

Mount Hope Community
Christian Reformed Church

Psalm 143:8-10

8 Let me hear in the morning of your
steadfast love,
for in you I trust.

Make me know the way I should go,
for to you I lift up my soul.

9 Deliver me from my enemies, O Lord!
I have fled to you for refuge.

10 Teach me to do your will,
for you are my God!

Let your good Spirit lead me
on level ground!

MOUNT HOPE COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

August 17, 2025 10:00 a.m.

Pastor: Joel Bootsma

Music: Praise Team

(please stand if you are able)

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Welcome & Announcements Verse of the Month: Psalm 143:8 **Sandi Buwalda**

GATHERING BY GOD'S PRESENCE

* God's Greeting & Opening Prayer

* Call to Worship

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

LUYH #574 "How Great is Our God"

GROUNDING IN GRACE - Baptism

The Promises of God

Baptism of Parker Neil Roth

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

Prayer: Church Family and Community

GROWING IN GOD'S LOVE

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

Scripture: Judges 13:1-5; 13:25-14:20

Sermon: **"Going it Alone—the Story of Samson"**

*Song of Response: **LUYH #693 "Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"**

GOING TO SERVE

Offerings: **Budget & World Renew**

* Sending: The Apostles' Creed

* Benediction

* Closing Song of Praise: **PsH #641 "Threefold Amen"**

Thank you for joining us this morning!

We welcome all who join us this morning. **Pastor Joel** will lead us in worship and the **Praise Team** in music ministry. A special welcome to the family and friends of Neil and Kristen Roth, as we celebrate the baptism today of Parker Neil. We pray for God's blessing on the Roth family as they raise their new son. Our offerings are for the **Budget** and **World Renew**. 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.



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 on hiatus for the summer months. There are colouring pages and activity sheets at the entrance of the Sanctuary by the bulletins for your children. Younger children are also welcome to attend in the nursery.

Church Family

Birthdays/Anniversaries this week: We congratulate the following members who will celebrate their birthdays or anniversaries this week. May you be blessed and have a special day with your family and friends.

August 20 - Justin Liddicoat

Fall Fair and BBQ: Our Fall Fair is coming up on **Saturday, September 13th** from **11 to 1 p.m.** Please be sure to look in your mailboxes for a volunteer form so that you can let us know how you can best help us out for this annual event. (Also extra forms by the bulletins in the sanctuary) Please return the forms by **Sunday, August 31st**. Thank you so much and we look forward to hosting this for our Mt. Hope Community.

Community Announcements

The wheels on the bus are starting to go round-and-round! Join the nine teams made up of fifty-six walkers for **The Grand Parade, at Shalom Manor, on Saturday, September 20th**! Funds raised will be used towards a wheelchair accessible bus. This resident suggested request will allow them to safely go on more outings to local parks, shopping, bowling, the Mum Show and more! Check out the following link: [Grimsby \(Shalom Manor\) - The Grand Parade 2025](#) to see how you can get those wheels moving!

CRC Announcements

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner Devotions: God's Grand Story: The Boy with the Supersized Supper - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "God's Grand Story: The Boy with the Supersized Supper," at www.kidscorner.net. In today's Bible story, a boy thought that what he had was not enough. But like him, you will be surprised by what God can do with our "not-enoughs". Thank God for being the God of abundance. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like the Kids Corner Bible Story Podcast Series.

