

Order of Worship: October 11, 2026

10:00 am – In-person worship

Pastor: Jim Brown

Worship theme: Today is Thanksgiving. How do you like to celebrate Thanksgiving? Is expressing thankfulness an actual part of our celebrations, or just assumed? Is there any benefit; do we get anything out of being thankful? Or is it just something we're told we should do? When Jesus heals the 10 lepers, one comes back to express praise and thankfulness. Which one comes back? Why might it be that one?

Prelude

Welcome & Call to worship

Scripture: Psalms 103.1-13 (NASB) Bless the LORD, O my soul, And all that is within me, bless His holy name. Bless the LORD, O my soul, And forget none of His benefits; Who pardons all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases; Who redeems your life from the pit, Who crowns you with lovingkindness and compassion; Who satisfies your years with good things, So that your youth is renewed like the eagle. The LORD performs righteous deeds And judgments for all who are oppressed. He made known His ways to Moses, His acts to the sons of Israel.

The LORD is compassionate and gracious, Slow to anger and abounding in lovingkindness. He will not always strive with us, Nor will He keep His anger forever. He has not dealt with us according to our sins, Nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, So great is His lovingkindness toward those who fear Him. As far as the east is from the west, So far has He removed our transgressions from us. Just as a father has compassion on his children, So the LORD has compassion on those who fear Him.

Opening prayer

Opening Hymn: Bless the Lord, O my soul – see song sheet in bulletin

Affirmation of Faith

Prayer of Confession/Affirmation

Scripture: Psalms 103.14-22 For He Himself knows our frame; He is mindful that we are but dust. As for man, his days are like grass; As a flower of the field, so he flourishes. When the wind has passed over it, it is no more, And its place acknowledges it no longer. But the lovingkindness of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear Him, And His righteousness to children's children, To those who keep His covenant And remember His precepts to do them.

The LORD has established His throne in the heavens, And His sovereignty rules over all.

Bless the LORD, you His angels, Mighty in strength, who perform His word, Obeying the voice of His word! Bless the LORD, all you His hosts, You who serve Him, doing His will. Bless the LORD, all you works of His, In all places of His dominion; Bless the LORD, O my soul!

Hymn: # 96 HWB - We plow the fields and scatter

Scripture: Luke 17:11-19 (NASB) Caroline - While He was on the way to Jerusalem, He was passing between Samaria and Galilee. As He entered a village, ten leprous men who stood at a distance met Him; and they raised

their voices, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” When He saw them, He said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they were going, they were cleansed.

Now one of them, when he saw that he had been healed, turned back, glorifying God with a loud voice, and he fell on his face at His feet, giving thanks to Him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus answered and said, “Were there not ten cleansed? But the nine—where are they? Was no one found who returned to give glory to God, except this foreigner?” And He said to him, “Stand up and go; your faith has made you well.

Message: Why be thankful? ~ Pastor Jim

Hymn of Response: #94 HWB - Come, ye thankful people

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Announcements

Offering

Closing Hymn: #89 HWB - For the beauty of the earth

Benediction

Postlude

**** No congregation discussion/coffee time today. Thanksgiving**

Announcements

****Thank you to all who attended my birthday party. Your presence truly made me feel special. Every moment of that party was wonderful because of friends and family like you! Thank you for all your warm wishes, your thoughtful cards and gifts, and most importantly your company! I am so grateful to have such wonderful family and friends. I feel so blessed.*

Donna

Grassroots Reunion (Len's Band) Grassroots is getting back together again for one evening of music!

Concert & Sing-a-Long at East Zorra! Come join us for a wonderful evening of music and fellowship! **Sunday, October 18, 7:00 p.m. East Zorra Mennonite Church.** Featuring music from East Zorra Praise Band, Myron & his Mighty Men, and Grassroots! A free will offering will be collected in support of [Tavistock Assistance Program](#) and the work they do helping neighbours in our community. Bring your friends, enjoy some great music, and sing along with us! Everyone is welcome — we hope to see you there!

Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp LINC Connect and Skills - Mondays & Tuesdays in Fall, Winter & Spring On Mon Oct 5th, 2026 seniors (55+) are invited to spend the day at Hidden Acres. Our theme is *The Gifts and Challenges of Aging: Releasing and Embracing*. Cost is \$55 and includes lunch. For more information or to register click [here](#).

Fall LINC Retreat - October 23-25; Annual General Meeting - December 1

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Join us at Rockway's Annual Connections Homecoming Spaghetti Supper Fundraiser on **Friday, October 16** followed by the Alumni Sports Challenge. Visit rockway.ca/events to learn more, get your tickets or sign up to play

on the alumni team. *Come check out our new gym and washroom renovations!* **Join us and Discover Rockway for your family** at our Open House on **Thursday, November 5 from 7 - 9 pm**. To learn more and to register for this event, visit our [Discover Rockway](#) webpage. **Mark your calendars for Rockway Mennonite Collegiate's Annual General Meeting** on **Tuesday, November 24** at 7:30 pm, Zoom. Stay tuned to rockway.ca/events for more information.

Register today for Peace Conference: Nourishing Peace Together

Saturday, November 7, Rockway Mennonite Collegiate, Kitchener

If you're hungry for connection, meaning and practical ways to resist despair in a world that feels overwhelming, plan to be at this year's Peace Conference. MCC Ontario is hosting an in-person event for people who don't have everything figured out but who want to build peace. Attendees will: Learn how to practice peace in everyday life; Hear from courageous people pursuing justice, reconciliation and care in hard places; Share food, stories and space; Take action, like knotting comforters and sending advocacy letters, to remind us we're not powerless Pay what you can. Lunch is included. Register [here](#).

Save the Date! Saturday, December 5. Wilmot Ignited Advent Women's Retreat at Crieff Hills Retreat Centre.

More information to follow in the coming weeks.

Upcoming speakers:

Oct 18 Pastor Jim ([see more info below](#))

Oct 25 Dave Tiessen

Nov 1 Pastor Thing

Nov 8 Pastor Jim

Nov 15 Fred Lichti

Oct 18 , 11 am we are having a joint service with the KE church. Note the start time. And then with a cold finger food potluck lunch to follow

Bless the Lord, o my soul

Bless the Lord, O my soul and all that is within me bless His holy name (x2)

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