

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new
creation; the old has gone, the new
has come. 2 Cor. 5:17*



**Mount Hope Community
Christian Reformed Church**

MOUNT HOPE COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

April 16, 2023 Pastor Joel Bootsma 10:00 a.m.

Music: John & Ellen Hunse, Alyssa Tisch

* (denotes please stand if you are able)

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements - Memory Work: John 20:21-22 **Mark Demik**

GATHERING BY GOD'S PRESENCE

* Call to Worship & God's Greeting

* Opening Prayer

* Song of Praise: **LUYH #199 "Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain"**

GROUNDED IN GOD'S GRACE

Time of Confession - (10 Commandments - #5)

Words of Assurance

Song: **LUYH #192 "Oh, How Good Is Christ the Lord" (sing 2x)**

Children ages 3-5, grades 1-4 leave for Children's Ministry

Prayer: Church Family, Community and the World

GROWING IN GOD'S LOVE

- Solo -

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 15

Message: "Because of the Resurrection"

*Song of Response: **LUYH #179:1,2,3 "Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven"**

GOING TO SERVE

Offerings: **Budget & City Kidz**

*Sending

* Apostle's Creed

* Benediction

* Closing Song of Praise: **LUYH #187 "Thine Is the Glory"**

Thank you for joining us this morning!

April 16, 2023

We welcome all who worship with us this morning. Our music will be provided by **John & Ellen Hunsse**, and **Alyssa Tisch**. Our offerings are for the **Budget** and **City Kidz**. You are reminded that you can also donate through the "Give" function on the Bridge App, as well as e-transfer to treasurer.mhccrc@rogers.com. We hope that you will join us following the service in the Fellowship Hall for refreshments this morning.

To view this service from home, you can do so by watching via livestream on our website: www.mounthopecommunitycrc.org, or from our YouTube Channel: [Mount Hope Community Church](#). Those members who have the Bridge App, can view the service directly on the app, by using the "YouTube" icon on the main page. Those who watch on DVD will continue to receive their copy following the service.

Church Family

Johanna Wiersma, who resides at Heritage Green Nursing Home, is mostly confined to bed now. She receives 24 hour care. We pray for her and her family as they navigate her health issues. **Jean Postma** is doing well but misses her church family very much! Parkview Meadows in Townsend, where Jean lives, no longer requires COVID testing to visit. If you are unable to visit, a phone call or a note in the mail would be most appreciated as well. We congratulate the following members who celebrate their birthdays and anniversaries this week: **Today April 16 - Tina Fennema April 19 - John Demik April 22 - Josh Knevel April 23 - Marinus & Diana Bassie - 63rd Wedding Anniversary**

Announcements

In Your Mailbox: Please find a copy of the March Treasurer's Statement in your mailboxes this morning if you do not receive a copy by email. There are a few extra paper copies on hand by the mailboxes if you would like one. Thank you!

Prayer Walk Sunday: Today we will be Prayer Walking following the service. Please meet in the Council Room following the service if you would like to join us for this important ministry. You will receive a map and instructions at that time. Thank you!

Prayer Service – "Prayer is the most important part of the thankfulness God requires of us." (Heidelberg Catechism) So, we're having a service of prayer on **Tuesday, April 25 at 7:00 pm**. We'll spend time together in worship, Word, and prayer. Connect with Marlene in the church office if you need a ride.

The Classis Fall Youth Retreat is set for Sept 29-Oct 1st. Registration opens May 1st. This is a great opportunity for a ministry Fall kick off. The early bird fee is only \$25 until the end of June. So let your youth know and get them registered. Let your leaders know so they can plan to attend as well.

Mount Hope Spring Garbage Clean Up: You are invited to join the Community Service Team as we volunteer in the Clean Up Mount Hope Initiative in Mount Hope on Saturday, **April 22nd from 10am - 11am**. Supplies can be picked up from **Brigette Vanhuisstede** at the bus shelter (located at Airport

Road and Homestead) You are encouraged to take the supplies and pick a spot to clean...parks, reservoir, empty lots, around the blocks. There will be a man driving a 7 ton truck around to pick up and dispose of the garbage OR it can be put at your curbside on garbage pick up day. No trash tag required for these (orange) bags. We hope that you can join us!

