

# Mount Hope Community Christian Reformed Church

## **My Help and My Deliverer**

To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David.

**40** I waited patiently for the LORD;  
he inclined to me and heard my cry.

<sup>2</sup> He drew me up from the pit of destruction,  
out of the miry bog,  
and set my feet upon a rock,  
making my steps secure.

<sup>3</sup> He put a new song in my mouth,  
a song of praise to our God.  
Many will see and fear,  
and put their trust in the LORD.

<sup>6</sup> In sacrifice and offering you have not delighted,  
but you have given me an open ear.<sup>[a]</sup>  
Burnt offering and sin offering  
you have not required.

<sup>7</sup> Then I said, "Behold, I have come;  
in the scroll of the book it is written of me:

<sup>8</sup> I delight to do your will, O my God;  
your law is within my heart."

<sup>17</sup> As for me, I am poor and needy,  
but the Lord takes thought for me.  
You are my help and my deliverer;  
do not delay, O my God!

MOUNT HOPE COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

**August 24, 2025 10:00 a.m.**

**Pastor:** Joel Bootsma

**Music:** Marleah Wiersma

( please stand if you are able)

***Psalm 40:1-3, 6-8, 17***

Welcome & Announcements Verse of the Month: Psalm 143:8 **Len Moelker**

**GATHERING BY GOD'S PRESENCE**

\* God's Greeting & Opening Prayer

\* Call to Worship

\* Songs of Praise: **PsH #239 "Amid the Thronging Worshipers"**

**GROUNDING IN GRACE**

Time of Confession

Song of Confession: **PsH #287:1,2,3 "Have Thine Own Way, Lord"**

Words of Assurance

Song: **PsH #287:4 "Have Thine Own Way, Lord"**

Prayer: Church Family and Community

Song: **PsH #547:1,3 "Fill Thou My Life, O Lord, My God"**

**GROWING IN GOD'S LOVE**

Scripture: Ruth 1

Sermon: "Hope of a Harvest"

\*Song of Response: **PsH #479 "I Will Sing of My Redeemer"**

**GOING TO SERVE**

Offerings: **Budget & Diaconal Ministries**

\* Sending:

\* Benediction

\* Closing Song of Praise: **PsH #320 "Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"**

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

We welcome all who join us this morning. **Pastor Joel** will lead us in worship and **Marleah Wiersma** in music ministry. Our offerings are for the **Budget** and **Diaconal Ministries**. 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](mailto: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](http://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

We congratulate **Adam Jay** and **Amanda Demik** who will be married this coming Saturday, **August 30th**. May God bless you both as you begin this new chapter in your lives!

**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 25 - Doug Dekker**

**August 26 - Meagan Demik**

**August 29 - Ann Koning**

### **Staff Vacations:**

Please note that **Marlene** will be off from **Wednesday, August 27th - Monday, September 2nd**.

Please email any church bulletin announcements to the office email address:

[office.mhccrc@rogers.com](mailto:office.mhccrc@rogers.com), as usual.

**Pastor Joel** will be on vacation from **Saturday, August 30th - Sunday, September 7th**. If a pastoral situation should arise during that time please contact your district elder or call the church office.

## Announcements

**Fall Fair and BBQ:** Our Fall Fair is coming up on **Saturday, September 13th** from **11 to 1 p.m.** There is a volunteer form in your mailboxes, please review it and 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 20<sup>th</sup>**! 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

### Thrive

**Thrive Faith Formation Tip** - In the book *Unsettling Truths*, theologian and professor Soong-Chan Rah writes: “Repentance is not just sorrow and confession, it is the turning around of wrong behavior towards right and just action. Repentance from sinful corporate behavior therefore requires systemic change.” Write down how you are going to pair your acts of repentance from “sinful corporate behaviors,” like racism, with acts of systemic change this week. Brought to you by Thrive: [crcna.org/Thrive](http://crcna.org/Thrive)

### ReFrame Ministries

**Kids Corner Devotions:** School -- Do It With All Your Might - Check out this week’s kids’ devotion, “School -- Do It With All Your Might” at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). A new school year can feel exciting and a little scary, and that’s okay! Whatever you do—learning, helping, or being kind—do your best like you're doing it for God, and he’ll help you along the way. Check out all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net), like the Kids Corner Bible Story Podcast Series.

