

Order of Worship: Sunday, September 29, 2024

10:00 am – In-person worship

Pastor: Jim Brown

Worship theme: What does it mean to live in the "real" world? But the bigger question is: what is the "real" world? In our scripture texts Paul provides us with powerful images of the meaning of baptism and how Christ makes it possible for us to really live. Today as a congregation we celebrate and also recommit ourselves as Heather M is baptized and becomes a member.

Prelude

Welcome & Call to worship

Opening prayer

Opening Hymn: #1 HWB – What is this place

Prayer of Confession/Affirmation

Scripture: **Colossians 3:1-4, 15-17(NIV)** *Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.*

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

Hymn: #336 HWB – When peace like a river

Scripture: **Romans 6:1-11 (NIV)** Yvonne – *What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.*

For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we will certainly also be united with Him in a resurrection like His. For we know that our old self was crucified with Him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin; because anyone who has died has been set free from sin.

Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with Him. For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, He cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over Him. The death He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life He lives, He lives to God. In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Message: *Are you dying to live? ~ Pastor Jim*

Service of Baptism for Heather

Congregational Commitment #932 VT

Hymn of Response: #307 HWB – Will you let me be your servant

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Announcements

Offering

Closing Hymn: #16 HWB – God is here among us

Benediction

Postlude

Announcements

*****Sunday, September 29 –There will be a potluck lunch and time of visiting after the service** to celebrate and welcome Heather joining our church family.

On October 6th, 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. See poster for more details.

[Rockway Mennonite Collegiate](http://www.rockway.ca) invites you to its annual Spaghetti Supper School Fundraiser followed by the Alumni Sports Challenge. Mark your calendars for **Friday, October 18!** Visit www.rockway.ca/events for more information, to buy your spaghetti or to learn how to play on the Alumni team!

[Rockway Mennonite Collegiate](http://www.rockway.ca) will host its **Annual General Meeting** on **Wednesday, November 20, 2024 at 7:30 pm** on Zoom. Visit Rockway's [AGM webpage](http://www.rockway.ca) to confirm your voting and membership eligibility by November 11. Please email 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://www.rockway.ca) 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.

Intercultural Worship Gathering and Potluck 2024 October 26, 2024, 4 - 6 p.m. First Hmong 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)

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!](#)

Upcoming Worship Services:

Sept 29: Pastor Jim – Baptism. A potluck lunch/visiting will follow the service.

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 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