

Order of Worship: Sunday, October 20, 2024

10:00 am – In-person worship

Pastor: Jim Brown

Worship theme: I John talks a lot about love. Is love simple or complicated? What about a "love triangle"? That usually sounds bad and also complicated. But in God's case it's a good and natural thing for us to be a part of. Today we'll also be celebrating Wayne & Floris' covenant of love over 60 years.

Prelude

Welcome & Call to worship

Scripture: John 15:9-17 (NIV) *As the Father has loved Me, so have I loved you. Now remain in My love. If you keep My commands, you will remain in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commands and remain in His love. I have told you this so that My joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are My friends if you do what I command.*

I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from My Father I have made known to you. You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in My name the Father will give you. This is My command: Love each other.

Opening prayer

Opening Hymn: #167 HWB – For God so loved us

Prayer of Confession/Affirmation

Scripture: 1 John 4:7-21 (NIV) *Faye – Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. This is how God showed His love among us: He sent His one and only Son into the world that we might live through Him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.*

Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God but if we love one another God lives in us and His love is made complete in us.

This is how we know that we live in Him and He in us: He has given us of His Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent His Son to be the Savior of the world. If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in them and they in God. And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them.

This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus. There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.

We love because He first loved us. Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. And He has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister.

Hymn: #592 HWB – Love Divine, all loves excelling

Message: *God's love triangle ~ Pastor Jim*

Celebrating and renewing their marriage covenant: Wayne & Floris

Hymn of Response: #624 HWB – O perfect love

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Announcements

Offering

Closing Hymn: #522 HWB – My Jesus I love Thee

Benediction

Postlude

After worship we will have our usual potluck of finger foods after which we will enjoy cake and ice cream to celebrate Wayne & Floris' 60 anniversary. There will not be sermon discussion time today.

Announcements

*****Our 60th 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

****Just a reminder** to everyone to sign up for hosting the zoom and coffee time whenever you are able. The sheets are posted by the blackboard in the basement. Thanks

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

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 Casvart 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.

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

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>

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/>

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

On Sunday, December 1, 2024 @ 7:30 p.m., Steinmann Mennonite Church is hosting a CHRISTMAS CHORALE CONCERT. The highlight that completes the evening will be a mass choir presenting several songs together under the direction of Nancy Steinmann Yantzi. This choir will be led by Susan Cressman and Janna Lynn Cressman. More details will be available shortly.

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 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!

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

Upcoming Worship Services:

Oct 20: Pastor Jim
Oct 27: Pastor Jim
Nov 3: Pastor Jim
Nov 10: Pastor Jim
Nov 17: Fred Lichti
Nov 24: 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 200th 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