



Mount Hope Community  
Christian Reformed Church

MOUNT HOPE COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

September 17, 2023 Pastor Joel Bootsma 10:00 a.m.

Music: Mt. Hope Praise Team

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\* (denotes please stand if you are able)

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements - Verse of the Month: Colossians 2:6-7 **Ryan Flokstra**

**GATHERING BY GOD'S PRESENCE**

\* Call to Worship & God's Greeting

\* Opening Prayer

\* Song of Praise: **LUYH #559 "Ten Thousand Reasons"**

**GROUNDING IN GOD'S GRACE**

Time of Confession

Words of Assurance

Song: **"Lord, I Need You"**

Offering: **Budget & HDCH**

Prayer: Church Family and Community

**GROWING IN GOD'S LOVE**

Scripture Reading: Exodus 3:1-15

Message: "Hush, a Bush"

\* Song of Response: **LUYH #743 "O God, You Are My God"**

**GOING TO SERVE**

\* Sending

\* Benediction

\* Closing Song of Praise: **LUYH #775 "Across the Lands"**

**Thank you for joining us this morning!**

## September 17, 2023

We welcome all who join us this morning! We are being led in worship by **Pastor Joel Bootsma** and in music by the **Mt. Hope Praise Team**. Our offerings are for the **Budget & HDCH**. 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](mailto:treasurer.mhccrc@rogers.com). We hope that you will join us following the service in the Fellowship Hall for refreshments and for our Welcome Back Barbeque!

To view this service from home, you can do so by watching via livestream on our website: [www.mounthopecommunitycrc.org](http://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

We congratulate the following who will celebrate their birthdays and anniversaries this week. We pray for a special blessing on them as they celebrate with their families:

**September 17 - Joy-Hannah Flokstra**      **September 22 - Gus Van Ommeren**  
**September 24 - Doug & Louise Dekker - 35th Wedding Anniversary**

### Announcements

**In Your Mailbox:** This morning please find a copy of the August Treasurer's Statement in your mailbox if you do not receive it already digitally. If you wish to have a paper copy of it even though you received it by email, there are extra copies by the Welcome Center. Thank you.

**Welcome Back Barbeque:** Please join us following the service for our Annual Welcome Back Barbeque. We will be serving hamburgers and salads as we kick off a new year here at Mt. Hope Church.  
**PS:** Busing has been arranged for a later pick up for those who use the bus.

**Fall Fair & Community Pancake Breakfast:** Will be held this **Saturday, September 23rd** from **8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.** For those of you who have volunteered, you will receive an email or a phone call this week letting you know where you will be scheduled. It isn't too late to volunteer! There are still extra forms in the lectern by the bulletins at the entrance to the sanctuary. Thank you all so much!

**Attention Congregation:** It is the time of year again when we have to plan for the new Church Directory. Please have any changes that you would like made to the current directory in to Marlene at the church office no later than, **Thursday, September 28, 2023**. Thank you.

**Part-time Bookkeeper:** Mount Hope Community CRC is seeking a part-time bookkeeper for an average of 6 hours per week to begin January 1, 2024.

Full posting details can be found on our church website [www.mounthopecommunitycrc.org](http://www.mounthopecommunitycrc.org). Any further information may be requested via email addressed to [treasurer.mhccrc@rogers.com](mailto:treasurer.mhccrc@rogers.com).

## Community Announcements

**McMaster University Students.** This **Sunday Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>** we will be having our 'Mac All Things Welcome BBQ' at 734 Garner Rd. in Ancaster. Come and join us - meet some of your fellow students, play some games and enjoy some delicious food. We are looking at gathering at 1:00pm. If you need a ride, please contact me via e-mail <[fallonm@mcmaster.ca](mailto:fallonm@mcmaster.ca)>. We hope to see you out. Michael D. Fallon

**September 18 Home Energy Upgrades I:** Join us for the first in a series of monthly presentations on making your home more energy efficient. For this first session. our speakers will be Lynda Lukasik, Director of the Office of Climate Change Initiatives for the City of Hamilton, who will provide an overview of Hamilton's Climate Action Strategy and Cathrin Winkelmann, who will provide information about the 'Better Homes Hamilton' home energy retrofit pilot program – set to launch before the end of 2023. **When?** Monday, September 18 at 7:30 **Live-stream available at** <https://vimeo.com/event/385354> Meadowlands Fellowship Church, 211 Stonehenge Dr. **Questions?** Contact Henry Brouwer ([hbrouwer746@gmail.com](mailto:hbrouwer746@gmail.com))

