

Order of Worship: August 16, 2026

10:00 am – In-person worship

Pastor: Jim Brown

Prelude

Welcome & Call to worship

Opening prayer

Opening Hymn: #107 HWB - Blessed Saviour, we adore thee

Affirmation of Faith

Prayer of Confession/Affirmation

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Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. You should not be surprised at My saying, ‘You must be born again.’ The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.” “How can this be?” Nicodemus asked.

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“You are Israel’s teacher,” said Jesus, “and do you not understand these things? 11 Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven —the Son of Man. Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes may have eternal life in Him.”

Hymn: #338 HWB - I know not why God's wondrous

Scripture: John 3:16-21 (NIV) For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him. Whoever believes in Him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God’s one and only Son.

This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed. But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God.

Message: For God so loved ~ Charleen Jongejan Harder

Hymn of Response: #167 HWB - For God so loved us

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Announcements

Offering

Closing Hymn: #151 HWB - Marvelous grace of our loving Lord

Benediction

Postlude

** Please join us downstairs for coffee and fellowship time, but no formal discussion.

Announcements

****Pastor Jim will be on vacation Aug 10-24. Emergency pastoral care has been arranged. Please contact Karen G if needed.**

The Detweiler Meetinghouse, 3445 Roseville Rd, Ayr, ON. August 27: Onion Honey. We’re delighted that Onion Honey will be visiting the Detweiler as a part of their extensive “No Chord Left Behind” Ontario summer tour. They are great stringband who are, in turns, strident, humble-yet-flashy, sweet, and stirring. And usually all of those at once.

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.

Upcoming Events:

LINC Connect and Skills - Mondays & Tuesdays in Fall, Winter & Spring

Summer Camps - July & August

Family Camping Weekend - September 4-7

Fall Seniors Retreat - October 5

Fall LINC Retreat - October 23-25

Annual General Meeting - December 1

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Upcoming Worship Services:

Aug 16 - Charleen Jongejan Harder

Aug 23 - Dave Rogalsky

Aug 30 - Pastor Jim

Sept 6 - joint service at Mannheim