

# Order of Worship: Sunday, March 16, 2025

**10:00 am – In-person worship**

**Pastor: Jim Brown**

Worship theme: Most Christians likely agree that God has a plan for the world. Of course this plan includes Jesus. But do we realize that through the Bible it's clear that God's plan also includes people as well as calling a people? So what does it mean to be part of God's people? Is this more of a blessing or honour? Or is God also counting on us, His people to do something as a part of God's plan?

Prelude

Welcome & Call to worship

**Matthew 4:18-22** (NIV) *As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, He saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. "Come, follow Me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." At once they left their nets and followed Him. Going on from there, He saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed Him*

Opening prayer

Opening Hymn: I will make you fishers of men [words in bulletin]

Prayer of Confession/Affirmation

Scripture: **1 Peter 2:9-10** (NIV) *But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.*

Hymn: #78 Songbook Seek ye first [v.2 "We" shall not live]

Scripture: Genesis 18:17-19 (NIV) *Heather - Then the LORD said, "Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do? Abraham will surely become a great and powerful nation, and all nations on earth will be blessed through him. For I have chosen him, so that he will direct his children and his household after him to keep the way of the LORD by doing what is right and just, so that the LORD will bring about for Abraham what He has promised him."*

Message: *God's plan is a people ~ Pastor Jim*

Hymn of Response: Build Your Kingdom here (see insert)

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Announcements

Offering

Closing Hymn: #226 HWB - You are salt for the earth

Benediction

Postlude

Please join us downstairs for congregational discussion/coffee time

1 I will make you fishers of men,  
Fishers of men, fishers of men,  
I will make you fishers of men  
If you follow Me  
If you follow Me, If you follow Me  
I will make you fishers of men  
If you follow Me.

2 Hear Christ calling, Come unto Me,  
Come unto Me, Come unto Me;  
Hear Christ calling, Come unto Me,  
I will give you rest  
I will give you rest, I will give you rest;  
Hear Christ calling, Come unto Me, I will give you rest.

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**Announcements**

**\*\*There are still 6 spaces available for the Youth for Christ fundraising banquet on March 22, 2025 at Bethel Missionary Church at 5:30pm. If you would like to attend, please let Karen know today.**

**Rockway's Founders' Day Chapel, Soup Supper Fundraiser** and Alumni Sports Challenge originally scheduled for Friday, February 14 has been postponed to Friday, May 2. Please visit [www.rockway.ca/events](http://www.rockway.ca/events) for more information. We thank you for your continued prayers as our school continues to heal from the tragic loss experienced in our community. Thank you so much for your understanding and support, Jen on behalf of Rockway Admin - *Should you have questions, comments or suggestions about any of these, please feel free to reach out via email [jenhb@rockway.ca](mailto:jenhb@rockway.ca) or phone 519.743.5209 x3547*

**Spirit and screen.** Do not conform any longer to the pattern of Apple, Insta and Google.... *Canadian Mennonite* magazine invites you to do a digital detox experiment this Lent. Starting March 5, cut screens back in some way and fill the gap with something holy. Then be in touch. We'll bring detoxers together by teleconference during Lent and report stories in our June issue. If intrigued, see [canadianmennonite.org/detox](http://canadianmennonite.org/detox).

**On March 27, Rockway Mennonite Collegiate** is hosting an event for parents called “Understanding Anxiety”. The evening will focus on supporting parents and giving them the tools they need to support their child. Learn more and RSVP at: [rockway.ca/events](http://rockway.ca/events)

**The Nith Valley EcoBoosters and Reep Green Solutions** are co-hosting a free webinar, **Getting Off Gas – Electrify Your Home** on Tuesday, April 1st from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. EDT. For more info see poster at back.

**Seniors Retreat at Hidden Acres** - On April 14, 2025 seniors are invited to Hidden Acres for *Exploring Beginnings: The New Testament and the Anabaptist Bible* with guest speakers Alicia Batten and Mollee Moua. Cost is \$55 and includes lunch. For more information or to register go to [hiddenacres.ca/programs/seniors-retreat](http://hiddenacres.ca/programs/seniors-retreat)

**Do you have a child in grades 6 - 11?** Are you looking for a new school experience? Join us on Tuesday, April 15 at 7 pm and discover why Rockway Mennonite Collegiate may be the right fit for your family. RSVP at [rockway.ca/events](http://rockway.ca/events)

### **Upcoming Worship Services:**

Mar 16: Pastor Jim  
Mar 23: Pastor Jim  
Mar 30: Dave Rogalsky  
April 6: Pastor Jim  
April 13: Pastor Jim  
April 18: Pastor Jim  
April 20: Pastor Jim

### **Future events**

\*Thanks to all who helped in the spring cleaning of the foyer, office and sanctuary!  
The basement cleaning is on hold until construction of the ramp is completed.

### **BUILD YOUR KINGDOM HERE**

1. Come set Your rule and reign, In our hearts again  
Increase in us we pray, Unveil why we're made  
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope Like wildfire in our very souls  
Holy Spirit come invade us now

We are Your Church We need Your power In us

2. We seek Your kingdom first, We hunger and we thirst  
Refuse to waste our lives For You're our joy and prize  
To see the captive hearts released The hurt; the sick; the poor at peace  
We lay down our lives for Heaven's cause

We are Your church. We pray revive this earth

**Chorus:** Build Your kingdom here. Let the darkness fear  
Show Your mighty hand Heal our streets and land  
Set Your church on fire Win this nation back  
Change the atmosphere Build Your kingdom here We pray

3. Unleash Your kingdom's power Reaching the near and far  
No force of hell can stop Your beauty changing hearts

You made us for much more than this Awake the kingdom seed in us  
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ  
We are Your Church We are the hope on earth

**Chorus**