

Order of Worship: Sunday, May 4, 2025

10:00 am – In-person worship

Pastor: Jim Brown

Worship theme: After the joy of Easter and filled with the hope of the resurrection, sometimes when we look around, we can still be intensely aware of the brokenness around us. There is a lot of brokenness in our world. And we experience brokenness in our lives, our relationships, and our health. And so it is good to be reminded that in addition to being Lord over all, Jesus is still a gentle loving Servant.

Prelude

Welcome & Call to worship

Isaiah 40:25-31 (NRSV) *To whom then will you compare Me, or who is My equal? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these?*

He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because He is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing.

Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, “My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God”? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He does not faint or grow weary; His understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

Opening prayer

Opening Hymn: #377 HWB Healer of our every ill

Prayer of Confession/Affirmation

Scripture: Matthew 12:9-20 (NIV) *Gail - Going on from that place, He went into their synagogue, and a man with a shriveled hand was there. Looking for a reason to bring charges against Jesus, they asked Him, “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?”*

He said to them, “If any of you has a sheep and it falls into a pit on the Sabbath, will you not take hold of it and lift it out? How much more valuable is a person than a sheep! Therefore it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath.” Then He said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” So he stretched it out and it was completely restored, just as sound as the other. But the Pharisees went out and plotted how they might kill Jesus.

Aware of this, Jesus withdrew from that place. A large crowd followed Him, and He healed all who were ill. He warned them not to tell others about Him. This was to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet Isaiah:

“Here is My servant whom I have chosen, the one I love, in whom I delight;

I will put my Spirit on Him, and He will proclaim justice to the nations. He will not quarrel or cry out; no one will hear His voice in the streets. A bruised reed He will not break, and a smoldering wick He will not snuff out, till He has brought justice through to victory.

Hymn: #343 HWB My hope is built on nothing less

Message: *Hope in the midst of brokenness ~ Pastor Jim*

Hymn of Response: The Lord is Risen to life [see song sheet]

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Announcements

Offering

Benediction

Closing Hymn: They that wait upon the Lord

Anointing with oil

Postlude

They that wait Isaiah 40.31
They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength
they shall mount up with wings as eagles
they shall run and not be weary
they shall walk and not faint
Teach me Lord, teach me Lord to wait

*Please join us downstairs for congregational discussion/coffee time.

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### Announcements

**\*\*\* This morning -As part of the theme: Hope in the midst of brokenness, anointing with oil** will be offered at the end of the service. You can come for anointing out of a desire to more fully surrender yourself to God's care, for healing, recommitment or any other prayer request.

**\*\*There will be a comittee meeting at the meeting house on Tuesday,**  
**May 6 at 7 pm**

**Rockway Mennonite Collegiate** invites you to join us **Friday, May 2, 2025** for our 80th Anniversary Chapel featuring Ray Boehm '84, Mary Groh '49 and our BIG Announcement! That evening, enjoy a

delicious Soup Supper at our Trips Week Fundraiser and stick around for the Alumni Sports Challenge. Visit [rockway.ca/events](http://rockway.ca/events) to RSVP, pre-purchase your soup and learn more about our celebrations!

**There are only a few days left to register for Rockway's 30th Annual Golf Classic!** Join us at Grey Silo on **Monday, May 26** for a day of FUNdraising, to support Student Tuition Assistance. NEW this year - sign up for Flight A or Flight B. Questions? Check out: [rockway.ca/events](http://rockway.ca/events) or email [kristenh@rockway.ca](mailto:kristenh@rockway.ca)

**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 04: Pastor Jim

May 11: Pastor Jim

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

## The Lord is Risen

v.1,5      The Lord is risen to life,  
The Lord is risen to life,  
The Lord has conquered sin and death,  
and brought us back to life.

2. The Lord will watch over you,  
The Lord will smile when you laugh;  
The Lord will care in your moment's loss,  
and bring you back to life.

3. "My friends, I have a gift for you;  
A gift that each of you must share;  
And share it well with the world about;  
the gift it is My life."

4. "My friends, look in each other's eyes,

And if My gift isn't there  
Then go and enter that loneliness,  
and give to all My life."