

Order of Worship: October 18, 2026

11:00 am – In-person worship

Pastor: Jim Brown

Worship theme: When you go for a walk or hike, why would you take a hard route when there's a much easier one to follow? Our scripture readings talk about 2 ways, 2 roads, 2 gates leading to either life, fruitfulness and blessing or to destruction, death and judgement. How do we choose which ways we will follow? What helps us to see more clearly which way we are going?

Prelude

Welcome & Call to worship

Scripture Psalms 1 (NIV) Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers, but whose delight is in the law of the LORD, and who meditates on His law day and night.

That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither— whatever they do prospers. Not so the wicked! They are like chaff that the wind blows away. Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous. For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked leads to destruction.

Opening prayer

Opening Hymn: VT #743 - Just a closer walk with Thee

Affirmation of Faith

Prayer of Confession/Affirmation

Scripture: Deuteronomy 30:15-20 (NIV) Yvonne - See, I set before you today life and prosperity, death and destruction. For I command you today to love the LORD your God, to walk in obedience to Him, and to keep His commands, decrees and laws; then you will live and increase, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land you are entering to possess.

But if your heart turns away and you are not obedient, and if you are drawn away to bow down to other gods and worship them, I declare to you this day that you will certainly be destroyed. You will not live long in the land you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess.

This day I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live and that you may love the LORD your God, listen to His voice, and hold fast to Him. For the LORD is your life, and He will give you many years in the land He swore to give to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

Children's time

Hymn: Chorus book #179 - Shine Jesus shine

Scripture: Matthew 7:13-14 (NIV) Yvonne - "Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.

Message: 2 roads ~ Pastor Jim

Hymn of Response: #573 Mennonite Hymnal - All the way my Saviour leads me

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Announcements

Offering

Closing Hymn: #429 HWB - go now in peace

Benediction

Postlude

**** Please join us downstairs for fellowship/cold finger food potluck lunch**

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**Announcements**

**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 -**

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

1921 Line 37, New Hamburg, ON, N3A 4B5 519-625-8602 [www.hiddenacres.ca](http://www.hiddenacres.ca)

**Hidden Acres is hiring.** We are looking to fill a part-time, year round housekeeping role as soon as possible. For more information visit [www.hiddenacres.ca](http://www.hiddenacres.ca) or contact Brent at [brent@hiddenacres.ca](mailto:brent@hiddenacres.ca) or [519-625-8602](tel:519-625-8602).

**Many of us remember the wildfires that raged in the North this past summer.** Collins First Nation burned to the ground. Trout Lake First Nations burnt to the ground one hour after they were told to "Run!", and had no time to take anything with them. Elder Nina De Shane-Gill and other local Indigenous people and allies are working on a series of fundraisers, and will send 100 percent of what is raised to help rebuild Trout Lake/ Collins Lake First Nations (Ontario). The first event will be held at Steinmann Mennonite Church, [1316 Snyder's Rd West, Baden, on](#) Saturday October 24 5-8 pm. For more information, or to donate or be a performer, please contact Nina DeShane, Audrey Chin or Hope Engel at [troutlakefundraiser@gmail.com](mailto:troutlakefundraiser@gmail.com). See poster at back.

**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](http://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**