Council Report: Council met this past Tuesday.

- There will be a Prayer Service on **Tuesday, April 25 at 7:00 pm.**
- Council invites anyone who is interested, to attend a Challenging Conversation and Listening Circle on **Sunday April 23, 2023 at 4:00 pm** re Women in Office discussions, please inform Marlene if you plan to attend this.
- 4 names were received, to replace Caspar Geisterfer as MHCCRC's Resonate Missionary. One name will be selected at next month's Council meeting
- COA has requested \$24,000 to pave the church parking lot, council will discuss this at its next meeting.
- Pastor Joel reports that a Profession of Faith class will start this week

Women in Church Office – Our council has been talking about whether or not we open the office of elder and pastor to women (currently it is only open to men). We have spent little time debating the issue, but much time in listening to one another through facilitated conversations. These conversations have been an important part of the process – listening to one another is one way we “bear with one another in love.” As we start moving toward making a decision on opening church offices to women, it may be that more people from our congregation would like to be involved in a facilitated conversation around this issue. We plan to host a “Listening Circle” on the afternoon of **Sunday, April 23 at 4:00 pm.** If you would like more information, please contact Pastor Joel or a council member. To register for this event (registration is necessary), please contact the church office.

Community Announcements

NORTH OF SIXTY is holding a Bingo event and Pizza lunch starting at **10:00 AM** at Immanuel CRC on **Thursday April 27th.** Join us for fun and fellowship! Cost: \$10.00 per person. Please RSVP to Joanne at vdwaljjoosse@bell.net or **905-577-5277**

Seniors' Day @ HDCH - Students and staff cordially invite all grandparents and senior members of our community to our Seniors' Day; **Thurs May 4, 9am-1pm.** Come for the morning, enjoy the program, visit students and staff in class, and stay for a hot lunch. RSVP for this popular event online to hdch.org/event/seniors-day-hdch/ or 905.648.6655 x 110.

HDCH presents Peter Pan & Wendy! Purchase tickets online to the spring performance at HDCH May 11, 12 & 13, 7pm and May 13, 2pm. hdch.org/event/peter-pan-and-wendy/

Sport Camps 4 Sport Champs at HDCH is back, including a new camp this summer! Register online - hdch.org/camps/

Join Springfest at a NEW location this year! Spread the word, Springfest is now at Providence Christian School. Your favourites are still here. Huge selection of perennials, shrubs and garden starters in our plant sale section. Mark your calendars for Springfest on **Saturday, May 20th, 8:00 am – 1:00pm** at 542 Ofield Rd. N. in Dundas.

This October, EduDeo is hosting our first ever Youth Summit for Canadian students in grade 11 or 12! The Youth Summit is a 3-day conference (October 11-13, 2023) in Hamilton, ON. Students from across Canada will gather to participate in workshops, meet with EduDeo's international partners, stay and eat together, participate in team-building activities, grow personal plans for local community transformation, and much more! Applications are due April 21, 2023, and applicants must be in grade 11 or 12 in the 2023/2024 academic school year. The application and more information can be found at www.edudeo.com/youth-summit. Questions? Contact us at schools@edudeo.com

CRC Announcements

Faith Formation, Worship

Even More Resources for Exploring Faith Practices through Intergenerational Worship and Church Gatherings - Want to try something new (and easy) at your church this summer? Last year we released resources for planning worship services, series, or gatherings on particular faith practices with people of all ages. This year we've added resources for six more practices! Learn more at crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner: Wow! Creation - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Think back on your day yesterday. Make a list of God's creations you saw that brought you joy, and then thank God for them. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net like the Bible story podcast "The Creation Story."

