

# Order of Worship: Sunday, March 23, 2025

10:00 am – In-person worship

Pastor: Jim Brown

Worship theme: We continue our theme of *Hope, even in the wilderness*. Did you know that the Garden of Eden, the tabernacle in the wilderness, the different temples used by the Jewish people, Jesus, and we as this generation of Christians are all connected as part of God's plan from the beginning? But what was the purpose of the original tabernacle in the wilderness? What's the purpose of a sanctuary? And have you ever wondered about Jesus' confusing conversation about tearing down and building the temple, after making a mess in the temple? And how do all of these offer us hope for now and into eternity?

Prelude

Welcome & Call to worship

Scripture: Exodus 25:1-8 (NIV) *The LORD said to Moses, "Tell the Israelites to bring Me an offering. You are to receive the offering for Me from everyone whose heart prompts them to give. These are the offerings you are to receive from them: gold, silver and bronze; blue, purple and scarlet yarn and fine linen; goat hair; ram skins dyed red and another type of durable leather; acacia wood; olive oil for the light; spices for the anointing oil and for the fragrant incense; and onyx stones and other gems to be mounted on the ephod and breast piece. "Then have them make a sanctuary for Me, and I will dwell among them*

Opening prayer

Opening Hymn: #343 HWB - My hope is built

Prayer of Confession/Affirmation

Scripture: **Revelation 21:9-11** (NIV) *One of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and said to me, "Come, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb." And he carried me away in the Spirit to a mountain great and high, and showed me the Holy City, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God. It shone with the glory of God, and its brilliance was like that of a very precious jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal.*

**Revelation 21:22-24** (NIV) *I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their splendor into it.*

Hymn: #60 HWB - Songs of praise the angels sang

Scripture: John 2:13-22 (NIV) *Brenda - When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple courts He found people selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money. So He made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple courts, both sheep and cattle; He scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. To those who sold doves He said, "Get these out of here! Stop turning My Father's house into a market!" His disciples remembered that it is written: "Zeal for Your house will consume Me."*

*The Jews then responded to Him, "What sign can You show us to prove Your authority to do all this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days." They replied, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and You are going to raise it in three days?" But the temple He had spoken of was His body. After He was raised from the dead, His disciples recalled what He had said. Then they believed the scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.*

**John 1:14 (NASB)** *And the Word became flesh, and “tabernacled” among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

Message: *Tabernacle, tent, and temple ~ Pastor Jim*

Hymn of Response: Sanctuary (Words below)

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Announcements

Offering

Closing Hymn: #427 HWB - You shall go out with joy

Benediction

Postlude

**Sanctuary**

Lord prepare me  
To be a sanctuary  
Pure and holy  
Tried and true  
With thanksgiving  
I'll be a living  
Sanctuary for You

Please join us downstairs for congregational discussion/coffee time.

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**Announcements**

**\*\*Pastor Jim will be on vacation next week so please contact Karen G if any concerns or needs come up while he is gone.\*\***

**\*Len Rempel will be here for 4 nights July 2-5** for MC Canada assembly and to speak at our service on July 6. He is looking for someone to host him those days. If you are interested talk to Jim or to Karen.

**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).

**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.

**Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp's 41st Annual Bowlathon** is happening again this year on April 5th! This is one of the camp's main annual fundraising events with last year's Bowlathon raising over \$30,000! You can show your support by making a donation on-line, sending an e-transfer or mailing a cheque. More information can be found at [www.hiddenacres.ca/donate](http://www.hiddenacres.ca/donate) Also, 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)

**Tri-County Mennonite Homes** is looking for church members to serve on the Board of Directors. If you or someone you know would be interested, please contact Bruce Bechtel 519-801-0470 for more information.

### **Upcoming Worship Services:**

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.