

Order of Worship: August 2, 2026

10:00 am – In-person worship

Pastor: Jim Brown

Worship theme: How real does your faith feel for you? When you get up and go about your day, how relevant or how present does Jesus seem to you? And if Jesus or God's Spirit just don't feel that near for us, is there anything we can do about it? What would a closer walk with Jesus look like?

Prelude

Welcome & Call to worship

Psalms 42:1-5 (NIV) As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for You, my God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God? My tears have been my food day and night, while people say to me all day long, "Where is your God?"

These things I remember as I pour out my soul: how I used to go to the house of God under the protection of the Mighty One with shouts of joy and praise among the festive throng. Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise Him, my Savior and my God.

Opening prayer

Opening Hymn: As the Deer panteth (Words inside bulletin)

Affirmation of Faith

Prayer of Confession/Affirmation

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Scripture: Luke 9:23-25 (NIV) Then He said to them all: "Whoever wants to be My disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow Me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for Me will save it. What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, and yet lose or forfeit their very self?

Hymn: #514 HWB - Lord, I am fondly, earnestly

Scripture: **2 Corinthians 4:16 - 5:7 (NRSV)** Brenda - So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this tent we groan, longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling— if indeed, when we have taken it off we will not be found naked. For while we are still in this tent, we groan under our burden, because we wish not to be unclothed but to be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee. So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord— for we walk by faith, not by sight

Message: What would a closer walk look like? ~ Pastor Jim

Hymn of Response: #743 VT - Just a closer walk with Thee (Words on next page)

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Announcements

Offering

Closing Hymn: #418 HWB - Move in our midst

Benediction

Postlude

As The Deer

As the deer panteth for the water
So my soul longeth after Thee
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship Thee

(Chorus)

*You alone are my strength, my shield
To You alone may my spirit yield
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship Thee*

You're my friend and You are my brother
Even though You are a king
I love You more than any other
So much more than anything

Chorus

I want You more than gold or silver
Only You can satisfy
You alone are the real joy giver
And the apple of my eye

Chorus

By Martin Nystrom, 1984 Universal Music - Brentwood Benson Publishing CCL# 3191532

Just a closer walk with Thee

1/5. Just a closer walk with Thee, Grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
Daily walking close to Thee, Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

2. I am weak but Thou art strong; Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long As I walk, let me walk close to Thee.

3. Through this world of toil and snares, If I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares? None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee.

4. When my feeble life is o'er, Time for me will be no more;
Guide me gently, safely o'er To Thy kingdom shore, to Thy shore.

**** Please join us downstairs for coffee, potluck snacks and time for fellowship**

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**Announcements**

**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 Summer Camps - July & August. Family Camping Weekend - September 4-7**  
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**Upcoming Worship Services:**

Aug 2 - Pastor Jim, we are hosting Wilmot Ignited churches  
Aug 9 - Pastor Jim  
Aug 16 - Charleen Jongejan Harder  
Aug 23 - Dave Rogalsky  
Aug 30 - Pastor Jim  
Sept 6 - joint service at Mannheim