Groundwork: Experience: Jesus and the Women - In the gospels, we read about Jesus' encounters with his female followers on that very first Easter day. Their experience of him deepened and grew their faith, and it can do the same for us. Join Groundwork as we study their experience in Matthew 28:1-10, Luke 24:1-12, and John 20:11-18, and together come to see and know again that Jesus is Immanuel, God with us. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Faith Formation

How is Young Adult Ministry Changing? - Are you a young adult that wishes your church had a more thriving ministry for your age group? Are you a church member that is wondering how you as a

church can engage young adults more effectively? Then this event is for you! Come for an open conversation over lunch (provided) about ministry with young adults, for young adults. All church members are welcome. Join us Saturday, May 6, 2023, 11am - 2pm at Mountainview CRC. Hosted by: Covenant CRC, St. Catharines; supported by: Classis Niagara Leadership Development Team. Register here: crcna.regfox.com/how-is-young-adult-ministry-changing-in-grimsby-on

Other

Pastor Professor Exchange - Are you a pastor or church leader? Join us for the next Pastor Professor Exchange! This semi-annual event focuses on topics that are important to church leaders and their congregations from a Christian professor's perspective. On April 25, Dr. Michael Haykin, visiting professor of history, will explain how church leaders can benefit from exploring church history to better understand and engage the present. Register here: redeemer.ca/pastor-professor-exchange

Diaconal Ministries Canada

Churches Loving Communities - NewGround is a program of Diaconal Ministries that empowers churches to be courageous and creative with ministry opportunities in their communities. (Perhaps you remember it as Operation Manna!) Our partners are stretched across Canada and they are showing and sharing the love of Christ and growing God's Kingdom in beautiful ways! Sunday, May 7, is NewGround Sunday. Whether your church is holding an offering or not, please prayerfully consider how you can support other Canadian CRCs and ministries by giving generously to NewGround. Visit our website (diaconalministries.com/newground) or our Facebook page (@[@diaconalministries](https://www.facebook.com/diaconalministries)) for more information. Thank you for your ongoing support!

The Banner

The Annual Banner Appeal is underway! - The 2023 appeal for The Banner, the CRC's award-winning monthly magazine, has started. The Banner is delivered free in print and online, and this annual donation appeal makes it possible. To help keep this community conversation going please give online now at: TheBanner.org/Give

Church Duties

Date	April 16	April 23	April 30
Welcome	Mark Demik	Sandi Buwalda	Bob de Haan
Music Congregational Prayer	John & Ellen, Alyssa	Mt. Hope Praise Team	Linda Geerts Henk Van Tuyl
Open / Close Coffee Duty	Shae Knevel Bob & Trudy de Haan	Henk & Rita Van Tuyl John & Ellen Hunse	Marlene Knevel Paul & Tara Vreugdenhil
Sound	Frank Buwalda	Josh Knevel	Ryan Flokstra
Streaming Overhead	Justin Knevel Marlene Knevel	Rebecca Bootsma Jack Demik	Henk Van Tuyl Henk Van Tuyl
Library	Margaret Kool	Louise Dekker	Sandi Buwalda
Nursery	Tara Vreugdenhil Anita Moelker	Christina Demik Cole Vreugdenhil	Marlene Knevel Lisa Schuurman

If you are **unable** to fulfill your duties, it is your responsibility to find someone else. Thank you.



Church Calendar

<p>Monday, April 17 6:15 p.m. - GEMS</p> <p>Tuesday, April 18 7:00 p.m. - Consistory Meeting</p> <p>Thursday, April 20 Noon - Bulletin announcements due</p> <p>Sunday, April 23 - GEMS Sunday / Visit from Caspar Geisterfer 10:00 a.m. - Pastor Joel Bootsma Offerings: Budget & GEMS</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>UPCOMING OFFERING COLLECTIONS</u></p> <p>April 30 - Budget & Right to Life</p> <p>May 7 - Budget & Diaconal Ministries / Cdn. New Ground</p> <p>May 14 - Budget & Benevolence</p> <p>May 21 - Budget & Reframe Ministry</p>
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Our Mission Statement

"To glorify God as a vibrant community of disciples that actively and joyfully serve one another and our community."

Vision: Grounded, Growing, Going

Grounded: Through our Reformed tradition, we are rooted in the nourishing soil of God's Word and the saving grace of Christ

Growing: We are becoming more Christ like and Spirit filled as God works in our hearts and minds to grow closer to Him

Going: Out of gratitude to God for his work in us, we seek to bear fruit by being the hands and feet of Christ to each other and our community

***see paintings made by Petra Zantingh in Fellowship Hall ***