

Order of Worship: October 4, 2026

10:00 am – In-person worship

Pastor: Jim Brown

Worship theme: How many “one of a kinds” can we name? Today on World Communion Sunday we recognize that as Christians worldwide we serve one Lord and are invited to one table to celebrate our Lord and to recommit ourselves to God through Christ. And yet we live in a world where Christians hurt and even kill each other. How can that be? Can our words and our lives be models to others of God’s love and compassion?

Prelude

Welcome & Call to worship

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12:12-14 (NIV) Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many.

Opening prayer

Opening Hymn: #345 HWB - God sent his son

Affirmation of Faith

Prayer of Confession/Affirmation

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 10:16-17 (NIV) Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a participation in the blood of Christ? And is not the bread that we break a participation in the body of Christ? Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all share the one loaf.

Hymn: #471 HWB - Eat this bread

Scripture: Galatians 5:13-23 (NIV) Mary - You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other.

So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law

Message: Celebrating one of a kinds ~ Pastor Jim

Hymn of Response: Celebration song [words in bulletin, on guitar]

Sharing at the Lord's Table

Footwashing

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Announcements

Offering

Closing Hymn: #421 HWB - Bless'd be the tie that binds

Benediction

Postlude

Celebration Song

Refrain: Praise the Lord you people Celebrate His love

Sing and dance for joy now for He has made us one

1. God Himself came down to this earth and humbly lived as a man
He gave up all His glory at birth so we could live again
2. Jesus healed the sick and the dead, And comforted those in pain
He freely gave of all that He had, so we could live again
3. People came and took Him away and all His work seemed in vain
He died between 2 thieves that day, and lay where none had lain [go to v4]
4. Then God raised Him up from -grave, & clothed Him in glory again
and if we give ourselves as He gave, we can live again

**** Please join us downstairs for congregation discussion/coffee time.**

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.*

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Oct 4 is World Communion Sunday where we recognize that there is one Lord's Supper we celebrate with all Christians around the world.

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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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 4 Pastor Jim World Communion Sunday

Oct 11 Pastor Jim

Oct 18 Pastor Jim **(see more info below)**

Oct 25 Dave Tiessen

Nov 1 possible joint service with KE Church

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 finger food potluck lunch to follow