

Order of Worship: Sunday, November 17, 2024

10:00 am – In-person worship

Pastor: Jim Brown

Prelude

Welcome & Call to worship

Opening prayer

Opening Hymn: #491 HWB - Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling

Prayer of Confession/Affirmation

Scripture: **Micah 6:8** (NIV) *He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.*

Hymn: # 145 HWB - There's a wideness in God's mercy

Scripture: **2 Samuel 9** (NIV) *Gary B - David asked, "Is there anyone still left of the house of Saul to whom I can show kindness for Jonathan's sake?" Now there was a servant of Saul's household named Ziba. They summoned him to appear before David, and the king said to him, "Are you Ziba?" "At your service," he replied.*

The king asked, "Is there no one still alive from the house of Saul to whom I can show God's kindness?" Ziba answered the king, "There is still a son of Jonathan; he is lame in both feet." "Where is he?" the king asked. Ziba answered, "He is at the house of Makir son of Ammiel in Lo Debar."

So King David had him brought from Lo Debar, from the house of Makir son of Ammiel. When Mephibosheth son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, came to David, he bowed down to pay him honor. David said, "Mephibosheth!" "At your service," he replied. "Don't be afraid," David said to him, "for I will surely show you kindness for the sake of your father Jonathan. I will restore to you all the land that belonged to your grandfather Saul, and you will always eat at my table." Mephibosheth bowed down and said, "What is your servant, that you should notice a dead dog like me?"

Then the king summoned Ziba, Saul's steward, and said to him, "I have given your master's grandson everything that belonged to Saul and his family. You and your sons and your servants are to farm the land for him and bring in the crops, so that your master's grandson may be provided for. And Mephibosheth, grandson of your master, will always eat at my table." (Now Ziba had fifteen sons and twenty servants.)

Then Ziba said to the king, "Your servant will do whatever my lord the king commands his servant to do." So Mephibosheth ate at David's table like one of the king's sons.

Mephibosheth had a young son named Mika, and all the members of Ziba's household were servants of Mephibosheth. And Mephibosheth lived in Jerusalem, because he always ate at the king's table; he was lame in both feet.

Message: *Love mercy ~ Pastor Fred Lichti*

Hymn of Response: #563 VT - Come, Thou fount

Sharing and Congregational Prayer: Gail N

Announcements

Offering

Closing Hymn: #423 HWB - May the grace of Christ our Saviour

Benediction: Gail N

Postlude

**Please join us downstairs for a potluck lunch, followed by a congregational meeting to disburse funds. There will not be sermon discussion today.

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**Announcements**

**The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Makers Market** will be happening at Steinmann Mennonite Church (1316 Snyder's Rd. W. Baden) on Saturday, November 16, 2024 from 9 am to 2 pm. You are invited to attend and peruse 35+ local vendors' homemade items as well as, the popular, Ten Thousand Villages and Raw Carrot. (A great opportunity to support local artisans **and** find that perfect gift). Soup lunch will be served at 11 am. For more information, see the attached poster. Hope to see you there!

**Rockway Mennonite Collegiate will hold their Annual General Meeting** on Wednesday, November 20 at 7:30 pm on ZOOM. All are welcome to attend. The link will not be published on our website so please email [AGM@rockway.ca](mailto:AGM@rockway.ca) to get the link today.

**The Annual Advent Ecumenical Prayer and Song service is on Sunday, December 1st.** We will be celebrating with our Christian brothers and sisters from the Mennonite, Lutheran and Salvation Army churches. Please join us at St. Agatha RC Church at 6:30 when the Salvation Army musicians will begin our service with an instrumental prelude. Scripture, prayers and hymns will begin at 7pm. 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 St. Agatha RC Parish this year. If you are interested in being a member of the Ecumenical Mass Choir, please reach out to Tracy Weber ( email [gtweber@sympatico.ca](mailto:gtweber@sympatico.ca) ) in order to receive details about our 3 Saturday morning choir rehearsals. ( Nov 16, 23, 30, 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.

**Wilmot Ignited Christmas Choir** will be performing at three events over the Christmas season:

1. Sunday, December 1, 7:30 pm - Christmas Chorale Concert hosted by Steinmann Mennonite Church, all are welcome
2. Thursday, December 12, 7:00 pm - WI Christmas Program at Nithview Home auditorium
3. Sunday, December 29, 10:00 am - Joint WI service at Wilmot Mennonite Church, featuring the WI Christmas Choir

**Lebanon Emergency Response.** With the escalating violence in Lebanon, people's lives are in danger and the need for basic necessities is great. MCC partners have mobilized in central Lebanon and Beirut to help, providing meals, hygiene items, bedding, health services, hot meals and psychosocial support for children. Every donation made by Canadians to a Humanitarian Coalition member is matched to a maximum of \$3 million until November 3, 2024. MCC participates in the Humanitarian Coalition through our membership in Canadian Foodgrains Bank. Donate today 888.622.6337 [mcc.org/lebanonemergency](http://mcc.org/lebanonemergency)

**Upcoming Worship Services:**

Nov 17: Fred Lichti

Nov 24: Pastor Jim. Annual Memorial Service

Dec 1: Pastor Jim

Dec 8: Pastor Jim

Dec 15: Robert Mann

Dec 22: Pastor Jim

Dec 24: Christmas eve service

**This year's Wilmot Ignite long weekend services** are as follows:

Dec 29: hosted by Wilmot

## **Future events**

**\*Thanks to all who helped in the spring cleaning of the foyer, office and sanctuary!**

**The basement cleaning is on hold until construction of the ramp is completed.**

Nov 17: Potluck lunch and congregational meeting to disburse funds. No sermon discussion

Dec. 1. 7 pm.: First Advent Joint service at St Agatha Roman Catholic church

Dec.22: Christmas potluck & then carolling