

Order of Worship: Sunday, January 26, 2025

10:00 am – In-person worship

Pastor: Jim Brown

Worship theme: If we feel the need for transformation, what's it take to get there, or even start the process? In looking at Jonah, he's been on a downward path, and heading down to the bottom of the sea. What's amazing is that his transformation happens while he's still down under the water, and before he's out of danger. What's there for us to learn through this story?

Prelude

Welcome & Call to worship

Opening prayer

Opening Hymn: #564 HWB - I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus

Prayer of Confession/Affirmation

Scripture: **Psalms 86:1-13 (NIV)**

Hear me, LORD, and answer me, for I am poor and needy. Guard my life, for I am faithful to You; save Your servant who trusts in You. You are my God; have mercy on me, Lord, for I call to You all day long. Bring joy to Your servant, Lord, for I put my trust in You.

You, Lord, are forgiving and good, abounding in love to all who call to You. Hear my prayer, LORD; listen to my cry for mercy. When I am in distress, I call to You, because You answer me.

Among the gods there is none like You, Lord; no deeds can compare with Yours. All the nations You have made will come and worship before You, Lord; they will bring glory to Your name. For You are great and do marvelous deeds; You alone are God.

Teach me Your way, LORD, that I may rely on Your faithfulness; give me an undivided heart, that I may fear Your name. I will praise You, Lord my God, with all my heart; I will glorify Your name forever. For great is Your love toward me;

You have delivered me from the depths, from the realm of the dead.

Hymn: #505 HWB - I am Thine, O Lord

Scripture: **Jonah 1:17 -2.10 (NIV)** *Donna - Now the LORD provided a huge fish to swallow Jonah, and Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights. From inside the fish Jonah prayed to the LORD his God. He said: "In my distress I called to the LORD, and He answered me. From deep in the realm of the dead I called for help, & You listened to my cry. You hurled me into the depths, into the very heart of the seas, & the currents swirled about me; all Your waves and breakers swept over me.*

I said, 'I have been banished from Your sight; yet I will look again toward Your holy temple.' The engulfing waters threatened me, the deep surrounded me; seaweed was wrapped around my head. To the roots of the mountains I sank down; the earth beneath barred me in forever.

But You, LORD my God, brought my life up from the pit. "When my life was ebbing away, I remembered You, LORD, and my prayer rose to You, to Your holy temple. "Those who cling to worthless idols turn away from God's love for them. But I, with shouts of grateful praise, will sacrifice to You. What I have vowed I will make good. I will say, 'Salvation comes from the LORD.'"

And the LORD commanded the fish, and it vomited Jonah onto dry land.

Message: *An uneven journey to transformation~ Pastor Jim*

Hymn of Response: #548 HWB - Teach me Thy truth

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Announcements

Offering

Closing Hymn: #582 - Guide me O Thou great Jehovah

Benediction

Postlude

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

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### **Announcements**

\*\***The annual meeting is Sunday, February 2** and it will be during discussion time with a potluck to follow.

**Join our comforter knotting blitz!** *January 25, 2025, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the MCC Hub, 65 Heritage Dr, New Hamburg.* Enjoy hot beverages, great company, and the joy of giving. No experience needed - knotting comforters is fun for all! Go to [mcc.org/events](http://mcc.org/events) for more info.

**Rockway Mennonite Collegiate turns 80** this year! Join us on **Friday, February 14, 2025** for our special 80th Anniversary Chapel with guest speakers Ray Boehm '84 and Mary Groh '49, followed by our Tea & Pastry Reception. That evening, celebrate the school you love with the people you love at our annual Soup Supper Fundraiser (featuring SIX scrumptious soups) and cheer on your favourites at the Alumni Sports Challenge. To RSVP and pre-purchase your soup or to learn more about Founders' Day, visit: [rockway.ca/events](http://rockway.ca/events)

**Tickets for Rockway Mennonite Collegiate's** grade 7-12 production of *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, are going fast! Don't miss out on this *sweet treat* of a show! Join us February 27 - March 1, 2025. Buy tickets at: [www.rockway.ca/events](http://www.rockway.ca/events). If you are a teacher/homeschooler interested in bringing your class, we have a special sneak preview (and discounted student price) on February 26 at 10 am. Email [events@rockway.ca](mailto:events@rockway.ca) for more information.

### **Upcoming Worship Services:**

Jan 26: Pastor Jim

Feb 2: Pastor Jim - Annual meeting during discussion time with a potluck to follow.

Feb 9: Pastor Jim

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.