

# Order of Worship: Sunday, July 7, 2024

10:30 am – In-person worship

Pastor: Jim Brown

Worship theme: When you think of preaching or teaching you've heard about the book of Revelation or the end times have you heard much about love? Does love really matter if we're facing crises, persecution or even the end of the world?

Prelude

Welcome & Call to worship

Opening prayer

Opening Hymn: #319 – Jesus shall reign

Prayer of Confession/Affirmation

Scripture: Matthew 24:3-13 (NIV) *As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately. "Tell us," they said, "when will this happen, and what will be the sign of Your coming and of the end of the age?"*

*Jesus answered: "Watch out that no one deceives you. For many will come in My name, claiming, 'I am the Messiah,' and will deceive many. You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. All these are the beginning of birth pains.*

*"Then you will be handed over to be persecuted and put to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of Me. At that time many will turn away from the faith and will betray and hate each other, and many false prophets will appear and deceive many people. Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold, but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved.*

Hymn: #343 HWB – My hope is built on nothing less

Scripture: Revelation 2:1-7 (NIV) *Donna - "To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: These are the words of Him who holds the seven stars in His right hand and walks among the seven golden lampstands. I know your deeds, your hard work and your perseverance. I know that you cannot tolerate wicked people, that you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not, and have found them false. You have persevered and have endured hardships for My name, and have not grown weary.*

*Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken the love you had at first. Consider how far you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first. If you do not repent, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place. But you have this in your favor: You hate the practices of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.*

*Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who is victorious, I will give the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.*

Message: *Does love matter? ~ Pastor Jim*

Hymn of Response: Love is patient and kind [words on back of Bulletin] from 1 Cor 13

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Announcements

Offering

Closing Hymn: #76 HWB – Praise I will praise You Lord

Benediction

Postlude

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

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**Announcements**

**The Wilmot Family Resource Centre food bank** shelves are getting low on supplies.

**Items in need:** Kraft Dinner, Cereal, Fruits (fresh, canned, cups), 100% Fruit Juice, Nut-free granola bars and school snacks, Chunky soups and Chicken Noodle Soup, Beans in sauces, Canned meat, Pasta sauce and diced tomatoes, Peanut butter. Let's do our part for those in need. Please bring in any items now during June and someone will drop them off.

**Join us at Hidden Acres for classic camp fun** July 14-19, July 21-26 or August 11-16. Registration is open through our website at [www.hiddenacres.ca](http://www.hiddenacres.ca). Reach out to the camp with any questions: [info@hiddenacres.ca](mailto:info@hiddenacres.ca)

**Save the date for a Mennonite World Conference Summer Event on 22 July, 2024.** An evening of Fellowship, Sharing food and Testimonies at Wanner Mennonite Church Cambridge, ON.\*Join the guest list [mwcevents@mw-cmm.org](mailto:mwcevents@mw-cmm.org) In addition to enjoying a meal together, attendees will have the opportunity to meet and chat with Cesar Garcia, MWC General Secretary, and other members of MWC's local family.  
\*Limited Availability

**Learn about [The Coalition to Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery](#)** (DDoD), a collective that emerged from the Mennonite Church who work together to mobilize Christian church communities to dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery and follow Indigenous leadership. Deborah Yoder will share about her experience as the Communications Coordinator and Indigenous Solidarity Organizer for the Coalition. Come learn about the transformative work of the Coalition and how to get involved at Waterloo North Mennonite Church 100 Benjamin Rd, Waterloo on July 29 @ 7pm.

**MCEC seeks an enthusiastic and creative Communications Assistant** who will support the development and implementation of communication strategies to enhance Mennonite Church Eastern Canada's identity, purpose and values. This role involves social media management, content creation, media relations, event support, internal communications, administrative support. This is a 0.5 FTE permanent position beginning fall 2024. Interested candidates should submit their cover letter and resume to Laurie Castello, Operations and Finance Director, [hr@mcec.ca](mailto:hr@mcec.ca) by August 15, 2024.

**Upcoming Worship Services:**

July 14: Pastor Jim

July 21: Stephen Roy, MCC

July 28: Pastor Jim

Aug 4: Pastor Jim

Aug 11: Stephen Kennedy, Avon MC

Aug 18: Moses Moine, MCC

**\*\*Pastor Jim will be on vacation July 15-22, & Aug 5-19**  
**If there is a pastoral emergency, please call Karen G.**

**This year's Wilmot Ignite long weekend services** are as follows:

August 4: hosted by St Agatha!

Sept 1: hosted by Nith Valley

## **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 there 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