



*Come unto me, ye who are weary  
and overburdened, and I  
will give you  
rest.  
Matthew 11:28*

# Mt. Hope Community

Christian Reformed Church

MOUNT HOPE COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH  
**September 24, 2023 Pastor Joel Bootsma 10:00 a.m.**  
**Music:** John & Ellen Hunse, Alyssa Tisch

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\* (denotes please stand if you are able)

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements - Verse of the Month: Colossians 2:6-7 **Louise Dekker**

**GATHERING BY GOD'S PRESENCE**

\* Call to Worship & God's Greeting

\* Opening Prayer

\* Song of Praise: **LUYH #440:1,2,3 "He Leadeth Me"**

**GROUNDING IN GOD'S GRACE**

Time of Confession / Words of Assurance

Song: **LUYH #363 "Blessed Assurance"**

Children's Ministry (Children ages 3-5, grades 1-4)

Song: **PsH #250 "I've Come to Tell"**

Prayer: Church Family and Community

**GROWING IN GOD'S LOVE**

- Solo - **"Prayer"** by Charles E. Romer

Scripture Reading: Genesis 18:16-33

Message: "People in Prayer - Abraham"

\*Song of Response: **LUYH #432:1,2,3,5 "God is our Refuge"**

**GOING TO SERVE**

Offering: **Budget & Thrive Safe Church Ministry**

\*Sending

\* Benediction

\* Closing Song of Praise: **LUYH #348 "Great is Thy Faithfulness"**

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

## September 24, 2023

We welcome all who join us this morning! We are being led in worship by **Pastor Joel Bootsma** and in music by **John & Ellen Hunse**, and **Alyssa Tisch**. Our offerings are for the **Budget & Thrive Safe Church Ministry**. 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 .

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:

**Today - Doug & Louise Dekker - 35th Wedding Anniversary**

**September 25 - Janny Elzinga**

**October 1 - Jamie & Angela Liddicoat - 25th Wedding Anniversary**

**New Address:** Please note the new address & phone number of **Bill & Effie Visser**:  
Wellingstone Christian Home, Apt 240, 261 Stone Church Road East, Hamilton ON L9B 2X3 289-755-6409

### Announcements

**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).

**GEMS:** We are pleased to announce that GEMS will be starting again, next **Monday, October 2nd** from **6:30 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.** . This ministry is for girls grade 1 - grade 8. This first night will be a Registration / Fun Night! We can't wait to see you there! **Your Counsellors, Marlene, Shae, and Rebecca.** We would also like to take this opportunity to thank **Christina Demik** for her 24 years of service with this ministry. Her dedication and creativity will be missed!

## Community Announcements

**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)

**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

### Other

**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)).

**Libertas Male Choir Christmas Concerts: "Good News"** - Start the Christmas season with rejoicing! Join Libertas Male Choir with director Martin Mans in Ancaster on November 29 (7:00 PM at Rehoboth United Reformed Church), in St. Catharines on November 30 (7:00 PM at First Reformed Church), in Port Hope on December 1 (7:00 PM at Port Hope United Church), or in Cambridge on December 2 (7:00 PM at Central Presbyterian Church). Find tickets at [www.libertasvoices.com](http://www.libertasvoices.com) or call 905 522 0001 or 905 745 5609.

### ReFrame Ministries

**Family Fire** - is an online community exploring Spirit-led family, marriage, parenting, in-laws, blended families, and intimacy. Find encouraging articles and devotions at [familyfire.com](http://familyfire.com). Subscribe for regular email updates and connect with our Family Fire community on Facebook.

**Kids Corner: Orange Shirt Day and Micah 6:8** - Check out this week's kids' devotion at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). Throughout the Bible, God is clear that justice—or making things right again—is very important to him. In our world, many things are difficult and broken by sin. But God tells us that he is at work restoring justice, and he invites each of us to help him make things right wherever and whenever we can. One way we can make things right is by knowing the sad stories of the past and by doing better today. Check out all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net) like the KC's Liz and Friends Podcast "Blizzd The Peacemaker."

**Groundwork: Faith in the Fire** - Throughout our lives, we will experience instances where we feel pressured to compromise our faith. Join Groundwork as we study the story of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego and the fiery furnace in Daniel 3 for encouragement to stand firm, trust God, and remain faithful even in the most challenging of circumstances. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

### **World Renew**

**Let's Extend Christ's Love** - As we celebrate Thanksgiving soon, we remember that in many countries around the world, the struggle for parents to provide for their children is impacted by the hardships of poverty. In Phongsaly (Laos), the infant mortality rate is 60 per 1,000 but World Renew's programs are making an impact. World Renew has helped train and mobilize volunteers in 13 villages, meaning more women are supported before, during, and after birth. Your gift in the offering on Thanksgiving extends Christ's love and makes it possible for more families to find hope through World Renew's Free A Family® program.

### **Thrive: Safe Church**

**Today is Abuse Awareness Sunday** - 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 trauma survivors feel supported and safe. Please help this valuable ministry that promotes safer churches and empowers all CRCs. Give now at: [crcna.org/SafeChurch/Donate](http://crcna.org/SafeChurch/Donate)

## Children's Bulletin

# Sodom and Gomorrah Word Search

R D R I Q T O A H Z A W N L Z T Y D M P D S J Q  
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Abraham  
Believers  
Destruction  
Fire  
Obedience  
Sodom and Gomorrah

Angels  
Bible  
Disobedience  
Lot  
People

Anger  
Blindness  
Evil  
Mercy  
Sinful

## Church Duties

Date	September 24	October 1	October 8
<b>Welcome</b>	Louise Dekker	Mark Demik	Doug Nagtegaal
<b>Music</b> <b>Congregational Prayer</b>	John & Ellen, Alyssa	Mt. Hope Praise Team Mark Demik	John & Ellen, Alyssa
<b>Open / Close</b> <b>Coffee Duty</b>	Marlene Knevel Bob & Trudy de Haan	Shae Knevel John & Ellen Hunse	Henk & Rita Van Tuyl Greg & Lisa Schuurman
<b>Sound</b>	Josh Knevel	Josh Knevel	Rebecca Bootsma
<b>Streaming</b> <b>Overhead</b>	Henk Van Tuyl Louise Dekker	Jack Demik Rebecca Bootsma	Meagan Demik Marlene Knevel
<b>Library</b>	Sandi Buwalda	Christina Demik	Louise Dekker
<b>Nursery</b>	Christina Demik Lisa Schuurman	Anita Moelker Emma Schuurman	Sandi Buwalda Maegan Demik

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



## Church Calendar

**Monday, September 25**

7:30 p.m. - COA Meeting

**Thursday, September 28**

Noon - Bulletin announcements / Directory changes due

**Sunday, October 1**

10:00 a.m. - Pastor Joel Bootsma

Offerings: Budget & Seafarers Ministry

**UPCOMING OFFERING COLLECTIONS**

**October 8** - Budget & World Renew - Free A Family

**October 15** - Budget & Ministries of our Denomination (Disability Concerns)

**October 22** - Budget & Indwell

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## Contact Us:

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<b>Chairman of Deacons:</b>	Louise Dekker	

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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 \*\**