

# **Order of Worship: Sunday, March 29, 2026**

**10:00 am – In-person worship**

**Pastor: Jim Brown**

Worship theme: On Palm Sunday, we remember Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem as he comes to celebrate the Passover with his disciples. How do we understand the meaning of his coming, riding on a donkey, hearing the cries of "Hosanna!" from his faithful followers? How does this Biblical story speak into our time?

Prelude

Welcome & Call to worship

Scripture: Psalms 118:1-2 , 19-29 (NIV) Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; His love endures forever. Let Israel say: "His love endures forever."

Open for me the gates of the righteous; I will enter and give thanks to the LORD. This is the gate of the LORD through which the righteous may enter. I will give You thanks, for You answered me; You have become my salvation. The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; the LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes. The LORD has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad.

LORD, save us! LORD, grant us success! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD.

From the house of the LORD we bless You. The LORD is God, and hH has made His light shine on us. With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession up to the horns of the altar.

You are my God, and I will praise You; You are my God, and I will exalt You. Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; His love endures forever.

Opening prayer

Opening Hymn: #315 VT - All Glory Laud and Honour

Prayer of Confession/Affirmation

Hymn: #313 VT - Hosanna, loud hosanna

Scripture: Matthew 21:1-11 (NIV) Diane H - As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to Me. If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away."

This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet: "Say to Daughter Zion, 'See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'"

The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and those

that followed shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" "Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Hosanna in the highest heaven!" When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, "Who is this?" The crowds answered, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."

Message: *My Kingdom is not of this world ~ Pastor Nancy*

Hymn of Response: #573 VT - Strong, Peaceful man of Galilee

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Announcements

Offering

Closing Hymn: #316 VT - Ride on, Ride on in Majesty

Benediction

Postlude

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

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**Announcements**

**Thank you**

*\*Thanks to everyone for the prayers. My immune system is very very low so I won't be going anywhere for a while. Dr's are trying to get it built up. Got a bunch of them working on it.  
Thanks Everyone,  
Judy*

**Our Good Friday service will begin at 10 am.** This year we are including a special feature in our service in that part way through the service we will go downstairs for a symbolic Passover or Sedar meal. This recognizes that the Lord's Supper and Jesus' words and images arise out of the Passover meal celebrating God's delivery of His people out of slavery in Egypt. Then we will move back upstairs again to celebrate Communion and practice footwashing together.

**On Easter Sunday we will meet at 8 am** for a brief Sunrise service and breakfast together and then have our regular service at 10. There will be no coffee or discussion after.

**Bowlathon for Hidden Acres, April 11, 2026.** Unfortunately I (Judy) won't be attending but we can still donate to Hidden Acres. You can mail cheque to camp specifying Bowlathon..or..transfer to maryanne@hiddenacres.ca...or...[online-www.hiddenacres.ca/donate](http://online-www.hiddenacres.ca/donate).

**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](#).

**Mark your calendars! Rockway is hosting the Mennonite Schools Network** (formerly Council) Choral Festival from April 30 - May 2. Join us at The St. Matthews Centre on May 2 at 3 pm for a concert featuring 7 choirs (including our Senior Choir) from Canada and the US. Stay tuned to [rockway.ca/events](http://rockway.ca/events) for more information.

**Families interested in learning more about Rockway Mennonite Collegiate** are encouraged to attend our **Grades 7 - 12 Information Night** on **Tuesday, April 14 at 7 pm**. Join us for a short program and campus tour. RSVP at [rockway.ca/events](http://rockway.ca/events).

**Save the Date: “Our Water – Challenges & Solutions”** On December 4, 2025, the Region of Waterloo announced a significant water capacity issue linked to population growth and aging infrastructure. The concern affects the Mannheim Service Area, which supplies Kitchener, Waterloo, parts of Cambridge, and Woolwich and Wilmot Townships. To help our community understand what this means and what can be done, theNith Valley EcoBoosters invite you to: **Our Water – Challenges & Solutions** Tuesday, April 21, 2026 7:00–9:00 p.m. Zion United Church, 215 Peel St., New Hamburg Our keynote speaker, Dr. Hugh Simpson, is a hydrogeologist with over 30 years of experience in provincial and municipal groundwater management. Q&A will follow. This event is free, but registration is required. A livestream option will also be available. Registration details coming soon!

**Tri-County Mennonite Homes** is looking for members of our 15 supporting congregations to serve on our Board of Directors commencing at our annual meeting in June. If you are interested or have someone to recommend, please contact Bruce Bechtel for more information. 519-801-0470  
[BBechtel@tcmhomes.com](mailto:BBechtel@tcmhomes.com).

**Upcoming Worship Services:**

Mar 29 - Nancy Mann

April 5 - Pastor Jim

April 12 - Rebecca Riek

April 19 - Pastor Jim

April 26 - Pastor Jim