

Mount Hope Community CRC

GEMS Sunday



MOUNT HOPE COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
April 28, 2024 **Pastor Joel Bootsma** **10:00 a.m.**
Music: GEMS / New Shoots

* (please stand if you are able)

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements - Verse of the Month: Isaiah 40:30,31 **Ryan Flokstra**

GATHERING BY GOD'S PRESENCE

* God's Greeting

* Opening Prayer

* Call to Worship - GEMS Litany

* Songs of Praise: **"House of the Lord"**

LUYH #743 "O God, You Are My God"

GROUNDING IN GOD'S GRACE

Time of Confession - 1 John 1:8-9 - GEMS

Prayer

Words of Assurance

Song of Praise: **"Who You Say I Am"**

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

GROWING IN GOD'S LOVE

Prayer of Inspiration - GEMS

Scripture: Matthew 13:1-9

Message: "Rise Up"

Song of Response: **"Rise Up"**

Prayer: Church Family and Community

GOING TO SERVE

Offerings: **Budget & GEMS**

* Sending - the 10 Commandments - GEMS

* Benediction

* Closing Song of Praise: **"Days of Elijah"**

Thank you for joining us this morning!

We welcome all who join us this morning. **Pastor Joel Bootsma** will lead us in worship and **New Shoots** and our **GEMS** in music. We especially welcome our GEMS girls and their families today, we are so thankful you are here! Our offerings are for the **Budget** and **GEMS**. 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: 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

Joan Elzinga's daughter-in-law, **Nancy Elzinga**, suddenly passed away this week. We pray for Joan and Nancy's family as they mourn this great loss. May God sustain them with His peace and comfort during this difficult 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: **May 2 - Julie Winter**

Announcements

In Your Mailbox: Please find a copy of the new Today Booklet in your mailboxes this morning. You can also read the Today booklet online or directly from the Bridge App.

N2N Food Drive: We thank everyone who helped out with our N2N Food Drive. We donated **1170 lbs** of food and toiletry items to N2N. We thank the community of Mt. Hope for their generosity!

GEMS Girls & Families: A reminder to our GEMS girls and their families that we will be having a barbeque lunch following the service. Please remain in the Fellowship Hall and we will serve lunch after a time of Fellowship with the congregation. Thank you!

Worship Series: This **Tuesday, April 30th**, is our last session on worship. We'll review what we've learned and discuss about Lord's Supper, worship space, and music. Then we'll ask the question: what does this mean for Mt. Hope Community CRC? Starts at **7:30 pm**

Attention Congregation! Are you involved with the **audio-visual crew** on Sunday mornings? We're getting together after the service and coffee-fellowship on **Sunday, May 5**. We'll go over what's all involved in the technical part of our Sunday services, and make sure we're all on the same page with sound, 'projection', and livestreaming

You are making a difference! On behalf of the ministries of the Christian Reformed Church in North America, thank you for your gifts to ministry shares. Your support enables congregations to do so much more to further God's Kingdom than any one church could do alone. Our denomination could not impact the world through missions, media, and church development without your incredible and faithful support. Thank you! To discover more visit crcna.org/ministryshares.

Community Announcements

Youth Service in York: You're Invited by the York High School Ministry, as we will be hosting a Classis Hamilton Youth Service here @Maranatha (33 King Avenue, York ON N0A 1R0) on Sunday evening **May 5th** beginning at **6 pm**. Rev. Mark Verbruggen from Grace CRC in Ancaster will be speaking and our Youth Praise Team will be leading us in Praise & Worship!

Christian Education Week at Calvin Christian School (West 5th Campus): CCS is excited to celebrate the blessings of Christian education. We invite family and friends of CCS to join us for our annual Open House which is scheduled for **Thursday, May 9**. Our students and their teachers are excited to showcase the beautiful work that they have created this past school year. We hope that you will join us for this special day. Our doors open at **9:00 a.m.**

Grandparents/Grandfriends Day: The following day, **Friday, May 10**, we invite the grandparents or grandfriends of our students to join us for an afternoon of performance and fellowship. This special day begins at **12:30 p.m.** with a coffee/tea social time. At **1:00 p.m.**, our students will showcase their talents via musical presentations. At **2:00 p.m.**, our special guests will have the opportunity to visit the classrooms and connect with their loved ones. We look forward to welcoming you to CCS!

