

Order of Worship: Sunday, March 2, 2025

10:00 am – In-person worship

Pastor: Jim Brown

Bio: Josh Penfold is the Program Director at Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp and has been working there since Fall 2022. Josh's family lives in New Hamburg and attends Tavistock Mennonite Church. Josh is no stranger to St. Agatha, he has preached here numerous times and served in locum in 2022 when Nancy Mann accompanied Robert for work.

Worship theme: What do we do when we've had a really bad day or made some bad decisions that we don't know how to come back from? Josh will look at Peter as an example of how Jesus offers us all Bad Day Do-overs

Prelude

Welcome & Call to Worship #877 VT

Opening prayer

Opening Hymn: #102 HWB - To God be the glory

Prayer of Confession/Affirmation #893 VT

Scripture: Matthew 26:31-35 NIV

Then Jesus told them, "This very night you will all fall away on account of Me, for it is written: "I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered." But after I have risen, I will go ahead of you into Galilee."

Peter replied, "Even if all fall away on account of You, I never will."

"Truly I tell you," Jesus answered, "this very night, before the rooster crows, you will disown Me three times." But Peter declared, "Even if I have to die with You, I will never disown You." And all the other disciples said the same.

Hymn: #553 HWB - I am weak and I need thy strength

Scripture: John 18:15-18, 25-27 (NIV) Brenda - *Simon Peter and another disciple were following Jesus. Because this disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the high priest's courtyard, but Peter had to wait outside at the door. The other disciple, who was known to the high priest, came back, spoke to the servant girl on duty there and brought Peter in.*

"You aren't one of this man's disciples too, are you?" she asked Peter. He replied, "I am not." It was cold, and the servants and officials stood around a fire they had made to keep warm. Peter also was standing with them, warming himself.

Meanwhile, Simon Peter was still standing there warming himself. So they asked him, "You aren't one of His disciples too, are you?" He denied it, saying, "I am not." One of the high priest's servants, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, challenged him, "Didn't I see you with Him in the garden?" Again Peter denied it, and at that moment a rooster began to crow.

Message: A Bad Day Do-over~ Pastor Josh Penfold

Hymn of Response: #456 VT - Oceans [lead by Josh]

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Announcements

Offering

Closing Hymn: #502 HWB - Spirit of God! Descend

Benediction

Postlude

*Please join us downstairs for sermon discussion/coffee time.

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**Announcements**

**Registration for Rockway's 30th Annual Golf Classic** is open! Grab your friends and sign up to play in this tournament to help support our Student Tuition Assistance program. Not a golfer but want to show your support? Become a golf sponsor! Your sponsorship will help ensure the Rockway Experience can be accessible to more families. Contact Chris Ainsworth, Director of Advancement, at [advancement@rockway.ca](mailto:advancement@rockway.ca) to learn more.

**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:jehnb@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).

**Nith Valley invites you to join them for a Lenten online** contemplative gathering (Zoom), using material provided by the Spiritual Directors of MCEC, starting Thursday March 6 at 7:00 **am**. If you are interested contact Greg at [pastor@nithvalleymennonite.com](mailto:pastor@nithvalleymennonite.com) for the materials and the Zoom link.

**March 6, 7:30–8:45 AM: Breakfast at Graffiti Market** with Jenna Deboer (137 Glasgow St, Suite 385, Kitchener). We are excited to welcome **Jenna Deboer, Executive Director of Wellington-Waterloo Community Futures (WWCF)**. WWCF is a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting small businesses and fostering economic growth in rural Wellington County and Waterloo Region. Through flexible business loans, expert mentorship, and tailored support programs, WWCF helps entrepreneurs start, expand, and thrive. As part of the Community Futures network, WWCF is committed to driving local economic development and building resilient, innovative communities.

**7:00–9:00 PM: Celebrate International Women's Day** with an inspiring evening featuring the film *She Rises Up* at The Elora Gorge Cinema (43 Mill St W, Elora, ON).

**Grandparent & Grandchild Day at Hidden Acres** - Looking for something to do with your grandkids during March Break? On Thursday March 13th join guest speaker Wanda Mann for a day of connecting with God through creativity and music. The theme for the day is *GOD... GRAND'S... G'KIDS... Connecting the Dots*. Cost is \$25/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)

**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](https://hiddenacres.ca/programs/seniors-retreat)

**Upcoming Worship Services:**

Mar 2: Josh Penfold (from Hidden Acres) Service is at St Agatha

Mar 9: Pastor Jim - joint potluck to follow the service

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.