

Order of Worship: Sunday, October 13, 2024

10:00 am – In-person worship

Pastor: Jim Brown

Prelude

Welcome

Call to worship: **Responsive reading: Based on Psalm 126**

Leader: When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who had a wondrous dream.

Response: May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.

Leader: Then our mouths were filled with laughter and our tongues with shouts of joy.

Response: May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.

Leader: Then it was said among the nations, “The Lord has done great things for them. Indeed, the Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoice!

Response: May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.

Leader: Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses in the Negeb.

Response: May those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

Opening prayer

Opening Hymn: VT #114 – Now thank we all our God (use alternate vs 3)

Prayer of Confession/Affirmation

Scripture: Joel 2:21-27 (NIV) *Do not be afraid, land of Judah; be glad and rejoice. Surely the LORD has done great things!*

Do not be afraid, you wild animals, for the pastures in the wilderness are becoming green. The trees are bearing their fruit; the fig tree and the vine yield their riches.

Be glad, people of Zion, rejoice in the LORD your God, for He has given you the autumn rains because He is faithful. He sends you abundant showers, both autumn and spring rains, as before. The threshing floors will be filled with grain; the vats will overflow with new wine and oil.

“I will repay you for the years the locusts have eaten — the great locust and the young locust, the other locusts and the locust swarm— My great army that I sent among you.

You will have plenty to eat, until you are full, and you will praise the name of the LORD your God, who has worked wonders for you; never again will My people be shamed. Then you will know that I am in Israel, that I am the LORD your God, and that there is no other; never again will My people be shamed.

Hymn: VT # 417 – Seek ye first

Scripture: Matthew 6:25-33 (NIV) *Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?*

Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life? “And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will He not much more clothe you—you of little faith?

So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Message: **Now thank we all our God ~ Pastor Nancy**

Hymn of Response: VT #34 – We praise You, O God, Our Redeemer, Creator

Sharing and Congregational Prayer: Nancy M

Announcements

Offering

Closing Hymn: VT # 100 – Praise Him, Praise Him

Benediction: Nancy M

Postlude

****No sermon discussion/coffee time today****

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**Announcements**

**\*\*\*Our 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary is Oct 16 and we invite our church family to help us celebrate on Sunday, Oct 20/24 during coffee time.**

*Our family and several of our friends will be attending our church service and will celebrate with us as well. Wayne & Floris*

**\*Wilmot Mennonite Church has invited us** to be part of planning events for seniors. If anyone is willing to sit on a brainstorming committee, please let Pastor Jim know by Thanksgiving.

**Join students at Rockway Mennonite Collegiate on Friday, October 18** for our annual Spaghetti Supper School Fundraiser and Alumni Sports Challenge. Visit [rockway.ca/events](http://rockway.ca/events) for more information and to use a credit card to pre-purchase your meals or simply join us that night with cash/cheque.

**Rockway Mennonite Collegiate - Annual General Meeting: Wednesday, November 20, 2024 at 7:30 pm** on Zoom. Email [AGM@rockway.ca](mailto:AGM@rockway.ca) to RSVP for the Zoom link. All are welcome.

**Join us and Discover Rockway for your family** at our information night on **Thursday, November 7 from 7 - 9 pm**. To learn more and to register for this event, visit our [Discover Rockway](#) webpage. **Rockway ON PARADE!** Students of Rockway Mennonite Collegiate invite you to watch their THINK float in the **KW Oktoberfest Parade on Monday, October 14**. Their display will get you THINKing about single-use plastic.

**You are invited to attend Sing the Journey Deep**, a conference being hosted by Inshallah and the Kanata Centre, on October 24 and 25. Organ Recital - public event Mark Miller, who holds a Master of Music in Organ Performance from Juilliard, will play the 3,000-pipe Casavant organ at St. Matthews Lutheran Church, Kitchener, at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 24. His performance will be followed by a question and answer session. Anyone who likes to sing will enjoy the "Big Sing" from 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 24 at St. Matthews Lutheran Church. The cost is only \$10.00 per person. Mark Miller will lead participants in several of his compositions, and will turn us into a massed choir. For more info, see the Poster at the back.

