

Order of Worship: August 9, 2026

10:00 am – In-person worship

Pastor: Jim Brown

Worship theme: What have been your biggest investments in life, either financially or in terms of time and effort? Why did you commit so much to that investment? What have you gotten out of it? Has it been worth it or do you regret the cost? Our scripture readings today talk about gains, losses, prizes and garbage, goals and investments.

Prelude

Welcome & Call to worship

Mark 12:28-34 (NIV) One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked Him, “Of all the commandments, which is the most important?” “The most important one,” answered Jesus, “is this: ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ The second is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no commandment greater than these.”

“Well said, teacher,” the man replied. “You are right in saying that God is one and there is no other but Him. To love Him with all your heart, with all your understanding and with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices.” When Jesus saw that he had answered wisely, He said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.

Opening prayer

Opening Hymn: #69 HWB - The Lord is king

Affirmation of Faith

Prayer of Confession/Affirmation

Scripture: Philippians 3:7-14 (NIV) But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ and be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of His resurrection and participation in His sufferings, becoming like Him in His death, and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

Hymn: #389 HBW - Take my life

Scripture: Matthew 13:44-46 (NIV) Minnie - “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.

Message: Because of joy ~ Pastor Jim

Hymn of Response: #71 HWB - Joyful, joyful, we adore thee

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Announcements

Offering

Closing Hymn: #548 HBW - Teach me thy way

Benediction

Postlude

**** Please join us downstairs for congregation discussion/coffee time.**

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 9 - Pastor Jim

Aug 16 - Charleen Jongejan Harder

Aug 23 - Dave Rogalsky

Aug 30 - Pastor Jim

Sept 6 - joint service at Mannheim