

Order of Worship: September 13, 2026

10:00 am – In-person worship

Pastor: Jim Brown

Worship theme: In our story today, God asks Elijah a couple times: “what are you doing here?”

Does God also ask us the same question: “what are we doing here?” What gives us courage to be faithful? What makes us afraid of being faithful? Where does God fit into all of this?

Prelude

Welcome & Call to worship

Scripture: 2 Timothy 1:6-12 (NIV) For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline. So do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord or of me His prisoner. Rather, join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God.

He has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of His own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. And of this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher. That is why I am suffering as I am. Yet this is no cause for shame, because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that He is able to guard what I have entrusted to Him until that day.

Opening prayer

Opening Hymn: #338 HWB - I know not why

Affirmation of Faith: #710 HWB

Prayer of Confession/Affirmation

Scripture: Psalms 25:1-9 (NIV)

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.

Hymn: #548 HWB -Teach me thy truth

Scripture: 1 Kings 19:1-3, 7-13 (NIV) Minnie - Now Ahab told Jezebel everything Elijah had done and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. So Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah to say, “May the gods deal with me, be

it ever so severely, if by this time tomorrow I do not make your life like that of one of them.” Elijah was afraid and ran for his life

7. The angel of the LORD came back a second time and touched him, and said, “Get up and eat, for the journey is too much for you.” So he got up and ate and drank. Strengthened by that food, he traveled forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God. There he went into a cave and spent the night.

And the word of the LORD came to him: “What are you doing here, Elijah?”
He replied, “I have been very zealous for the LORD God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too.”

The LORD said, “Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by.” Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper. When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave. Then a voice said to him, “What are you doing here, Elijah?”

Message: Why are we here? ~ Pastor Jim

Hymn of Response: #505 HWB - I am thine, O Lord

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Announcements

Offering

Closing Hymn: #327 HWB - Great is thy faithfulness

Benediction

Postlude

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

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**Announcements**

- 1. Climate Fest Nith Valley EcoBoosters** will be there with a Repair Café and a booth with information about us plus our Emergency Preparedness and Water Games.  
**Sunday, September 13, 2026, 1:00-7:00 p.m., Gaukel Block, Downtown Kitchener**
- 2. Repair Café The Nith Valley EcoBoosters is hosting another Repair Café on Saturday September 26, 2026 from 9:30am - 12:30pm at Zion United Church, [215 Peel St., New Hamburg](#)** We'll have skilled volunteer fixers on hand for mechanical, woodworking, sewing, mending, knitting, crocheting, jewelry and book repairs. To learn more about the Repair Café movement Visit [Repaircafe.org](#) Questions? Contact - [nvebrepaircafe@gmail.com](mailto:nvebrepaircafe@gmail.com)

**Anne Lederman & Alanna Jennish** Traditional fiddle-driven music (and stepdancing) from Canadian, Métis, Klezmer, Scottish, Quebecois and many more genres. **Sept 24, 7 pm Detweiler Meetinghouse, 3445 Roseville Rd, Ayr**

**Get Pumped! A Better Way to Heat and Cool your Home,** Tuesday, Sept 29/26 - 7:00 pm Wellesley Rec Centre, 1401 Queen's Bush Rd., Wellesley, BG Community Room. Want to know more about the benefits of heat pumps and how they work? Attend an information session on heat pumps with local experts: Jim Bolger -Waterloo Energy Products & Mechanical Diane Stanley-Horn -Get Pumped Waterloo Region <https://getpumpedwr.ca>  
Register now at <https://nvecoboosters.com/index.php/services/> or at Eventbrite <https://cutt.ly/Eyflqm1k>. Hosted by Nith Valley EcoBoosters, with support from Kindred Credit Union

**Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp** is looking to hire a **part-time LINC Staff member**. They will support the LINC Coordinator in running our programs for young adults with special needs from September to May. For more details, visit [www.hiddenacres.ca](http://www.hiddenacres.ca).

#### **Upcoming Events:**

**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

1921 Line 37, New Hamburg, ON, N3A 4B5

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[www.hiddenacres.ca](http://www.hiddenacres.ca)

#### **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](#).