

Order of Worship: Sunday, September 28, 2025

10:00 am – In-person worship

Pastor: Jim Brown

Worship theme: As Christians we have been transferred from one life, from one kingdom to a new life and a new kingdom. It's not only good to remember how we got transferred. It's also important to keep remembering by which rules or which master we now live. Because why would we live in darkness if we can live in the Light?

Prelude

Welcome & Call to worship

Opening prayer

Opening Hymn: #99 HWB - We praise thee, O God

Prayer of Confession/Affirmation

Scripture: *Romans 6:6-14 (MSG)* Could it be any clearer? Our old way of life was nailed to the cross with Christ, a decisive end to that sin-miserable life—no longer captive to sin's demands! What we believe is this: If we get included in Christ's sin-conquering death, we also get included in His life-saving resurrection. We know that when Jesus was raised from the dead it was a signal of the end of death-as-the-end. Never again will death have the last word. When Jesus died, He took sin down with Him, but alive He brings God down to us. From now on, think of it this way: Sin speaks a dead language that means nothing to you; God speaks your mother tongue, and you hang on every word. You are dead to sin and alive to God. That's what Jesus did.

That means you must not give sin a vote in the way you conduct your lives. Don't give it the time of day. Don't even run little errands that are connected with that old way of life. Throw yourselves wholeheartedly and full-time—remember, you've been raised from the dead!—into God's way of doing things. Sin can't tell you how to live. After all, you're not living under that old tyranny any longer. You're living in the freedom of God.

Hymn: #528 HWB - I stand amazed

Scripture: *Colossians 1:9-14 (NIV)* Dianne P - For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of His will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please Him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to His glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of His holy people in the kingdom of light.

For He has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son He loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Message: *Life after the transfer ~ Pastor Jim*

Hymn of Response: #85 HWB - Now thank we all our God

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Announcements

Offering

Closing Hymn: #486 HWB - God of our life

Benediction

Postlude

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

Announcements

The family is planning a memorial service for Ralph Gingerich on Saturday October 4th at 11:00 am at Steinmann Mennonite Church. There will be a lunch after and following that a Celebration of Life/visitation from 1-4. Burial has already taken place. Everyone is invited. Let's continue to pray for Perry, Karen and the family as they remember, say goodbye, and make decisions as a family.

***Crokinole event planned for Oct 4 at church is canceled.**

Message from Linda Greer:

I am updating the Directory...finally! Will you please check your information in the directory and make any changes, additions or deletions as needed on the copy at church; and if you are not in it and wish to be, please write all your information on one of the blank sheets. Thank-you.

October 1 at 7 p.m., Shantz Mennonite Church, 2473 Erbs Rd, Baden

October 2 at 7 p.m., Conrad Grebel University College, 140 Westmount Rd N, Waterloo

You're invited to join author and notable speaker Sarah Augustine, together with Adrian Jacobs and Mennonite Action, for two evenings of conversation about Indigenous justice and decolonization. These events are free but require registration. Learn more and register here. Capacity is limited.

Rockway Mennonite Collegiate invites you to its annual Spaghetti Supper School Fundraiser followed by the Alumni Sports Challenge. Mark your calendars for **Friday, October 17** and join us for some family-friendly fun! Visit www.rockway.ca/events for more information, to buy your spaghetti tickets or to learn how to play on the Alumni team!

Join us and Discover Rockway for your family at our information night on **Thursday, November 6 from 7 - 9 pm**. To learn more and to register for this event, visit our Discover Rockway webpage.

Rockway Mennonite Collegiate is accepting nominations to be on the Rockway **Board of Directors**. If you are a champion of Rockway and wish to apply, visit our [AGM webpage](#) or simply fill out the [google form](#). If you wish to nominate someone else, please email your suggestion at: nominations@rockway.ca

Rockway's Music Department is bursting at the seams and we're running out of wind instruments! Maybe you have an instrument at home that you're looking to donate? Consider Rockway! Please check closets, under beds and in attics for instruments you may not be using. This year, we are in need of brass instruments and saxophones in particular, but all wind instrument donations would be considered. For more information, please email Chris Ainsworth (advancement@rockway.ca)

Friday, October 17, 2025 at Conrad Grebel University College in Waterloo and online

Every three years, service providers supporting Low German-speaking communities come together in Ontario for a dynamic day of learning and networking. This year's provincial conference will take place on October 17 and features a compelling line-up of speakers with both professional and lived experience with the Low German population. Join us in-person or online. Learn more at mcc.org/Low-German-Challenging-Assumptions. Early-bird registration ends July 31st.

On Saturday, October 25, 2025, from 5:00 to 9:00 PM at Marshall Hall, Bingemans, we will gather for a three-course dinner and meaningful reflections under the theme:

Rooted in Legacy, Growing Tomorrow. Together, we will reflect on 16 years of remarkable leadership and transformation at House of Friendship, 3A-236 Victoria St. N. Kitchener — a time marked by bold new initiatives like ShelterCare, the Live-In Addiction Treatment Centre in Cambridge, the vision for Friendship Village, and the continued growth of our Community Services. We'll honour CEO John Neufeld's legacy of innovation and celebrate 86 years of House of Friendship's service — a legacy built on the shoulders of those who came before, marked by creativity, compassion, and care for community. Most importantly, this evening will look ahead with hope — inviting you to be part of the next chapter as we continue responding to the challenges in our community with the same courage and compassion that began our journey. We would be honoured to share this unforgettable evening with you.

fundraising@houseoffriendship.org

Save the date! Sat. Dec. 13. Wilmot Ignited Advent Women's Retreat at Crieff Hills Retreat Centre. More details to follow in the coming weeks.

Upcoming Worship Services:

Sept 28 - Pastor Jim

Oct 12 - Pastor Jim

Oct 19 - Pastor Jim

Oct 26 - Pastor Jim

Wilmot Ignited joint services

Oct 5 - 10 am We are all invited to Wilmot Mennonite Church for a special World Communion Sunday together with a time of food and fellowship after.

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