

LENT



MT. HOPE COMMUNITY
CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

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March 17, 2024 **Pastor Joel Bootsma** **10:00 a.m.**
Music: New Shoots

* (please stand if you are able)

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements - Verse of the Month: Numbers 18:20 **Ryan Flokstra**

GATHERING BY GOD'S PRESENCE

* God's Greeting

* Call to Worship - Lent Litany **The Flokstra's**

* Songs of Praise: **"Living Hope"**
 "Goodness of God"

GROUNDED IN GOD'S GRACE

Time of Confession

Prayer of Brokenness and Confession **The Flokstra's**

Song of Confession: **LUYH #309 "The Servant Song"**

Words of Assurance

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

GROWING IN GOD'S LOVE

Scripture: John 12:1-8

Message: "Something Beautiful"

Song of Response: **"Nothing But the Blood"**

Prayer: Church Family and Community

GOING TO SERVE

Offering: **Budget & Thrive - Faith Formation**

* Sending

* Benediction

* Closing Song of Praise: **LUYH #660 "Jesus, Draw Me Ever Nearer"**

Thank you for joining us this morning!

We welcome all who join us this morning, the fifth Sunday of Lent. We are being led in worship by **Pastor Joel Bootsma**, and in music by **New Shoots**. Our offerings are for the **Budget** and **Thrive - Faith Formation**. You are reminded that you can also donate through the "Give" function on the Bridge App, as well as e-transfer to **accounting.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, 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.



We are accessible for those with hearing impairment. If you are hard of hearing, please go to the back sound booth and speak to an attendant for an assistive device or instructions on how to connect to the hearing loop.

Children's Ministry

Nursery is available for children ages 0 - 3. Please sign your children in before the service. The nursery is located as soon as you enter the Fellowship Hall, on the left.

Sunday School is available weekly for children ages 3 years to 9 years old. Students will be dismissed to their classes during the service.

Church Family

Today is the last time **Freda DeLange** will be worshipping with us. She will be moving to Etobicoke to be closer to her family. We will miss her so much! **Please note her new address:** 4650 Eglinton Ave. W. , #819 Etobicoke ON M9A 0E3 **(905) 296-1752** Be sure to reach out to her! This morning we will enjoy some cake after the service from Freda as her goodbye to us. **Ann De Groot's** surgery went well, and she is in the process of the difficult recovery. Please pray for her during this trying time.

Birthdays/Anniversaries this week: We congratulate the following members who will celebrate their birthdays or anniversaries this coming week. We pray for a special day for them with their family and friends:

(today) March 17 - Josie Roth; Henk Van Tuyl
March 24 - Sandi Buwalda

Announcements

In Your Mailbox: This morning please find a copy of the February Treasurer's Statement in your mailboxes if you do NOT already receive it digitally or through the mail. There are extra copies at the welcome center if you would like one.

Young Adults (after high school, before 30) - we're getting together at the Bootsma house for lunch and fellowship this morning following the service. Hope to see you there!

Prayer Walking: If anyone is interested in Prayer Walking in the streets of Mt. Hope today or sometime this week, please meet in the Council Room following the service to receive more information and a map. Thank you!

FROM THE TREASURER: As of March 12, 2024, the email you need to use for e-transfers relating to the church donations has changed. Our bookkeeper, Jennifer Brennan will now be processing this information so the e-transfers need to be filtered through her email. Do NOT use the treasurer.mhccrc@rogers.com email anymore as your donation will bounce back. The correct email to now use is: accounting.mhccrc@rogers.com. Thank you!

Attention Congregation: Teaching and discussion on the Lord's Supper - At our next Council Meeting this **Tuesday, March 19**, we'll be starting with a teaching about the Lord's Supper. ***And you're invited!*** From **7:30 pm-8:30 pm** we'll gather together to learn about our practice of Communion.

"Holy Week" Lent culminates in the week of Christ's passion, beginning with the triumphal entry into Jerusalem, to the Last Supper, the crucifixion, and the resurrection of our Lord. This year, we'll celebrate these events together: **Maundy Thursday (March 28)**, at **6:00 pm** – we'll gather in the fellowship hall, eat a simple meal together (e.g. soup and buns), and celebrate the Lord's Supper. **Please speak to Marlene at the church office if you will require a ride to attend.** **Good Friday (March 29)**, at **10:00 am** – a worship service where we'll hear and reflect on the story of the crucifixion of Jesus Christ (bus available) **Easter Sunday (March 31)**, at **10:00 am** – a joyful worship service, including the celebration of the Lord's Supper (bus available).

Community Announcements

Solar Energy Monday March 18 at 7:30 pm: Are you interested in reducing your electricity bill using renewable energy? Join the Ancaster Meadowlands Fellowship CRC Creation Care Team for a discussion on solar energy to learn about how solar panels work, what's involved in getting your own system, how you can use net metering to bank surplus energy, and what would it take to install a system on your church. Presenters will be three people who have been involved in some aspect of solar energy: Henry Brouwer, Larry McClung and Jan van der Woerd. This presentation held at Meadowlands Fellowship (211 Stonehenge Drive, Ancaster) on **Monday March 18 at 7:30 pm** will also be live streamed at <https://vimeo.com/event/385354>. **Questions?** Contact Henry Brouwer (hbrouwer746@gmail.com).

