

# **Order of Worship: Sunday, March 1, 2026**

**10:00 am – In-person worship**

**Pastor: Jim Brown**

Worship theme: As we continue our series on Leviticus in this season of Lent, a vital question is: what kind of God are we worshipping? Is the God we find in Leviticus more demanding and judging than merciful? Is the God of the New Testament a different God than we find in Leviticus? Are all these sacrifices for God something God needs? Are sacrifices made in order to make something happen? Or are they about what has already happened?

Prelude

Welcome & Call to worship

Psalms 103:1-14 (NASB) Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget none of His benefits; who pardons all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases; Who redeems your life from the pit, Who crowns you with lovingkindness and compassion; Who satisfies your years with good things, so that your youth is renewed like the eagle.

The LORD performs righteous deeds and judgments for all who are oppressed.

He made known His ways to Moses, His acts to the sons of Israel.

The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in lovingkindness. He will not always strive with us, nor will He keep His anger forever.

He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His lovingkindness toward those who fear Him. As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us.

Just as a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear Him. For He Himself knows our frame; He is mindful that we are but dust.

Opening prayer

Opening Hymn: #100 Sing a new song unto the Lord - Chorus book

Prayer of Confession/Affirmation

Scripture: Mark 12:28-34 (NIV) One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating.

Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked Him, "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?"

"The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these."

"Well said, teacher," the man replied. "You are right in saying that God is one and there is no other but Him. To love Him with all your heart, with all your understanding and with all your strength, and to love

your neighbor as yourself is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices.” When Jesus saw that he had answered wisely, He said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.”

Hymn: #HWB 107 - Blessed Saviour

Scripture: Leviticus 1:3-9 (NIV) Heather - ‘If the offering is a burnt offering from the herd, you are to offer a male without defect. You must present it at the entrance to the tent of meeting so that it will be acceptable to the LORD. You are to lay your hand on the head of the burnt offering, and it will be accepted on your behalf to make atonement for you. You are to slaughter the young bull before the LORD, and then Aaron’s sons the priests shall bring the blood and splash it against the sides of the altar at the entrance to the tent of meeting.

You are to skin the burnt offering and cut it into pieces. The sons of Aaron the priest are to put fire on the altar and arrange wood on the fire. Then Aaron’s sons the priests shall arrange the pieces, including the head and the fat, on the wood that is burning on the altar. You are to wash the internal organs and the legs with water, and the priest is to burn all of it on the altar. It is a burnt offering, a food offering, an aroma pleasing to the LORD.

Leviticus 26:9-13 So I will turn toward you and make you fruitful and multiply you, and I will confirm My covenant with you. You will eat the old supply and clear out the old because of the new. Moreover, I will make My dwelling among you, and My soul will not reject you. I will also walk among you and be your God, and you shall be My people. I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt so that you would not be their slaves, and I broke the bars of your yoke and made you walk erect.

Message: What kind of God is God? ~ Pastor Jim

Hymn of Response: #166 Sanctuary - Chorus book

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Announcements

Offering

Closing Hymn: # HWB 421 - Blessed be the Tie that Binds

Benediction

Postlude

**\*\* Congregation discussion/coffee time has been cancelled for this Sunday**

**Announcements**

**\*\*For the season of Lent** I'm planning a series on the book of Leviticus. So I encourage you to work at reading it over the next weeks. If you look deeply into it, it just might surprise you! Pastor Jim

**"Youth Unlimited YFC Wilmot fundraising Banquet, Saturday March 28th at 5:30 pm**

at Bethel EMC New Dundee. Good food, fellowship and an update on what is happening in the Waterloo Oxford community. The first 8 people to let Karen know that they would like to attend will represent our church."

**Friday, March 6 at 2pm. World Day of Prayer worship service held at Hillcrest Mennonite Church.**

Join us as we focus on the global theme "I Will Give You Rest: Come." Refreshments will be served following the service. See poster at back for more info.

**Grade 7&8 students of Rockway Mennonite Collegiate** invite you to their upcoming performance *Humpty Dumpty is Missing!* on **March 5 & 6**. Full of fairytale characters, this comical mystery is fun for the whole family! To learn more and buy tickets, visit [rockway.ca/events](http://rockway.ca/events). **Grade 9-12 students of Rockway Mennonite Collegiate** invite you to their performance of *The Day the Internet Died*. Can you live without your computer? Your tablet? Your PHONE!?! Join us on **Tuesday, March 10** as this hilarious show explores how inept we are at everyday activities and basic human interactions when we don't have a screen to look at. To learn more and buy tickets, visit [rockway.ca/events](http://rockway.ca/events).

**Are you a grandparent looking for ways** to make meaningful memories with your grandkids Grades 1-6 during March Break? Grandparent & Grandchild Day @ **Hidden Acres** is a great opportunity to spend time together playing, singing, creating, laughing, eating and worshipping together! Join us **March 16th 2026** to experience majestic and exotic birds from around the world with Wings Over The Rainforest. Cost is \$30/person and includes lunch. For more information or to register go to [hiddenacres.ca/programs/grandparent-child-days](http://hiddenacres.ca/programs/grandparent-child-days)

**On Mon April 20, 2026 seniors (55+)** are invited to spend the day at **Hidden Acres**. Our theme is *Consider the Birds: Practicing Hope In A Worrisome World*. Cost is \$55 and includes lunch. For more information or to register click [here](#).

**Do you have a household item that's broken or needs repair?** We'll show you how to fix it for free! **Nith Valley EcoBoosters** will be hosting our 2nd **Repair Café** Saturday March 28, 2026 9:30am – 12:30pm Zion United Church, 215 Peel St., New Hamburg [nvebrepaircafe@gmail.com](mailto:nvebrepaircafe@gmail.com) or check out our website [www.nvecoboosters.com](http://www.nvecoboosters.com) To learn more about the Repair Café movement visit [Repaircafe.org](http://Repaircafe.org) See poster at back for more info.

**Upcoming Worship Services:**

Mar 1 - Pastor Jim

Mar 8 - Pastor Jim

Mar 15 - Charlene JH

Mar 22 - Pastor Jim

Mar 29 - Rebecca Riek, First Mennonite