

Order of Worship: Sunday, June 15, 2025

10:00 am – In-person worship

Pastor: Jim Brown

Worship theme: Today is Father's Day. Being a father or parent can be rewarding, challenging, frustrating, and joyful. Parents make many decisions along the way about how to lead, what to allow, and what to do when children make poor choices. Of course how we experienced the parenting we received has also made an impact on us. So Father's Day can leave us with mixed emotions. The parable of the father and his 2 sons gives us many things to ponder both spiritually and in our relationships with others.

Prelude

Welcome & Call to worship

Opening prayer

Opening Hymn: #66 HWB - O worship the king

Prayer of Confession/Affirmation

Scripture: Psalms 27 (NIV) *The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?*

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? When the wicked advance against me to devour me, it is my enemies and my foes who will stumble and fall. Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear; though war break out against me, even then I will be confident.

One thing I ask from the LORD, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the LORD and to seek Him in his temple. For in the day of trouble He will keep me safe in His dwelling; He will hide me in the shelter of His sacred tent and set me high upon a rock. Then my head will be exalted above the enemies who surround me; at His sacred tent I will sacrifice with shouts of joy; I will sing and make music to the LORD.

Hear my voice when I call, LORD; be merciful to me and answer me. My heart says of You, "Seek His face!" Your face, LORD, I will seek. Do not hide Your face from me, do not turn Your servant away in anger; You have been my helper.

Do not reject me or forsake me, God my Savior. Though my father and mother forsake me, the LORD will receive me. Teach me Your way, LORD; lead me in a straight path because of my oppressors. Do not turn me over to the desire of my foes, for false witnesses rise up against me, spouting malicious accusations.

I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living. Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD.

Hymn: #413 HWB - Faith of the martyrs

Scripture: Luke 15:1-2, 11-20 (NIV) *Masuma - Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."*

Jesus continued: "There was a man who had two sons. The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them. "Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

"When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.' So he got up and went to his father.

Message: How far should a father go? ~ Pastor Jim

Hymn of Response: #359 HWB - Lead us, O father

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Announcements

Offering

Closing Hymn: #327 HWB - Great is thy faithfulness

Benediction

Postlude

****There will be no sermon discussion/coffee time this Sunday due to Father's Day.**

Announcements

Save the Date! Tri-County Mennonite Homes is having its Annual General Meeting on June 17, 2025, from 6:00pm-8:00pm, in the Nithview Community Auditorium (New Hamburg). Delegate registration opening soon. For more information, please contact Bruce Bechtel (bbechtel@tcmhomes.com; 519-801-0470) or Emily Shannon (eshannon@tcmhomes.com; 519-662-2718).

Sunday, June 29, 9:45 am: Please join our next long weekend's Wilmot Ignited joint worship service at Nith Valley Mennonite Church. Our special guest speakers will be Benedikt Isert Bender and Dann Pantoja who will share about the work of Coffee for Peace in the Philippines. Refreshments following worship.

You can join virtually by using the following Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83466990937?pwd=TDZW4m7QQufe3kE8KNzYYsrltJ6e0W.1>

Meeting ID: 834 6699 0937

Passcode: 031807

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Thursday June 26, 7 pm– Detweiler Meeting House, 3445 Roseville Rd, Ayr, ON

Three in the Round. Those who were with us for their concert last year will remember the magic of that evening – with gloriously-waning light and poignant songs and tunes. With roots in Atlantic Canada, Quebec and Britain, Bob MacLean, Gwen Potter and John Harris bring their decades of experience in celtic, classical, folk and beyond.
3445 Roseville Rd, Ayr, ON

Upcoming Worship Services:

June 15 - Pastor Jim
June 22 - Pastor Jim
June 29 - Joint service Nith Valley
July 6 - Len Rempel @ Hidden Acres
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

June 29 - NV (Benedikt IB & Dann Pantoja share from the experience in Philippines)
Aug 3 - Wilmot
Aug 31 - St. Agatha
Oct 5 -
Dec 28 - Mannheim

Upcoming Events

July 1 - Fireworks 7.30 pm
July 4-6 - Camping at Hidden Acres, Len Rempel will be the guest speaker on Sunday.