**This year's House of Friendship Dinner, The Journey Home**, will celebrate the incredible stories of resilience from our Supportive Housing residents and highlight our plans for expanding these critical services. This event is a wonderful opportunity to connect with fellow business leaders and see firsthand how your contributions are creating lasting change in our community. We look forward to sharing this inspiring evening with you! **Date:** Saturday, October 26, 2024 **Time:** 5:00pm – 9:00pm **Details:** Three course meal followed

by inspiring participant stories and leadership remarks

**Location:** Marshall Hall, Bingemans Conference Centre **Tickets:** Single Ticket \$125, Table of Eight \$875

**Registration closes on October 11.**

**Intercultural Worship Gathering and Potluck 2024** October 26, 2024, 4 - 6 p.m. FirstHmong Mennonite Church 93 Doon Rd., Kitchener, ON

**Nov 2 @ Puddicombe House. TCMH Presents... An Evening With Darryl Sittler.** Get your Tickets by Wed Nov 16. Tickets are \$175 each and each ticket purchased receive a \$100 tax receipt. For Tickets, Donations, and More Information: <https://tcmhomes.com/donate/>

**MCEC Palestine Israel Networking Group** presents Challenge for the Church: Antisemitism, Saturday, November 2, 2024, 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., Waterloo North Mennonite Church, 100 Benjamin Rd, Waterloo. How has the Church been antisemitic in the past? How can the Church resist antisemitism today? Join us for a day that calls us to a deeper examination of Mennonite thought and action. We invite churches to join us for this workshop on antisemitism, as well as a companion event March 2025 Challenge for the Church: Islamophobia. [Register at mcec.ca/events.](https://mcec.ca/events)

**The Wilmot Ecumenical Working Group** on Indigenous Settler/Relationships is thrilled to be hosting a free screening of Walking Through the Fire on Thursday, November 14, 2024 7 p.m. at Zion United Church, 215 Peel Street, New Hamburg, ON. This film is a collaboration with award winning Indigenous artists from across Canada and 6 x Canadian Folk Music Award winners the Sultans of String. See attached poster. There is limited seating so please register here. <https://walkingwilmot.eventbrite.ca>

**On Sunday, December 1, 2024 @ 7:30 p.m., Steinmann Mennonite Church** is hosting a CHRISTMAS CHORALE CONCERT. Neighbouring communities and congregations have been invited to bring their own choir and present 2 songs. The highlight that completes the evening will be a mass choir presenting several songs together under the direction of Nancy Steinmann Yantzi. The Wilmot Ignited group of churches will be creating our own choir to sing 2 songs and then participate with the mass choir on December 1. This choir will be led by Susan Cressman and Janna Lynn Cressman. More details will be available shortly but it would be expected that practices will take place at Nith Valley Mennonite Church on Sunday evenings in October and November (dates to be determined). If you are interested and would like to participate with your vocal or instrumental musical talents or have more questions, please contact Susan ([cressman7@gmail.com](mailto:cressman7@gmail.com)) or Janna Lynn ([jlcressman@gmail.com](mailto:jlcressman@gmail.com)) by **October 15!** Please indicate what part you sing (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass), what instrument you play and what congregation you are connected with.

**Rockway Mennonite Collegiate has many events** throughout the year. We are thankful for the support of our churches in getting the message out to you! If you ever want more information about any of our events, visit our new events page: [rockway.ca/events](https://rockway.ca/events) There we list the events for the entire school year and specific information about current ones. We look forward to welcoming you to our school this year!

**Hidden Acres new "Learning IN Community" Programs** - We believe that people of all abilities have been created to experience community! Our vision for "LINC" is to use its programs as a place of connection and growth for young adults with special needs. If you would like to learn more about our Day Programs or retreats, check our website at <https://hiddenacres.ca/programs/linc> or email [cc@hiddenacres.ca](mailto:cc@hiddenacres.ca)

### **Upcoming Worship Services:**

Oct 13: Nancy Mann – no sermon discussion/coffee time today

Oct 20: Pastor Jim

Oct 27: Pastor Jim

**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.**

Oct 27: World Communion Sunday

Nov 3: St Agatha MC 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary service with potluck, sharing and singing to follow. Invite your friends.

Nov 17: Potluck lunch and congregational meeting to disburse funds

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

Dec.22: Christmas potluck & then carolling