Rockway Experience can be accessible to more families. Contact Chris Ainsworth, Director of Advancement, at [advancement@rockway.ca](mailto:advancement@rockway.ca) to learn more.

**Rockway Mennonite Collegiate** invites you to their all-school musical, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. Join us February 27 - March 1, 2025. Tickets are \$20 adult, \$15 child 12 and under and can be purchased at: [www.rockway.ca/events](http://www.rockway.ca/events). If you are a Jr. Youth Leader, take advantage of our special pricing for youth and chaperones. Email [events@rockway.ca](mailto:events@rockway.ca) for more information.

## **Invitation: Anabaptism at 500: Commitment to Scripture**

February 27, 7:00 PM (CST). In person and livestream

Featuring John Roth, Sheila Klassen-Wiebe, Paul Doerksen, Brian Froese

From 1525 to 2025, Anabaptists have taken a very personal *and* community-oriented approach to their embrace of the scriptures. This panel conversation will investigate the ways the Bible shaped the 16<sup>th</sup> century Anabaptist movement at its inception and continues to uniquely define the Anabaptist tradition today. We will also celebrate the Canadian launch of the *Anabaptist Community Bible*. Livestream link -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LI3NZ3j-YfM>.

**Grandparent & Grandchild Day at Hidden Acres** - Looking for something to do with your grandkids during March Break? On Thursday March 13th join guest speaker Wanda Mann for a day of connecting with God through creativity and music. The theme for the day is *GOD... GRAND'S... G'KIDS... Connecting the Dots*. Cost is \$25/person and includes lunch. For more information or to register go to [hiddenacres.ca/programs/grandparent-child-days](http://hiddenacres.ca/programs/grandparent-child-days)

**Seniors Retreat at Hidden Acres** - On April 14, 2025 seniors are invited to Hidden Acres for *Exploring Beginnings: The New Testament and the Anabaptist Bible* with guest speakers Alicia Batten and Mollee Moua. Cost is \$55 and includes lunch. For more information or to register go to [hiddenacres.ca/programs/seniors-retreat](http://hiddenacres.ca/programs/seniors-retreat)

## **Upcoming Worship Services:**

Feb 16: Pastor Jim

Feb 23: Lifted Voices - Nancy Mann

Mar 2: Josh Penfold Hidden Acres

Mar 9: Pastor Jim

**Future events**

\*Thanks to all who helped in the spring cleaning of the foyer, office and sanctuary!

The basement cleaning is on hold until construction of the ramp is completed.