**Fall Hymn Sing at Grace Community CRC - September 24th, 4-5pm:** You're invited to sing some of your favourite songs and hymns! All are welcome. Refreshments served at 3:30pm. Hope to see you there. Please contact the office for more information: Grace Community CRC | 70 Garner Rd. E | 905-648-2323 | [office@ancastercrc.org](mailto:office@ancastercrc.org) | [www.gracecommunitycrc.ca](http://www.gracecommunitycrc.ca)

**Reflecting on the generational effects of immigration:** Dr. Arthur Boers is a pastor and the son of post World War II immigrants to Canada. After reflecting a great deal on the ways his family's immigrant experience affected him, he has written *Shattered, A son picks up the pieces of his father's rage*. You are invited to attend a public reading. Dr. Boers will share what led him to write this book, read excerpts, and engage in conversation with his audience. Meadowlands Fellowship Christian Reformed Church, Ancaster. **Thursday, SEPT 28, 7:30 - 9:00 pm.** Admission is free.

**CARPENTEROS HOLDING FINAL DINNER** - It has been an amazing 22 years, and the Carpenteros and Friends hope you will join us in celebrating all that God has done by attending the FINAL Building Hope for Honduras dinner and auction on **Thursday, Oct. 5** at Carmen's Banquet Centre in Hamilton (doors open 5:30PM, program begins 6:30). Tickets are \$85/person, and eligible for a \$50 donation receipt. Please reserve your tickets today by email ([info@carpenteros.ca](mailto:info@carpenteros.ca)) or by calling Ken at 905-630-6977. Ticket payment can also be made through e-transfer to [info@carpenteros.ca](mailto:info@carpenteros.ca).

## CRC Announcements

**ReFrame Ministries: Kids Corner: God Gives Relief** - Check out this week's kids' devotion at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). STRESS! This is a word you might hear a lot. It seems like everyone is stressed about something. What can you do about the stress in your life? Check out all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net) like the KC's Liz and Friends Podcast "Homework Alert."

**Groundwork: God is Sovereign Over All** - We will find ourselves in many different situations throughout our lives. Join our Groundwork conversation as we study the dreams of King Nebuchadnezzar in Daniel 2 and 4 to remember that in all things, no matter the situation, God is sovereign and in control. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

**2024 Directory for Hamilton Area Christian Reformed Churches** - Preparation of the 2024 Directory for Hamilton Area Christian Reformed Churches is underway. If you are affiliated with a Christian School or Agency, consider placing an ad for your organization in the "Christian Schools & Agencies" section. If you are a business owner, consider placing an ad in the "Business Directory" section. Call Beginnings Family Services at 905-528-6665, or email [directory@beginnings.ca](mailto:directory@beginnings.ca), for more information on placing an advertisement in the 2024 Directory. Proceeds from the publishing of the CRC Directory go to support Beginnings Family Services ([www.beginnings.ca](http://www.beginnings.ca)).

**Thrive: Disability and Accessibility**

**Nurturing Belonging: Exploring Hospitality, Disability, and Theology** - We believe that all people are created in the image of God and that each person is essential. Yet, when it comes to hospitality and belonging for people with disabilities, our congregations often don't reflect what we believe. Join us online on Wednesday, October 11, 2023 from 1:30 to 6 pm (Eastern) to learn about how to nurture belonging. This event is virtual and free of charge. To register go to: <https://www.crcna.org/disability/events>

**Global Coffee Break**

**Global Coffee Break - Women's Retreat** - Plan to join us for a weekend of refreshment and encouragement as we consider what it means to be looked on as "favored". This event is in Hickory Corners, Michigan, October 6-8 (Registration Deadline is September 22). <https://globalcoffeebreak.regfox.com/favored-michigan>

**World Renew**

**Volunteer with World Renew DRS this October!** - Come enjoy the sun and service - World Renew DRS needs volunteers and On-Site Managers for our first reconstruction team in Sarasota, Florida! If you or someone you know can volunteer with DRS October 7th-28th, contact Diana at [dmarquez@worldrenew.net](mailto:dmarquez@worldrenew.net) to sign up or with questions.

