

Elmira Mennonite Church

58 Church St. W., Elmira, ON N3B 1N2

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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 available in the foyer, and there are quiet activities in the “AMEN Corner” behind the piano.

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



Living in the ANABAPTIST Stream

Gathering

Prelude	<i>Joys are flowing</i>	(VT 375)
	<i>Just A closer Walk</i>	(VT 743)
	<i>Be Thou My Vision</i>	(VT 549)
	<i>Beyond a Dying Sun</i>	(VT 416)
	<i>Will you Let me</i>	(VT 778)

Fern, Pianist

Gathering Hymn	<i>Morning Has Broken</i>	VT 495
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Susan, Song Leader

Gary, Worship Leader

Words of Welcome

Announcements

Musical Interlude	<i>In the Rifted Rock</i>	(VT 619)
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Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship

Opening/Offertory Prayer

Coin Offering – Woolwich Community Services Food Bank

*My Offering I Bring to You**

Praising, Adoring, Thanking

Scripture	<i>Psalms 100</i>
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Leader: Rejoice in the Lord, all the earth:

All: *worship the Lord with gladness.*

Leader: Remember the Lord is our God:

All: *we are His flock and He made us.*

Leader: Come to his temple with praise:

All: *enter His gates with thanksgiving.*

Leader: The love of the Lord will not fail:

All: *God will be faithful for ever.*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever. Amen.

Hymn *Over My Head*

VT 594

Confessing Sin/Receiving Assurance

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace.

All: *There is one body and one spirit, just as you were called to one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.*

Hymn of Assurance *Wonderful Grace of Jesus*

VT 170

Sharing Time

Congregational Prayer

Pastor Kara

Special Music *And Can It Be*

Susan, Gord,
Ray, Lena

Proclaiming & Hearing God's Word

Sing the children forward *Jesus, Help Us Live in Peace*

VT 719

Moments for the Young and Young at Heart

Gary

Hymn *Beauty for Brokenness*

VT 712

Scripture *Philippians 2: 4*

Romans 12: 2

Message *In the Beginning, Who Were We?*

Pastor Kara

Hymn *O Healing River*

VT 706

Blessing/Sending

Benediction

Pastor Kara

Livestream ends

Congregational Sharing and Prayer in sanctuary

Sending Song *The Hand of God Shall Hold You*

VT 671

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EMC Happenings

Sun., Aug. 17	Worship Service in person & live-streamed (9:30 am)
	Fellowship Time (11 am; BFH)
	VBC set up (1-4 pm)
Aug. 18 - 22	Vacation Bible Camp (9 am – 12 pm)
Mon., Aug. 18	Praise Band practice (7 pm; S)
Tues., Aug. 19	Directory Committee (1 pm; BR)
	Private booking (1 pm; BR)
Wed., Aug. 20	Wednesday evening small group (7:30 pm)
	4-Church Youth Sponsor planning (7 pm)
Thurs., Aug. 21	Vacation Bible Camp BBQ & program (5:30 pm)
Fri., Aug. 22	Vacation Bible Camp volunteer lunch & debrief (12 pm; BFH, K)