Thrive

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - In his book *Just Mercy*, Bryan Stevenson writes, "The true measure of our character is how we treat the poor, the disfavored, the accused, the incarcerated, and the condemned. We are all implicated when we allow other people to be mistreated." These words speak directly to the heart of Micah 6:8. As you go through this week, focus on aligning your actions with those of the one who seeks justice in all spaces. Note down your observations at the end of the week, and consider what your daily practice can become moving forward. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

Get Involved with Generation Spark - Generation Spark offers hands-on coaching, practical strategies, and extensive support to help all generations form meaningful relationships that result in sustained, lifelong faith. We invite you to learn more about what it might look like for your church to invest in intergenerational mentoring! Informational webinars are offered on August 21, 7:30pm ET or September 11, 11:30am ET. Register here: shorturl.at/d7DEO

Diaconal Ministries Canada

Moving Forward in Faith Conference Is Back! - Diaconal Ministries Canada and Resonate Global Mission are once again hosting the "Moving Forward in Faith Conference", happening November 14 & 15, 2025, at King's Christian Collegiate in Oakville, ON. This year's theme is The Church Released. Our plenary speaker is Canadian author and justice advocate, Danielle Strickland. Workshops promise to be practical and helpful, covering topics like prayer, mission, ministry for youth and young adults, and more. An optional bus tour will also be available -- go and see local ministry in action! We highly recommend coming with your entire ministry team! REGISTRATION WILL OPEN IN EARLY SEPTEMBER. Save these dates and get your team ready to attend. More info is on the event website: <https://www.resonateglobalmission.org/moving-forward-faith>

Calvin University

Calvin University 150th Anniversary Events - Calvin University is celebrating its 150th anniversary and you're invited to join us in marking the occasion all year long! Check the calvin.edu/150 website for details on many events going on at Calvin throughout the anniversary year. Some ways we're celebrating include Celebration Weeks on campus, Calvin On-the-Road events to 30 cities, an Anniversary Worship Celebration in March 2026, and a 150th Anniversary Hymn Text Contest.

The Banner

Support The Banner Magazine - The Banner's annual fundraising campaign continues! More than just an award-winning magazine, The Banner is a journalistic ministry dedicated to informing, inspiring, and connecting our CRC community. Available to you in both print and online, this vital resource is made possible by the generous support of individuals like you. Help meet the ambitious \$500,000 goal for the 2025 campaign by giving today! thebanner.org/donate

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Valley of Sorek	twenty years	Philistines	barehanded	Timnath
jawbone	mocked	strong	riddle	Manoah
Judges	Samson	locks	seven	weave
ropes	angel	foxes	weak	lion
hair	Gaza	Dan		

Volunteer Schedule

Date	August 17	August 24	August 31
Welcome	Sandi Buwalda	Len Moelker	Anita Moelker
Music	Praise Team	Marleah Wiersma	Linda Geerts
Congregational Prayer			Len Moelker
Open / Close	Frank & Sandi	Doug & Eileen	Shae-Lynn Knevel
Coffee Duty	Buwalda	Nagtegaal	Bob & Trudy de Haan
	Doug & Louise Dekker	Len & Anita Moelker	
Sound	Frank Buwalda	Rebecca Bootsma	Josh Knevel
Streaming	Henk Van Tuyl	Meagan Demik	Mark Demik
Overhead	Henk Van Tuyl	Louise Dekker	Marlene Knevel
Nursery	Kathy Turkstra	Eileen Nagtegaal	Kristen Roth
	Shae Knevel	Marlene Knevel	Trish Demik

If you are unable to fulfill one of your scheduled duties, we ask that you please find your own replacement. Thank you.

Church Calendar

Monday, August 18

7:30 p.m. - COA Meeting

Tuesday, August 19

All Day - Rental in Fellowship Hall

10:00 a.m. - Worship Committee Meeting

7:00 p.m. - CST Meeting

Wednesday, August 20

8:00 a.m. - Men's Breakfast
(Egg & I Upper James)

Thursday, August 21

12:00 noon - Bulletin Announcements due at the church office

Sunday, August 24

10:00 a.m. - Pastor Joel Bootsma

Offerings: Budget & Diaconal Ministries

2:00 p.m. - Flokstra Baby Shower

SCHEDULED OFFERING COLLECTIONS

August 31 - Budget & SoCo Beach Project

September 7 - Budget & N2N

September 14 - Budget & Benevolence

September 21 - Budget & HDCH

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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 of feet of Christ to each other and our community

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