

# Elmira Mennonite Church

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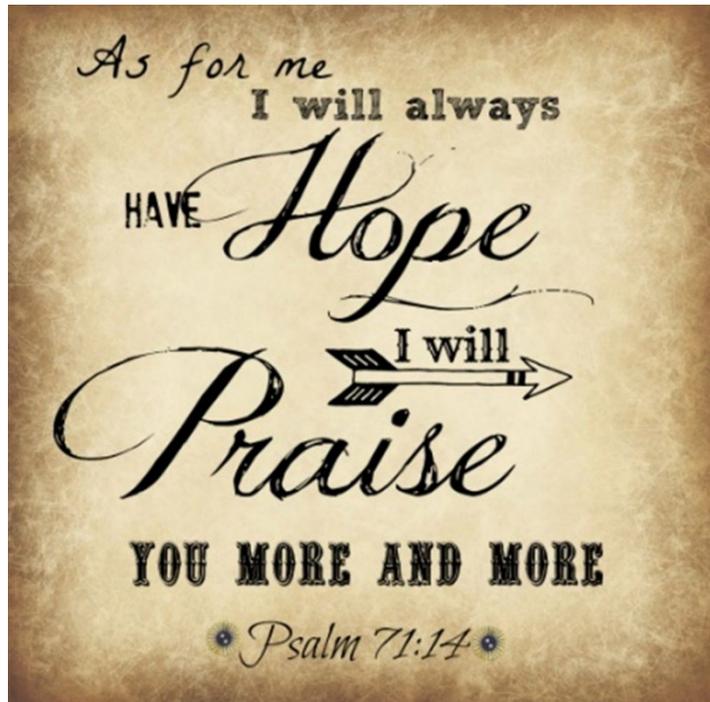
May 17, 2026

**Worship Service:** prelude begins at 9:20 am; **worship** begins at 9:30 am.

**Note:** Hearing devices are available – please ask an usher.

**ALL AGES are welcome** in our worship service! For little hands, activity bags are in the foyer, and activities in the “AMEN Corner” behind the piano.

**Fellowship time** follows the service in the basement. All are welcome.



**Seventh Sunday of Easter**  
**Spirituality & Aging**

Prelude		CD
<b>Gathering</b>		
Song	Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing	VT 7 Gord, Song Leader
Words of Welcome and Announcements		Ralph, Worship Leader
Extending the Peace of Christ		
	“The peace of Christ be with (name)”	

We respond: “And also with you (name)...”

Lighting the Christ Candle

Silent Reflection

Call to Worship

Leader: We come as people who have journeyed long roads,  
some of us weary, some of us still running,  
all of us changed by time.

**People: We come to meet the God who meets us in every season of life,  
who does not turn away from our struggle.**

Leader: Like Jacob, we wrestle - with who we’ve been,  
with who we are becoming, with what we cannot control.

**People: Yet we gather in hope, for God meets us in the struggle and  
calls us by name.**

Leader: Come, let us worship the One who does not leave us unchanged.

**ALL: Let us worship God, who blesses us even in the wrestling.**

Opening Prayer

**Praising, Adoring, Thanking**

Song When the Storms of Life Are Raging (vs. 1,2,5) VT 595

Scripture Psalm 71: 1-9, 12

**Confessing Sin & Receiving Assurance of Forgiveness**

Hymn of Assurance We Come VT 225

**Sharing Time**

Congregational Prayer Pastor Kara

Special Music Your Hands (JJ Heller) Emma

Offering Prayer

*Coin Collection in support of MCC’s My Coins Count*

Song *This Little Light of Mine* VT 762

Moments for the Young and the Young at Heart Ralph

**Proclaiming God’s Word**

Song Lord, I am Fondly, Earnestly Longing (vs 1) VT 555

Scripture Psalm 71: 14-22 Pyper

Message *Wrestling with Aging:  
Jacob’s Story and Ours* Jane

Hymn How Many Times We Start Again VT 553

**Blessing/Sending**

Benediction

Sending Song Go Ye Now in Peace (vs. A) VT 839

### *EMC Happenings*

Sun., May 17	Worship Service in-person & live-streamed (9:30 am)
	Faith Formation class for children/ Jr. Youth (11 am; 1B/3A)
	Adults – Spirituality & Aging, led by Jane (11 am; BFH)
Mon., May 18	Private booking (3:30 pm; 1C)
Tues., May 19	Small Group (12 pm; BR)
	Children’s choir (6:30 pm; 1C)
	Vacation Bible Camp committee (7:30 pm)
Wed., May 20	Small Group (1:30 pm; Krista’s)
	Small Group (7:30 pm)
Thurs., May 21	Private booking (1:45 pm; 1C)
	Praise Band practice (7 pm; S)
Fri., May 22	Small Group (9:30 am; BR)
	Mentor event (6-9 pm; BFH, K)

### *4-Church ... and Beyond ... Youth Events*

Fri., June 5	Elmira community youth night (7 – 10 PM, Woodside Bible Fellowship.) The night will include a large group activity, a message, and a time of worship, with the goal of bringing youth groups in our community together.
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