Dutch Easter Hymn Sing- Immanuel CRC and Grace Community CRC invite you to a Nederlandse Paas Zangmiddag on **Good Friday, March 29 at 3 pm** at Grace Community CRC in Ancaster. Sing well known Lent and Easter hymns as well as some of your favourite Dutch Songs of Faith. For more, contact John VanderLaan at 905-648-3170 or Femke Visser-Elenbaas at 289-887-2201.

CRC Announcements

ReFrame Ministries

Groundwork: The Complete Sufficiency Of The Cross - Christ's sacrifice is completely sufficient to satisfy God's wrath, and yet, sometimes we forget. Join Groundwork as we study Isaiah 53:6; Galatians 2:20-21, 3:1-3, 3:24-27, & 6:14-15; and Romans 5:9-11 & 6:1-4 to discuss the source of this truth, how we can keep our fears at bay, and how we can keep a right perspective about our salvation and our deeds. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes. **Kids Corner: The Not-So-Triumphal Entry** - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Ever wonder why Jesus chose to ride a donkey? By selecting a donkey, he declared that he was there to get to work—God's work—and he wasn't threatening anyone. Donkeys aren't flashy. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like KC's Lent and Easter Collection.

ART in Orvieto - Join the Institute for Christian Studies in Italy for their summer residency, ART in Orvieto! ART in Orvieto is an advanced summer studies program in art, religion, and theology located in Orvieto, Italy - a magnificent hill town 90 minutes north of Rome. The program offers an ecumenical exploration of Christian understandings of the arts through a three-week residency designed for practicing artists, art teachers, graduate students, and other adult learners interested in engaging the intersection of art, religion, and theology. Financial aid is also available for graduate students, K-12 school teachers, and professional artists. Visit icscanada.edu/art-in-orvieto to learn more, email recruitment-coordinator@icscanada.edu to learn more - applications are due March 31, 2024 so don't delay!

Thrive

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - What would happen if we all listened to others just as deeply and lovingly as God listens to us? How would that change our family life, our work life, our interactions with our neighbor, or our online presence? Learn more at crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject

Diaconal Ministries Canada

Join the Make it Monthly Initiative - CanadaHelps has incentives to give! - For the entire month of March, CanadaHelps will donate an additional \$20 to Diaconal Ministries for each new monthly donation of \$20 (or more). We want to GROW THE IMPACT of our Diaconal Coach network, allowing them more time to be available for workshops and one-on-one visits with deacons and churches. These new initiatives take extra time and money so we look to generous donors and churches with a diaconal heart to step up and fund these exciting new ventures. For our current monthly donors, CanadaHelps will donate an additional \$10 for donations that are increased by \$10 or more! Your donations help to ensure that deacons across the country are equipped with the tools that they need to support their congregations and the communities they live in. Donate to Diaconal Ministries today - diaconalministries.com/donate-now/

Children's Bulletin

John 12:1-8

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Bethany
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Expensive
 Judas
 Mary
 Worship

Grace
 Lazarus
 Nard

Jerusalem
 Love
 Passover

Volunteer Schedule

| Date | March 17 | March 24 | March 29 Good Friday |
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| Welcome | Ryan Flokstra | Louise Dekker | Neil Roth |
| Music Congregational Prayer | New Shoots | John & Ellen, Alyssa | John, Ellen & Alyssa |
| Open / Close Coffee Duty | Marlene Knevel Ryan & Joy-Hannah Flokstra | Frank & Sandi Buwalda John & Ellen Hunse | Henk & Rita Van Tuyl |
| Sound | Josh Knevel | Frank Buwalda | Ryan Flokstra |
| Streaming Overhead | Rebecca Bootsma Rebecca Bootsma | Justin Knevel Marlene Knevel | Henk Van Tuyl Henk Van Tuyl |
| Library | Louise Dekker | CLOSED | Sandi Buwalda |
| Nursery | Maegan Demik Anita Moelker | Kristen Roth Shae Knevel | Sandi Buwalda Trish Demik |

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

Church Calendar

Monday, March 18

6:30 p.m. - GEMS

Tuesday, March 19

7:30 p.m. - Worship Series - Lord's Supper

8:30 p.m. - Council Meeting

Thursday, March 21

12:00 noon - church announcements due for the bulletin

Sunday, March 24 Palm Sunday

10:00 a.m. - Pastor Joel Bootsma

Offerings: Budget & Calvin Seminary

UPCOMING OFFERING COLLECTIONS

March 29 - Benevolence

March 31 - Budget & Resonate Global Mission

April 7 - Budget & Calvin Christian School

April 14 - Budget & Benevolence

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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 ***