

Order of Worship: Sunday, July 13, 2025

10:00 am – In-person worship

Pastor: Jim Brown

Elmer Thiessen comes to us from Waterloo where he and his wife (Maggie) attend Waterloo North Mennonite Church. He taught philosophy at Medicine Hat College in Alberta for 36 years. He has published several books, the last one entitled, Healthy Christian Minds: A Biblical, Practical and Sometimes Philosophical Exploration of Intellectual Virtues and Vices.

Worship theme: *In Your light we see light* Psalm 36: 9. Do we sometimes claim to see or understand, when in fact we are not seeing or understanding clearly? How can we see more clearly and understand more completely?

Prelude

Welcome & Call to worship

Opening prayer

Opening Hymn: #14 HWB - Come, we that love the Lord

Prayer of Confession/Affirmation

Scripture: Psalms 119:17-24 (NIV) *Be good to Your servant while I live, that I may obey Your word. Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in Your law. I am a stranger on earth; do not hide Your commands from me. My soul is consumed with longing for Your laws at all times. You rebuke the arrogant, who are accursed, those who stray from Your commands. Remove from me their scorn and contempt, for I keep Your statutes. Though rulers sit together and slander me, Your servant will meditate on Your decrees. Your statutes are my delight; they are my counselors.*

Hymn: #76 HWB - Praise, I will praise you, Lord

Scripture: Mark 8:14-26 (NIV) *Gail - The disciples had forgotten to bring bread, except for one loaf they had with them in the boat. "Be careful," Jesus warned them. "Watch out for the yeast of the Pharisees and that of Herod." They discussed this with one another and said, "It is because we have no bread." Aware of their discussion, Jesus asked them: "Why are you talking about having no bread? Do you still not see or understand? Are your hearts hardened? Do you have eyes but fail to see, and ears but fail to hear? And don't you remember? When I broke the five loaves for the five thousand, how many basketfuls of pieces did you pick up?" "Twelve," they replied. "And when I broke the seven loaves for the four thousand, how many basketfuls of pieces did you pick up?" They answered, "Seven." He said to them, "Do you still not understand?"*

They came to Bethsaida, and some people brought a blind man and begged Jesus to touch him. He took the blind man by the hand and led him outside the village. When he had spit on the man's eyes and put His hands on him, Jesus asked, "Do you see anything?" He looked up and said, "I see people; they look like trees walking around." Once more Jesus put His hands on the man's eyes. Then his eyes were opened, his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly. Jesus sent him home, saying, "Don't even go into the village."

Message: Seeing and Understanding ~ Elmer Thiessen

Hymn of Response: #517 HWB - Open my eyes that I may see

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Announcements

Offering

Closing Hymn: #418 HWB - Move in our midst

Benediction

Postlude

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

Announcements

Rockway Mennonite Collegiate invites you to help PROTECT THIS BARN. Visit www.rockway.ca/campaign to watch our video and learn how we are celebrating our 80th Anniversary by upgrading some of our facilities. The full list is on the website. We've already reached 70% of our goal, but we need your help to reach 100% by the Fall! Thank you for supporting Rockway.

Hidden Acres is hiring. We are looking to fill a part-time, year round housekeeping role as soon as possible. For more information visit www.hiddenacres.ca or contact the camp at info@hiddenacres.ca or 519-625-8602

Save the Date: Sunday, September 21, 3 pm: "Music for MCC Meat Cannery". Come enjoy vocal and instrumental music offered by a variety of people. Concert will be held in the Steinmann Mennonite Church sanctuary. Cost by donation – all proceeds going to MCC Meat Cannery. Everyone is welcome.

Upcoming Worship Services:

July 13 - Elmer Thiessen

July 20 - Pastor Jim

July 27 - Maurice Martin

Aug 3 - Joint service at Wilmot

Aug 10 - Charlene Jongejan Harder

Aug 17 - Charlene Jongejan Harder

Aug 24 - Pastor Jim

Aug 31 - Pastor Jim

Wilmot Ignited joint services

Aug 3 - Wilmot

Aug 31 - St. Agatha

Oct 5 -

Dec 28 - Mannheim