

Order of Worship: Sunday, November 16, 2025

10:00 am – In-person worship

Pastor: Jim Brown

Worship theme: Do we have trouble sometimes keeping up with things we start? It can either be a project, a new habit, or a commitment to a new way of doing or facing things. As we take one last look for now at the book of Colossians, we are reminded to continue what we have started. Or sometimes it can mean going back to what we have started. And thankfully there can be forgiveness, compassion and grace for that too.

Prelude

Welcome & Call to worship

Scripture: Matthew 7:24-27 (NIV) *“Therefore everyone who hears these words of Mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.*

The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock.

But everyone who hears these words of Mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.”

Opening prayer

Opening Hymn: #573 MH - All the way my Saviour leads me

Prayer of Confession/Affirmation

Scripture: Luke 19:1-10 (NIV) *Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector & was wealthy. He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way.*

When Jesus reached the spot, He looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today.” So he came down at once and welcomed Him gladly. All the people saw this and began to mutter, “He has gone to be the guest of a sinner.”

But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, “Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount.” Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”

Hymn: #332 HWB - Blessed Assurance

Scripture: Colossians 2:6-15 (NASB) Dianne P

Therefore as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, having been firmly rooted and now being built up in Him and established in your faith, just as you were instructed, and overflowing with gratitude.

See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception, according to the tradition of men, according to the elementary principles of the world, rather than according to Christ.

*For in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form, and in Him you have been made complete, and He is the head over all rule and authority;
and in Him you were also circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, in the removal of the body of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ;
having been buried with Him in baptism, in which you were also raised up with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.*

*When you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh,
He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions, having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us, which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.*

When He had disarmed the rulers and authorities, He made a public display of them, having triumphed over them through Him.

Message: Continuing, or getting back to what we started ~ Pastor Jim

Hymn of Response: #582 HWB - Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Announcements

Offering

Closing Hymn: #544 HWB - When we walk with the Lord

Benediction

Postlude

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

Announcements

Upcoming Events

Nov 23 will be our annual Memorial service remembering those who have died in the past. Please invite others who've lost loved ones to join us for this service.

Wednesday, December 10th - Christmas caroling 6:30pm

Sunday, December 21st - carol sing after church and potluck lunch following. KE church has been invited and will join us that day.

Wednesday, December 24th - Christmas Eve service @ 7 pm

All are welcome to attend Rockway Mennonite Collegiate's virtual Annual General Meeting (AGM) on **Wednesday, November 19 at 7:30 pm on ZOOM**. Email AGM@rockway.ca for the link. Your vote matters! If you are a member of an MCEC church, a Rockway alumni or if you've donated to the school in the last year, you can apply for membership to vote, *no later than Monday, November 10*. Please visit our [AGM webpage](#) for more information.

Wilmot Ignited churches are organizing a Christmas Choir this year under the leadership of Janna Lynn Cressman. All youth & adults are invited to participate and we will have our practices at Wilmot Mennonite Church. The following dates have been confirmed for performances: **Sunday, December 28 for the Wilmot Ignited joint worship service @ Mannheim. Sunday, January 4/26 at Nithview Home, 2:00 pm** Five practices at Wilmot Mennonite are scheduled for: Sunday, Nov 9, Nov 16, Nov 23, Dec 7, & Dec 14, all at 6:30 pm We will have the music available at the first practice on Nov 9. If you cannot make this practice, please let us know so that we can ensure we have music for everyone. Looking forward to working with everyone again to share meaningful Christmas music with our community. Janna Lynn & Susan Cressman (cressman7@gmail.com)

Once again, our congregation is very excited to be involved with The Annual Advent Ecumenical Prayer and Song service, on **Sunday, November 30th**. We will be celebrating with our Christian brothers and sisters from the Catholic, Mennonite, Lutheran and Salvation Army churches. Please join us at St. Agatha RC Church at 2:30 pm (note the new time change) when the Salvation Army musicians will begin our service with an instrumental prelude. Scripture, prayers and hymns will begin at 3pm. Following the Ecumenical service, everyone is invited to continue our fellowship as we gather for coffee/tea and treats in the church hall. Treats will be provided by The Salvation Army Community Church this year. If you are interested or know someone who is interested in being a member of the Ecumenical Mass Choir, please reach out to Tracy Weber (emailtweber@sympatico.ca) in order to receive details about our 3 Saturday morning choir rehearsals (Nov 15, 22, 29, 9-10:30 am). We would love to have you join us in preparing music, as well as preparing our hearts for the upcoming Advent season.

Dwell - a Wilmot Ignited Women's Retreat for all ages. From Kathryn... Advent is my favourite season of the church year. Join me in a "time-out" from the busyness of the Christmas season as we ponder the beauty of the Incarnation - the gift of God becoming fully human. Through story, reflection and light activity, my hope is for this to be a day of grounding and renewal for you. **Saturday, December 13, 2025**, 10am-4pm. Buffet lunch provided. Crieff Hills Retreat Centre, 7098 Concession 1, Puslinch, ON. Cost: \$48. RSVP by November 22 using this link. Questions? email Kathryn at kathryn@hillcrestmc.ca

Upcoming Worship Services:

Nov16 - Pastor Jim - congregational meeting to distribute excess donated funds, potluck

Nov23 - Pastor Jim

Nov30 - Pastor Jim

Wilmot Ignited joint services

Dec 28 - Mannheim