

Order of Worship: August 23, 2026

10:00 am – In-person worship

Pastor: Jim Brown

Prelude

Welcome & Call to worship

Opening prayer

Opening Hymn: #747 VT - We plow the fields and scatter

Affirmation of Faith

Prayer of Confession/Affirmation

Scripture: Romans 7:15-25 (NIV) I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me. For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing. Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it.

So I find this law at work: Although I want to do good, evil is right there with me. For in my inner being I delight in God's law; but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me. What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Hymn: #283 VT - Lord, you have come to the lakeshore

Scripture: Matthew 11:16-19 (NIV) Yvonne - "To what can I compare this generation? They are like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling out to others: "'We played the pipe for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn.' For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon.' The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners.' But wisdom is proved right by her deeds."

Message: Being human ~ Dave Rogalsky

Hymn of Response: #297 VT - You are salt for the earth

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Announcements

Offering

Closing Hymn: #428 VT - Praise with joy the world's creator

Benediction

Postlude

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

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**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](http://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 23 - Dave Rogalsky

Aug 30 - Pastor Jim

Sept 6 - joint service at Mannheim