

# Order of Worship: May 10, 2026

10:00 am – In-person worship

Pastor: Jim Brown

Worship theme: Today is Mother's Day. Mother's Day can be a day to recognize and show appreciation to our biological and spiritual mothers. But it can also be a tough day for those who wanted to give birth but were unable to. Healing from that kind of hurt isn't always easy. Our story of Hannah points to a different approach to healing and could be good news and a healthy approach for when we hurt.

Prelude

Welcome & Call to worship

Opening prayer

Opening Hymn: #365 VT - Lord I lift your name on high

Affirmation of faith: #713 HWB

Prayer of Confession/Affirmation

Scripture: Matthew 9:9-13 (NIV) As Jesus went on from there, He saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow Me," He told him, and Matthew got up and followed Him. While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with Him and His disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they asked His disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"

On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

Hymn: #443 VT - I have decided to follow Jesus

Scripture: 1 Samuel 1:1-8 (NIV) Brenda - There was a certain man from Ramathaim, a Zuphite from the hill country of Ephraim, whose name was Elkanah son of Jeroham, the son of Elihu, the son of Tohu, the son of Zuph, an Ephraimite. He had two wives; one was called Hannah and the other Peninnah. Peninnah had children, but Hannah had none.

Year after year this man went up from his town to worship and sacrifice to the LORD Almighty at Shiloh, where Hophni and Phinehas, the two sons of Eli, were priests of the LORD. Whenever the day came for Elkanah to sacrifice, he would give portions of the meat to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and daughters. But to Hannah he gave a double portion because he loved her, and the LORD had closed her womb.

Because the LORD had closed Hannah's womb, her rival kept provoking her in order to irritate her. This went on year after year. Whenever Hannah went up to the house of the LORD, her rival provoked her till she wept and would not eat. Her husband Elkanah would say to her, "Hannah, why are you weeping? Why don't you eat? Why are you downhearted? Don't I mean more to you than ten sons?"

Message: Finding Healing from our Hurts ~ Pastor Jim

Hymn of Response: #610 VT - Precious Lord, take my hand

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Announcements

Offering

Closing Hymn: #847 VT - You shall go out with joy

Benediction

Postlude

**\*\*No Congregation discussion/ coffee time today.**

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**Announcements**

**\*\*There will be no coffee and discussion time this Sunday.**

**The St Agatha Walkers** have signed up again to raise funds for MCC at the New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale on Sat May 30. So far, our team includes Floris L, Gary L, Rudy & Yvonne S, Masuma B, & Pastor Jim. A couple others might join us too.

Your support would be great. You can donate by writing a cheque to: ONTARIO MENNONITE RELIEF SALE INC, giving cash to someone on the team, or by giving through this online link:

[https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/ontario-mennonite-relief-sale-inc/p2p/RunForRelief2026\\_2/team/st-agatha-walking-crew?fbclid=IwY2xjawRp9eBleHRuA2FlbQIxMABicmlkETFNbjBsQktaNTBDWnNzVmJUc3J0YwZhcHBfaWQQMjlyMDM5MTc4ODIwMDg5MgABHgKveAKf04rhzB5P9ePmYSJWh7HuNDmAG299R2OHKgKGyeKi2bqAzxCud9PT\\_aem\\_0FVxZGNALRYz49C6x3d4Xg](https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/ontario-mennonite-relief-sale-inc/p2p/RunForRelief2026_2/team/st-agatha-walking-crew?fbclid=IwY2xjawRp9eBleHRuA2FlbQIxMABicmlkETFNbjBsQktaNTBDWnNzVmJUc3J0YwZhcHBfaWQQMjlyMDM5MTc4ODIwMDg5MgABHgKveAKf04rhzB5P9ePmYSJWh7HuNDmAG299R2OHKgKGyeKi2bqAzxCud9PT_aem_0FVxZGNALRYz49C6x3d4Xg)

**\*\*\*Sunday, May 17, 9:45 am: You are invited to gather at the Nith Valley Mennonite Church** for our first Summer Long Weekend Wilmot Ignited Joint Worship Gathering of the year! Our guest speaker will be Adrian Jacobs, a pastor of the Turtle Clan, Cayuga Nation of the Six Nations Haudenosaunee Confederacy at Grand River Territory, ON. He is an educator in the areas of Indigenous history, culture and contemporary issues. He networks with Indigenous leaders, knowledge keepers, and elders from around the world and has also collaborated closely with MCC Ontario in the past couple of years with a number of events. Further discussion will follow worship along with provided refreshments. This service will be live-streamed on Zoom and recorded. **You can join virtually by using the following link:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83466990937?pwd=TDZW4m7QQufe3kE8KNzYYsrltJ6e0W.1>

Meeting ID: 834 6699 0937  
Passcode: 031807

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**Detweiler Meetinghouse**, 3445 Roseville Rd, Ayr, ON **Thursday May 28: No Discernible Key (NDK). 7:30 pm** Sideroad songs with urban verve, downhome celebration, folksy observational ditties, and rural angst.

**Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp & Retreat Centre, Chicken BBQ & Pie Auction - June 9. Summer Camps - July & August. Alumni Day - July 4. Family Camping Weekend - September 4-7** [www.hiddenacres.ca](http://www.hiddenacres.ca).

**Tri-County Mennonite Homes Annual Meeting** June 23, 2026, 6:00pm to 8:00pm

Auditorium, Nithview Community (200 Boullee Street, New Hamburg, ON)

During the meeting this year, we will be covering many important topics including an updated Strategic Plan and minor updates to TCMH Bylaw 2023, section 2.04, regarding the qualifications for the Board of Directors. **TO**

**REGISTER:** email Emily ([eshannon@tcmhomes.com](mailto:eshannon@tcmhomes.com)) or speak with your Church Administrator.

**Upcoming Worship Services:**

May 10 - Pastor Jim – **No congregation discussion/coffee time today.**

May 17 - Wilmot Ignited Churches worship at Nith Valley

May 24 - Robert Mann

May 31 - Pastor Jim