

Order of Worship: Sunday, October 6, 2024

10:00 am – In-person worship

Pastor: Jim Brown

Worship theme: At times we can feel we are on "empty" and we're not sure where or how we can get "filled" and back on track again. Maybe we can identify with the writer of Psalm 25 who feels lonely and in trouble. His openness and honesty with God give him a good way to move towards healing and hope.

Prelude

Welcome & Call to worship

Scripture Reading: John 10:11-16 (NIV) I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

“I am the good shepherd; I know My sheep and my sheep know Me— just as the Father knows Me and I know the Father —and I lay down My life for the sheep. I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to My voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd.

Opening prayer

Opening Hymn: #340 HWB – Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus

Prayer of Confession/Affirmation

Hymn: #570 VT – When we walk with the Lord

Scripture: *Psalm 25 Minnie – In You, LORD my God, I put my trust. I trust in You; do not let me be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me. No one who hopes in You will ever be put to shame, but shame will come on those who are treacherous without cause*

Show me Your ways, LORD, teach me Your paths. Guide me in Your truth and teach me, for You are God my Savior, and my hope is in You all day long.

Remember, LORD, Your great mercy and love, for they are from of old.

Do not remember the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways; according to Your love remember me, for You, LORD, are good.

Good and upright is the LORD; therefore, He instructs sinners in His ways. He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them His way. All the ways of the LORD are loving and faithful toward those who keep the demands of his covenant. For the sake of Your name LORD, forgive my iniquity, though it is great. Who, then, are those who fear the LORD? He will instruct them in the ways they should choose. They will spend their days in prosperity & their descendants will inherit the land. The LORD confides in those who fear Him; He makes His covenant known to them My eyes are ever on the LORD, for only He will release my feet from the snare

Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted. Relieve the troubles of my heart and free me from my anguish. Look on my affliction and my distress and take away all my sins. See how numerous are my enemies and how fiercely they hate me! Guard my life and rescue me; do not let me be put to shame, for I take refuge in you. May integrity and uprightness protect me, because my hope, LORD, is in You. Deliver Israel, O God, from all their troubles!

Message: *Learning to trust ~ Pastor Jim*

Hymn of Response: #563 VT – Come Thou Fount

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Announcements

Offering

Closing Hymn: #557 VT – Spirit of God descend

Benediction

Postlude

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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.

**On October 6<sup>th</sup>, 3 pm, Trinity Lutheran Church**, 23 Church St, New Hamburg, is hosting the Canadian debut performance of composer and pianist Thomas Keesecker. Mixing his own reflective piano compositions with storytelling, poetry, and humor, concert-goers will hear Keesecker's unique blend of classical technique, jazz improvisation, Celtic and folk music influences. Attendees will also lend their own voices, as Keesecker leads engaging hymn singing from the piano. Thomas Keesecker retired as a church musician after serving over 40 years in Lutheran and Roman Catholic parishes in Virginia, Montana, and Maryland. His sacred music is published by MorningStar, Augsburg Fortress, Choristers Guild, Concordia, and GIA. He studied at the Berklee College of Music in Boston and the Catholic University School of Music in Washington, D.C. Tickets: \$20 Adult, \$10 child, available at the door or in advance from the church office. 519-662-1810 Reception to follow. telc.ca

**You are invited to the beautiful Hidden Acres Camp** on *October 7th* to explore the theme of Falling in Love with Creation - For God so loved the world. What does loving God's good creation look like? What changes in us when we pay loving attention to creation? Come join us for a day of encouragement, reflection and good food. To register visit [hiddenacres.ca/programs/seniors-retreat](http://hiddenacres.ca/programs/seniors-retreat). See poster for more details.

**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](http://DiscoverRockway) 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.

**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.**

**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 ([jlccressman@gmail.com](mailto:jlccressman@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.

**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

**Nov 2 TCMH Presents... an Evening with Darryl Sittler** Join us for this fundraising event in support of *Building a New Nithview*. at Puddicombe House, New Hamburg, ON TIME: 5:00 doors open, 6:00pm dinner service begins [Tickets are available now!](#)

**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 6: Pastor Jim

Oct 13: Nancy Mann

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**

- Oct 5: Church cleanup starting at 9.30. Come for all day, morning or afternoon. Bring a snack & lunch. Oct 19, 26 back up days.
- Oct 6: 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