

Order of Worship: Sunday, May 11, 2025

Mother's Day

10:00 am – In-person worship

Pastor: Jim Brown

Worship theme: What's been our experience with friends? Is it hard to make new friends? What makes it hard? What kinds of people are easy to make friends with? Or in looking for a friend, what qualities are most important to us?

Today is also Mother's Day. How do we feel about our mother's roles in our lives? Can we give God thanks for what they added to our lives and also pray for any brokenness in those relationships?

Prelude

Welcome & Call to worship

Scriptures: 2 Timothy 1:3-5 (NIV) *I thank God, whom I serve, as my ancestors did, with a clear conscience, as night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers. Recalling your tears, I long to see you, so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also.*

Proverbs 6:20-23 (NIV) *My son, keep your father's command and do not forsake your mother's teaching. Bind them always on your heart; fasten them around your neck. When you walk, they will guide you; when you sleep, they will watch over you; when you awake, they will speak to you. For this command is a lamp, this teaching is a light, and correction and instruction are the way to life.*

Opening prayer

Opening Hymn: HWB #362 - Help us to help each other

Prayer of Confession/Affirmation

Scripture: John 10:1-7 (NRSV) *"Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice.*

They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, *"Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep.*

Hymn: HWB #490 - Lord of the home

Scripture: Matthew 11:25-28 (MSG) Yvonne - *Abruptly Jesus broke into prayer: "Thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth. You've concealed your ways from sophisticates and know-it-alls, but spelled them out clearly to ordinary people. Yes, Father, that's the way You like to work."*

Jesus resumed talking to the people, but now tenderly. “The Father has given Me all these things to do and say. This is a unique Father-Son operation, coming out of Father and Son intimacies and knowledge. No one knows the Son the way the Father does, nor the Father the way the Son does. But I’m not keeping it to Myself; I’m ready to go over it line by line with anyone willing to listen.

“Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to Me. Get away with Me and you’ll recover your life. I’ll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with Me and work with Me—watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won’t lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with Me and you’ll learn to live freely and lightly.”

Message: *What do you look for in a friend? ~ Pastor Jim*

Hymn of Response: VT #628 - What a friend we have in Jesus

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Announcements

Offering

Closing Hymn: HWB #421 - Blest be the Tide that Binds

Benediction

Postlude

*Please note: **no coffee or discussion time this Sunday**

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### Announcements

**Registration for [Rockway’s 30th Annual Golf Classic](#)** closes on May 16. Sign up today to join us at Grey Silo on **Monday, May 26** for a day of FUNdraising, to support Student Tuition Assistance.

Questions? Check out: [rockway.ca/events](http://rockway.ca/events) or email [kristenh@rockway.ca](mailto:kristenh@rockway.ca)

**Students of Rockway Mennonite Collegiate** invite you to their Spring Concert: *Be Our Guest*. Join us **Wednesday, May 21 at 7 pm** for an evening of music performed by our grade 7 - 12 ensembles. All are welcome. A free-will offering will be taken to support music at Rockway. For more info: [rockway.ca/events](http://rockway.ca/events)

### **The Hymn Sing, led by Mark Diller Harder. Detweiler Meeting House, 3445 Roseville Rd, Ayr.**

Detweiler Meeting House **Thursday, May 22nd, 7 pm**. If you've been to this before, I don't have to tell you what you can expect - full-throated singing, solid harmonies, even dynamics. It will be like being in the Menno Singers without having to do an audition. Mark has the right touch to explore the various styles that are in the current Mennonite Hymnal. Bring your hymnals (the purple one, not any of the old red or navy blue or black ones, or even the beige one...), and we'll have some copies there for those who forget and leave their hymnals behind. And, it goes without saying, even if you are totally ignorant of

the current hymnal, or don't even know how to spell Menonnicht, but you like singing, then come by all means!

**Save the Date! Tri-County Mennonite Homes** is having its Annual General Meeting on June 17, 2025, from 6:00pm-8:00pm, in the Nithview Community Auditorium (New Hamburg). Delegate registration opening soon. For more information, please contact Bruce Bechtel ([bbechtel@tcmhomes.com](mailto:bbechtel@tcmhomes.com); 519-801-0470) or Emily Shannon ([eshannon@tcmhomes.com](mailto:eshannon@tcmhomes.com); 519-662-2718).

**Upcoming Worship Services:**

May 11: Pastor Jim –no coffee/discussion time this Sunday

May 18 - Hillcrest

May 25 - Pastor Jim

**Wilmot Ignited joint services**

June 29 - NV (Benedikt IB & Dann Pantoja share from the experience in Philippines)

Aug 3 - Wilmot

Aug 31 - St. Agatha

Oct 5 -

Dec 28 - Mannheim