

# Order of Worship: May 31, 2026

10:00 am – In-person worship

Pastor: Jim Brown

Worship theme: Do you ever find or feel that you just don't know enough? That can be unsettling both in making decisions but also personally in terms of feeling safe or confident. But what if more knowledge isn't the most important thing? What if our sense of personal peace or security rests on something else? What if our desire for more and more knowledge actually distracts us from what can really free us from our fears?

Prelude

Welcome & Call to worship

Scripture: Galatians 5:14, 22-23 (NIV) For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself."

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

Opening prayer

Opening Hymn: HWB #167 For God so loved

Affirmation of Faith

Prayer of Confession/Affirmation

Scripture: 1 John 4:7-12 (NIV) Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. This is how God showed His love among us: He sent His one and only Son into the world that we might live through Him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and His love is made complete in us.

Hymn: Love is patient and kind [on guitar, words below]

Scripture: 1 John 4:13-21 [NIV] Minnie - This is how we know that we live in Him and He in us: He has given us of His Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent His Son to be the Savior of the world. If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in them and they in God. And so we know and rely on the love God has for us.

God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus. There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.

We love because He first loved us. Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. And He has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister.

Message: Where it all begins and ends ~ Pastor Jim

Hymn of Response: #162 VT The love of God

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Announcements

Offering

Closing Hymn: #592 HWB - Love Divine all love excelling

Benediction

Postlude

**Love is patient and kind**

Chorus:

Love is patient and kind slow to anger  
Love delights in truth  
There is nothing that love cannot face  
and loves endures, love endures

1. If I speak in tongues of men or angels  
and have no love and have no love  
I am a noisy gong or clanging cymbal  
without love; without love

2. If I have the gift of prophecy  
and know every hidden truth  
Or have faith strong enough to move mountains  
without love what is the use?

3. Are there prophets their work will be over  
are the tongues their voice will cease  
Is there knowledge it too will pass away  
only love lives eternally

4. There are three things that last forever  
out of all I'm singing of  
there is faith--- and hope and charity  
but the greatest of these is love

**\*\*Coffee time only** (fellowship time, coffee and snacks) **NoCongregation discussion**

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**Announcements**

**June 7.** Discussion on how we have our sermon discussions. In 2025 we began using the following guidelines for our sermon discussions:

**In order to help us have healthy discussions:**

- \*please remember we are free to lovingly disagree with each other
- \*let's respect each other's opinions and listen politely
- \*let's limit ourselves to about 3 minutes each time we speak
- \*let's avoid naming any political parties or political leaders in our group discussion

How do you feel these guidelines have been working? We will review these to see if we still agree with them or want to change them. Then we will talk about how to we can best use what we come up with for our ongoing sermon discussions. Thanks, Jim

**\*\*\*June 2, 2 pm at First Mennonite, 800 King St. E., Kitchener, Lifted Voices is having a concert with refreshments to follow.**

**Hidden Acres is hosting our 59th Annual Chicken BBQ & 18th Annual Pie Auction**

**Fundraiser** on **Tuesday, June 9** from **5 - 7 pm**. Come and enjoy our delicious chicken dinner that thousands of people have come to know and love. Along with the chicken, your meal includes potato salad, coleslaw, veggies, pickles, a fresh roll, chips and an apple or fresh baked apple fritter. \$22 - 1 Piece Meal / \$27 - 2 Piece Meal. Pie Auction will happen during the meal. Please visit [www.hiddenacres.ca](http://www.hiddenacres.ca) for more details and to order your tickets. Tickets need to be purchased in advance. **Summer Camps** - July & August. **Alumni Day** - July 4. **Family Camping Weekend** - September 4-7 [www.hiddenacres.ca](http://www.hiddenacres.ca).

**\*\*\*65th Wedding Anniversary Celebration, Sunday June 14, 2026, for Carl and Fern Erb at Shantz Mennonite Church. 2:30pm - 4:30pm**

**INVITATION: Wilmot Mennonite Church** is celebrating Baden Girls Club 1969-2025, Sunday, June 14, 2026. 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. If you were a leader, a member or family, Come Join the Fun! 2:00 pm. Active Large Dutch Blitz Game. RRSP Marcia@eiwocanadian.com or Call 519-634-5960

**Death Café - Tuesday, June 16, 1:30-3:00 p.m.** at the Wellesley Recreation Complex (Room 201) facilitated by Matthew Bailey-Dick (pastor of Wellesley Mennonite Church). Death Café is an event where people eat treats, drink tea or coffee, and discuss death. The objective is to honour and normalize mortality with a view to helping each other make the most of our (finite) lives. Everyone is invited regardless of faith, philosophy, or life experience. Registration is required: RSVP [matthew@wellesleymennonite.ca](mailto:matthew@wellesleymennonite.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 31 - Pastor Jim