CRC Announcements

Resonate Global Mission

There's Still Time to Double Your Impact - You can help join God's mission and spread the gospel by supporting Resonate Global Mission. From now through April 30, a generous donor will match your gift dollar for dollar—visit www.resonateglobalmission.org/double to find out more! Give while your gift will go twice as far!

ReFrame Ministries

Pastor Darrell Delaney Answers Your Questions - Pastor Darrell Delaney, co-host of Groundwork and author of the Today devotions for April 2024, will be answering your questions about how God's word addresses life's practical challenges in a live webinar on May 2, 2024 at 12:30 EDT. Post your question and sign up for the webinar at connect.reframeministries.org/answers

Kids Corner: Push Pause - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Rest can take many forms. As long as we slow down, pay attention, and enjoy God's blessings, we receive the benefits of rest. Try it! Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like The Spring Scavenger Hunt, and go for a hike!

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. Subscribe for regular email updates and connect with our Family Fire community on Facebook.

Groundwork: Our Hearts and God's Character in Nahum and Zephaniah - Nahum and Zephaniah urge God's people to examine their hearts and act in ways that honor God and reflect his character. Join our Groundwork conversation as we study Nahum 1-3 and Zephaniah 1-3 to remember that God longs for our repentant hearts and for us to live as his ambassadors bringing justice, transformation, and reconciliation to this world. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Thrive

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - Pastor Rich Villodas observed, "Prayer is not about throwing holy words at God to see what sticks; it is, rather, entrance to a new way of seeing reality, the opening of ourselves to God's presence, and an act that trains us in love." Learn more at crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject

World Renew

Share Christ's Hope Through the Gift of Improved Health - According to the World Health Organization's most recent global maternal mortality report, every day almost 800 women die from preventable causes related to pregnancy and childbirth—95 percent of these deaths occur in the Global South. In two weeks, join World Renew for Women of Hope Sunday and discover how through your gift you can help provide training in proper health practices to new and expectant mothers, so they can better protect their health and the health of their children. For more information go to: worldrenew.ca/womenofhope

CRC Communications

Please pray for Synod 2024! - We need everyone to be involved. The theme for synod worship and prayer is God With Us. You can sign up to pray on your own, with your church or small group, or at Calvin University in June. Check out the many opportunities at crcna.org/synod/prayer and join us in humble prayer for God's will to be done in the CRC. Email SynodPrayer@crcna.org with your questions or comments.

The Life of Esther

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GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY	NEVER MENTIONED	KING AHASUERUS	INTERVENTION
QUEEN VASHTI	PERSIAN NAME	PREPARATION	DELIVERANCE
THREE DAYS	AMALEKITES	PROVIDENCE	FEAR GOD
MORDECAI	HADASSAH	BENJAMIN	ORPHAN
MYRTLE	ESTHER	HAMAN	PRAYS
FAST	AGAG	STAR	GOD

Volunteer Schedule

Date	April 28 GEMS Sunday	May 5	May 12 Mother's Day
Welcome	Ryan Flokstra	Rien Bassie	Louise Dekker
Music Congregational Prayer	New Shoots	Mt. Hope Praise Team	John & Ellen, Alyssa Len Moelker
Open / Close Coffee Duty	Shae Knevel John & Trish Demik	Marlene Knevel Doug & Louise Dekker	Frank & Sandi Buwalda John & Ellen Hunse
Sound	Rebecca Bootsma	Joshua Knevel	Frank Buwalda
Streaming Overhead	Mark Demik Louise Dekker	Henk Van Tuyl Henk Van Tuyl	Justin Knevel Marlene Knevel
Library	Louise Dekker	CLOSED	Sandi Buwalda
Nursery	Sandi Buwalda Trish Demik	Maegan Demik Eileen Nagtegaal	Rebecca Bootsma Marlene Knevel

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

Church Calendar

Tuesday, April 30

7:30 p.m. - Worship Series Final Night

Thursday, May 2

12:00 noon - church announcements due for the bulletin

Sunday, May 5

10:00 a.m. - Pastor Joel Bootsma

Offerings: Budget & Diaconal Ministries

Canadian NewGround

AV/TECH Meeting following the service

UPCOMING OFFERING COLLECTIONS

May 12 - Budget & Benevolence

May 19 - Budget & World Renew - Women of Hope

May 26 - Budget & Missionaries

June 2 - Budget & Neighbour to Neighbour

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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 ***