

Order of Worship: Sunday, March 30, 2025

10:00 am – In-person worship

Pastor: Jim Brown

Worship theme: Dave Rogalsky, a retired pastor, who has spoken to us before, will be focusing on how we hold what we believe as well as how we respond to what others believe.

Prelude

Welcome & Call to worship

Scripture: Luke 18:15-17 (NIV) People were also bringing babies to Jesus for Him to place His hands on them. When the disciples saw this, they rebuked them. But Jesus called the children to Him and said, “Let the little children come to Me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.”

Opening prayer

Opening Hymn: #616 HWB - Children of the heavenly father

Prayer of Confession/Affirmation

Scripture: Colossians 3:12-17 (NIV) *Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.*

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

Hymn: #89 HWB - For the beauty of the earth

Scripture: 1 Peter 5:1-10 (NIV) *Yvonne - To the elders among you, I appeal as a fellow elder and a witness of Christ’s sufferings who also will share in the glory to be revealed: Be shepherds of God’s flock that is under your care, watching over them—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve; not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away.*

In the same way, you who are younger, submit yourselves to your elders. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, “God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble.” Humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand, that He may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you.

Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings. And the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal

glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will Himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast.

Message: Humility, because we don't know ~ Dave Rogalsky

Hymn of Response: #307 HWB - Will you let me be your servant

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Announcements

Offering

Closing Hymn: #830 VT - Go my children

Benediction

Postlude

Please join us downstairs for congregational discussion/coffee time.

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### **Announcements**

**\*\*Pastor Jim will be on vacation this 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 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 resuming.