

Order of Worship: Sunday, June 22, 2025

10:00 am – In-person worship

Pastor: Jim Brown

Worship theme: Would we like to have more courage in our Christian faith? In what areas would we like more courage to be bold or more confident in our faith: In speaking out about our faith? Or taking action because of our faith? Or living out our faith? The early Christians were soon under threat because of their faith. They faced arrest, beatings and alienation because they followed Jesus. Yet many remained faithful even in the face of death. What would it take for us to have some of that courage?

Prelude

Welcome & Call to worship

Opening prayer

Opening Hymn: #538 MH - The love of God

Prayer of Confession/Affirmation

Scripture: Acts 4:8-13 (NIV) *Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: “Rulers and elders of the people! If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a man who was lame and are being asked how he was healed, then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. Jesus is “the stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone.’ Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.”*

When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus.

Hymn: #43 HWB - Christ is our cornerstone

Scripture: Acts 4:23-31 (NIV) Diane H - *On their release, Peter and John went back to their own people and reported all that the chief priests and the elders had said to them. When they heard this, they raised their voices together in prayer to God. “Sovereign Lord,” they said, “You made the heavens and the earth and the sea, and everything in them. You spoke by the Holy Spirit through the mouth of Your servant, our father David: “‘Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers band together against the Lord and against His anointed one.’*

Indeed Herod and Pontius Pilate met together with the Gentiles and the people of Israel in this city to conspire against Your holy servant Jesus, whom You anointed. They did what Your power and will had decided beforehand should happen. Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable Your servants to speak Your word with great boldness. Stretch out Your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of Your holy servant Jesus.” After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.

Message: Need some courage? ~ Pastor Jim

Hymn of Response: #338 HWB - I know not why God's wondrous

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Announcements

Offering

Closing Hymn: #423 HWB - May the grace of Christ our Saviour

Benediction

Postlude

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

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### **Announcements**

**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=TDZW4m7QQufe3kE8KNzYYSrItJ6e0W.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.

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### **Upcoming Worship Services:**

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 Please bring snacks to share.  
July 4-6 - Camping at Hidden Acres, Len Rempel will be the guest speaker on Sunday.