### Calvin University

**Hymn Text Contest** - Calvin University will host an Anniversary Worship Celebration in honor of its 150th year on Sunday, March 29, 2026, at the Calvin University Covenant Fine Arts Center for community worship. You can help us celebrate by participating in our 150th Anniversary Hymn

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Text Contest! The planning committee invites hymnwriters to submit a hymn text to be sung at the worship service; submissions must be sent via email by November 1, 2025. The winner of this contest will receive a \$1,500 award.

### **CRC Communications, Thrive**

**Prayer for Our Immigrant Neighbors** - Over the past few months, many Christian Reformed Church leaders and members have been deeply impacted by the increased immigration enforcement activities taking place across the United States. We are asking every CRC congregation to set aside a special time of prayer for our immigrant brothers and sisters during worship on Sunday, Sept. 7. All congregations and members are also invited to join a virtual prayer vigil on Wednesday, Sept. 10 at 7:00 p.m. EST at [youtube.com/crcna](https://www.youtube.com/crcna)

### **World Renew**

**Hope Beyond the Headlines** - Media outlets often move on quickly after covering the initial impacts of conflict, natural disasters, and other devastating events—leaving behind stories of loss, displacement, and communities struggling with hunger, poverty, and hopelessness. Yet God's promise in Jeremiah 29:11 reminds us that He has plans for a hope and a future. World Renew, together with our Christian partners and as a member of the Integral Alliance, continues to walk alongside communities long after the cameras are gone—helping restore hope and rebuild lives. Now participating in the third Neglected Crises campaign, World Renew is calling for collective action to support people affected by long-term, complex, and overlooked crises—in Madagascar, Sudan, Haiti, and beyond. Your gift can help extend God's hope to places where suffering persists long after public attention fades. Learn more or give today at: [worldrenew.ca/globalfoodcrisis](https://worldrenew.ca/globalfoodcrisis)

# Ruth and Naomi

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Kinsman Redeemer  
 Gleaning  
 Wedding  
 Israel  
 Savior  
 Boaz  
 Ruth

Bethlehem  
 Marriage  
 Custom  
 Orpah  
 Jesus  
 Lord  
 Shoe

Elimelech  
 Harvest  
 Hebrew  
 Reward  
 Naomi  
 Obed

## Volunteer Schedule

Date	August 24	August 31	September 7
<b>Welcome</b>	Len Moelker	Anita Moelker	Shae Knevel
<b>Music</b>	Marleah Wiersma	Linda Geerts	Praise Team
<b>Congregational Prayer</b>		Len Moelker	John Demik
<b>Open / Close</b>	Doug & Eileen	Shae-Lynn Knevel	Henk & Rita Van Tuyl
<b>Coffee Duty</b>	Nagtegaal	Bob & Trudy de Haan	Neil & Kristen Roth
	Len & Anita Moelker		
<b>Sound</b>	Rebecca Bootsma	Josh Knevel	Frank Buwalda
<b>Streaming</b>	Meagan Demik	Mark Demik	Henk Van Tuyl
<b>Overhead</b>	Louise Dekker	Marlene Knevel	Henk Van Tuyl
<b>Nursery</b>	Eileen Nagtegaal	Kristen Roth	Alyssa Tisch
	Marlene Knevel	Trish Demik	Sandi Buwalda

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

## Church Calendar

### **Tuesday, August 26**

7:30 p.m. - Elder's Meeting

### **Wednesday, August 27**

Marlene on vacation - September 2nd  
Afternoon/Evening Rental

### **Thursday, August 28**

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

### **Saturday, August 30**

3:00 p.m. - Demik/Jay Wedding  
- Pastor Joel vacation - September 8th

### **Sunday, August 31**

10:00 a.m. - Rev. Andre Basson

Offerings: Budget & SoCo Beach Project

### **SCHEDULED OFFERING COLLECTIONS**

September 7 - Budget & N2N

September 14 - Budget & Benevolence

September 21 - Budget & HDCH

September 28 - Budget & Seafarers

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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 \*\**