

Order of Worship: July 12, 2026

10:00 am – In-person worship

Pastor: Jim Brown

Jack is the former General Secretary of Mennonite Church Canada. He, Irene, and family have lived and worked in Latin America always with a focus of training leaders for the church (Costa Rica, Bolivia, Colombia, Cuba). Jack has also been much involved with Mennonite World Conference, which has led to many teaching opportunities in several dozen countries in the world. Jack and Irene are now retired in Kitchener, where 3 sons live with their families.

Worship theme: When it comes to being faithful as followers of Jesus, do we think of this in terms of doing big or impressive things? Or what does the Bible teach us about how to be faithful, or what does faithfulness to God's Kingdom look like for us in our day to day lives? How can we be more confident in our serving in the name of Christ?

Prelude

Welcome & Call to worship

Matthew 19:13-15 (NIV) Then people brought little children to Jesus for Him to place His hands on them and pray for them. But the disciples rebuked them. Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." When He had placed His hands on them, He went on from there.

Opening prayer

Opening Hymn: #616 HWB - Children of the Heavenly Father

Mark 4:26-29 (NIV) He also said, "This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. All by itself the soil produces grain—first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come."

Affirmation of Faith

Prayer of Confession/Affirmation

Mark 4:30-34 (NIV) Again He said, "What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds on earth. Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds can perch in its shade." With many similar parables Jesus spoke the word to them, as much as they could understand. He did not say anything to them without using a parable. But when He was alone with His own disciples, He explained everything.

Hymn: #154 HWB - This is my Father's world

Mark 4:35-41 (NIV) Brenda - That day when evening came, He said to his disciples, "Let us go over to the other side." Leaving the crowd behind, they took Him along, just as He was, in the boat. There were also other boats with

Him. A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke Him and said to Him, “Teacher, don’t You care if we drown?” He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, “Quiet! Be still!” Then the wind died down and it was completely calm. He said to His disciples, “Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?” They were terrified and asked each other, “Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey Him!”

Message: Little things ~ Jack Suderman

Hymn of Response: #327 HWB - Great is thy faithfulness

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Announcements

Offering

Closing Hymn: #428 HWB - Lord, let us now depart in peace

Benediction

Postlude

****Please join us downstairs for coffee time. There will be no sermon discussion today.**

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#### **Announcements**

**\*\*\*July 6-12, and 20-26 Pastor Jim will be on vacation. Emergency pastoral care backup has been arranged. Call Karen G if needed.**

**Hidden Acres Summer Camps - July & August. Family Camping Weekend - September 4-7**  
[www.hiddenacres.ca](http://www.hiddenacres.ca).

**Thursday July the 16<sup>th</sup>**, we’re chuffed to present the **Annual Detweiler Hootenanny**, starting at 7 pm. Spirited singing, lively music and dangerous ideas. As in past years, you’ll all get a lyric sheet and the Official Hootenanny Good Time Chorus and Band has carefully selected a set of songs that will likely have some vague familiarity for most. There will be camp songs, protest songs, gleeful ditties, TV themes, Sunday school choruses, folk classics, obscure songs that should have been folk classics, and more. They are all new selections this year again, so if you’re thinking “aw, I sang at the Hoot last year, and I don’t want to have to sing the same songs again,” you’re in luck. This year the band is a seven-piece. In order of when their names pop up in my brain at the moment, they are Louise Pogue, Eugene Reesor, Darrel Martin, Steve McDowell, Joyce Reesor, Cate Falconer, and Ivan Emke. They have all played in various bands and combinations over the years. **3445 Roseville Rd, Ayr, ON**

#### **Upcoming Worship Services:**

July 19 - Pastor Jim

July 26 - Charleen Jongejan Harder

Aug 2 - Pastor Jim, we are hosting Wilmot Ignited churches