

# Order of Worship: Sunday, July 21, 2024

10:00 am – In-person worship

Pastor: Jim Brown

Our speaker: *Stephen has been part of the MCC Ontario team since 2021. He focuses on building and nurturing relationships between MCC and supporting churches. He comes from a background in faith-based post-secondary education as an academic administrator and instructor with over 30 years of experience. His education includes degrees in urban planning and theology. Stephen has an interest and involvement in charity leadership and governance, and serves on several church and ministry boards, including Be In Christ Church of Canada and The Canadian Centre for Christian Charities. Personal interests include watching soccer, reading historical fiction, or working on family history research. Stephen is married to Lyn and they have two adult children and two grandchildren.*

Worship theme: How do we define love? When we look at Psalm 36 maybe our definitions of love are too small or too limited. What can we learn from God's great love to shape how we live out love in our lives?

Prelude

Welcome & Call to worship

Scripture: **Psalms 89:1-2, 5-8, 14-15** (NIV) *I will sing of the LORD's great love forever; with my mouth I will make Your faithfulness known through all generations.*

*I will declare that Your love stands firm forever, that You have established Your faithfulness in heaven itself.*

*The heavens praise Your wonders, LORD, Your faithfulness too, in the assembly of the holy ones. For who in the skies above can compare with the LORD?*

*Who is like the LORD among the heavenly beings? In the council of the holy ones God is greatly feared; He is more awesome than all who surround Him. Who is like You, LORD God Almighty? You, LORD, are mighty, and Your faithfulness surrounds You.*

*Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne; love and faithfulness go before You. Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim You, who walk in the light of Your presence, LORD.*

Opening prayer

Opening Hymn: #551 (MH) – I will sing the wondrous story

Prayer of Confession/Affirmation

Hymn: #344 (HWB) – I will sing of my redeemer

Scripture: **Psalms 36** (NIV) *I have a message from God in my heart concerning the sinfulness of the wicked: There is no fear of God before their eyes. In their own eyes they flatter themselves too much to detect or hate their sin. The words of their mouths are wicked and deceitful; they fail to act wisely or do good. Even on their beds they plot evil; they commit themselves to a sinful course and do not reject what is wrong.*

*Your love, LORD, reaches to the heavens, Your faithfulness to the skies. Your righteousness is like the highest mountains, Your justice like the great deep. You, LORD, preserve both people and animals. How priceless is Your unfailing love, O God! People take refuge in the shadow of your wings. They feast on the abundance of Your house; You give them drink from Your river of delights. For with You is the fountain of life; in Your light we see light.*

*Continue Your love to those who know You, Your righteousness to the upright in heart.*

*May the foot of the proud not come against me, nor the hand of the wicked drive me away. See how the evildoers lie fallen—thrown down, not able to rise!*

Message: *God's great love ~ Stephen Roy*

Hymn of Response: #341 (HWB) – Jesus loves me

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Announcements

Offering

Closing Hymn: #327 (HWB) – Great is thy faithfulness

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@mwc-cmm.org](mailto:mwcevents@mwc-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 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

Dec 29: hosted by Wilmot