**Sharing our Abundance** - In three weeks, we will be celebrating Thanksgiving and the abundance that God has given us while also remembering families around the world who do not have enough food on their plates. Our offering will highlight World Renew's Free A Family® program, equipping families around the world to holistically change their story and find hope for their children. To learn more, visit [worldrenew.ca/FreeAFamily](http://worldrenew.ca/FreeAFamily).

**Thrive: Racial Reconciliation**

All Nations Heritage Sunday is October 1 - In two weeks, we will celebrate All Nations Heritage Sunday. In preparation, learn more about Thrive's Multicultural Scholarship Fund that provides financial assistance for students of various ethnic minorities in the CRC. Check out the website: [crcna.org/AllNations](http://crcna.org/AllNations) for more information.

**Thrive: Safe Church**

**Abuse Awareness Sunday** - September 24 - Next week, the CRCNA invites congregations to imagine a more holistic approach to nurturing a safe and healthy church community where abuse itself becomes unthinkable and where survivors feel supported and safe. Learn more about "The Power of a Trauma-Informed Church" and consider giving to support Thrive's ministry that empowers all CRCs. Learn more at [crcna.org/SafeChurch](http://crcna.org/SafeChurch)

## Children's Bulletin

# Moses and the Burning Bush

"Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground." Exodus 3:5 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Exodus 3:1-15



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P P H M P U P H A R K E I L H  
P G Q H H C X L W N O Q Q O O  
I F U O B N P S F R D U T O L  
Z R I N U G L I L U Y A N K Y  
A L U E R C L G O Y N O L D D  
R F B Y N F B H C E W R E S U  
J G O D R K A T K P Z U B Y F  
R V L H L S F B F M L I G O V  
C B D I W W N U B Q O N A P E  
E Z M J K I L S O E I S D F H  
V I B E C Y B H X W C N E U N  
S B S M Z B L G O B A E Q S K  
J A D D X S L L K L U W M Z H  
Y R E T W E F S T R A N G E A

LAND	MILK	STRANGE	FLOWING	SANDALS
FLOCK	LOOK	HOLY	BUSH	HONEY
GOD	MOSES	GROUND	BURN	SIGHT

## Church Duties

Date	September 17	September 24	October 1
<b>Welcome</b>	Ryan Flokstra	Louise Dekker	Mark Demik
<b>Music</b> <b>Congregational Prayer</b>	Praise Team	John & Ellen, Alyssa	New Shoots Mark Demik
<b>Open / Close</b> <b>Coffee Duty</b>	Frank & Sandi Buwalda Len & Anita Moelker	Marlene Knevel Bob & Trudy de Haan	Shae Knevel John & Ellen Hunse
<b>Sound</b>	Josh Knevel	Rebecca Bootsma	Josh Knevel
<b>Streaming</b> <b>Overhead</b>	Henk Van Tuyl Jack Demik	Henk Van Tuyl Louise Dekker	Jack Demik Rebecca Bootsma
<b>Library</b>	Louise Dekker	Sandi Buwalda	Christina Demik
<b>Nursery</b>	Shae Knevel Trish Demik	Eileen Nagtegaal Lisa Schuurman	Anita Moelker Emma Schuurman

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



## Church Calendar

<p><b>Thursday, September 21</b> Noon - Bulletin announcements due</p> <p><b>Saturday, September 23</b> 8:30-11:30 a.m. - Fall Fair &amp; Community Breakfast</p> <p><b>Sunday, September 24</b> 10:00 a.m. - Pastor Joel Bootsma Offerings: Budget &amp; Thrive Safe Church Ministries</p>	<p><b><u>UPCOMING OFFERING COLLECTIONS</u></b></p> <p><b>October 1</b> - Budget &amp; Seafarer's Ministry</p> <p><b>October 8</b> - Budget &amp; World Renew - Free A Family</p> <p><b>October 15</b> - Budget &amp; Ministries of our Denomination (Disability Concerns)</p> <p><b>October 22</b> - Budget &amp; Indwell</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 \*\**