

Mount Hope Community
Christian Reformed Church

Psalm 39:4-7

- 4 “O Lord, make me know my end
and what is the measure of my days;
let me know how fleeting I am!
- 5 Behold, you have made my days a few hand-
breadths, and my lifetime is as nothing before
you.
Surely all mankind stands as a mere breath!
- 6 Surely a man goes about as a shadow!
Surely for nothing they are in turmoil;
man heaps up wealth and does not know who
will gather!
- 7 “And now, O Lord, for what do I wait?
My hope is in you.
- 11 When you discipline a man
with rebukes for sin,
you consume like a moth what is dear to him;
surely all mankind is a mere breath!
- 12 “Hear my prayer, O Lord,
and give ear to my cry;
hold not your peace at my tears!

MOUNT HOPE COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

September 14, 2025 10:00 a.m.

Pastor: Joel Bootsma

Music: Marleah Wiersma

(please stand if you are able)

Psalm 39:4-7, 11-12a

Welcome & Announcements Verse of the Month: Psalm 55:22 **Doug Nagtegaal**

GATHERING BY GOD'S PRESENCE

* God's Greeting & Opening Prayer

* Call to Worship

* Song of Praise: **PsH #460 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"**

Offerings: **Budget & Benevolence**

GROUNDED IN GRACE

Time of Confession

Song of Confession: **LUYH #623 "God, Be Merciful to Me"**

Words of Assurance

Children dismissed for Children's Ministry

Prayer: Church Family and Community

LUYH #755 "Speak, O Lord"

GROWING IN GOD'S LOVE

Scripture: Ruth 3:1-9, 4:13-22

Sermon: "There is a Redeemer"

*Song of Response: **LUYH #568 "I Will Sing of My Redeemer"**

Lord's Supper

GOING TO SERVE

* Sending

* Benediction

* Closing Song of Praise: **LUYH #927 "God, the Father of Your People"**

Thank you for joining us this morning!

We welcome all who join us this morning. **Pastor Joel Bootsma** will lead us in worship and **Mar-leah Wiersma** in music ministry. Our offerings are for the **Budget** and **Benevolence**. 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 celebrating the Lord's Supper this morning. All those who are baptized and are truly sorry for their sins, who believe in Jesus, and desire to live an abundant, *godly* life, ought to accept the invitation to come with gladness to the table of their Lord. If you are visiting with us and have children who are accustomed to partaking in the Supper with you, know that you are welcome to continue that practice here.

To others among us, we are grateful you are here! If you feel you cannot partake in the Lord's Supper this morning, perhaps pray or reflect on these words (based on Psalm 139) during communion: "Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting."



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

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.

September 14 - Doug Nagtegaal

September 17 - Joy-Hannah Flokstra

Change of Address: Please note **Kate Bootsma's** address in your directories: 451 Herald St. Victoria BC V8W 3N8 **Email:** kate@bootsma.ca

Mount Hope Alpha Program: We are excited that our church will be starting another Alpha Program this fall! Alpha is a place to explore the Christian faith with others. Each session has time for connection, a talk, and space to discuss and ask questions. We encourage you to join, and to invite your friends to hear the gospel and explore a relationship with Jesus. You can even attend with them! This program will be starting **Wednesday October 1st at 6:30 pm** and will meet each Wednesday for 11 weeks. Each session will begin with dinner for everyone, then watching one part of a video series, followed up by a conversation, where we discuss the topics in the video. At some point in November will be a special weekend study retreat, and the whole program will conclude in the month of December. Take this opportunity to grow your faith and invite people in your lives whom you feel have the desire to learn more about Jesus. Mark and Christina Demik are helping to coordinate this series, if you have questions or want to participate, please reach out to them.

Community Announcements

"A Concert of Thanksgiving" - An evening with the Meadowlands Community Choir, directed by Rabekah Wiseman, the Meadowlands Salvation Army Corps Band directed by Ron Heintzman along with John VanderLaan at the organ. **Saturday, October 18 at 7:00 pm.** A wonderful musical evening for choir, organ and brass and as well as audience participation. This event will support the work of the Salvation Army as well as Grace CCRC as they help those in need. Tickets are only \$10 , available from John Vanderlaan or at the door. You can also reserve them by emailing John at john_vdl@hotmail.com For info call 905-648-3170.

CRC Announcements

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner Devotions: Baking With God - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Baking With God" at www.kidscorner.net. In the devotion story today, a good time for prayer was when the family spent time baking bread. Each of us has different routines, so when is the best time for you to pray? Maybe it's when you ride your bike to school or when you spend time building Lego. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net

Groundwork: Be A Disciple of Jesus Christ - Many Christians have questions about following Jesus. Join Groundwork as we study 1 Timothy 4:7-8, 1 Peter 2:2-5, and 1 Timothy 2:1-3 to help us define discipleship, understand what this means for the lives of his disciples today, and discover the importance of community on our journey. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Moving Forward in Faith Conference - Diaconal Ministries Canada and Resonate Global Mission are pleased to bring back this conference on November 14-15 at King's Christian Collegiate in Oakville, ON. With a range of dynamic workshops and keynote speaker Danielle Strickland (daniellestrickland.com), this conference will equip you with practical skills and spiritual insights to better serve your neighbours and local community. Why not bring your whole leadership team, and save and grow together? This year we are adding a 25% group discount for churches sending 5 or more members. Contact Conference Organizer Joan Brady, at jbrady@crcna.org for your special discount code. Workshop descriptions and registration information are now available on the event website: <https://www.resonateglobalmission.org/moving-forward-faith>. We can't wait to see you there!

Thrive

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - This week is Mission Emphasis Week in the Christian Reformed Church, a time to think about God's mission to restore and renew his broken creation through Jesus Christ (see Rev. 21:1-4). It is also a time to renew our participation in that mission by supporting missionaries nearby and far away and by creating our own descriptions of God's mission—a few sentences that describe what God is doing and why we are glad he's doing it. Practice sharing your sentences with one another, and then look for opportunities to share them with others! Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

Other

McMaster University Students - Looking for a place to grow in your faith? Check out All Things Fellowship — McMaster University's campus ministry! Whether you're just starting at Mac or returning for another year, we'd love to welcome you into our community. Join us for our Welcome BBQ Sunday, September 14th. Come hungry and bring a friend to hang out, meet the crew, and hear what we're all about. Stay connected for updates, events, and encouragement throughout the year: Instagram ([instagram.com/allthingscrc_mcmaster/](https://www.instagram.com/allthingscrc_mcmaster/)) or Facebook Group ([facebook.com/groups/138194172911322](https://www.facebook.com/groups/138194172911322)). Everyone is welcome! Dr. Michael D. Fallon

World Renew

Support Earthquake Survivors in Afghanistan - Thousands of families are still experiencing urgent need from the devastating 6.0 magnitude earthquake that struck Afghanistan on August 31, followed by multiple aftershocks across remote, mountainous regions in several eastern provinces. More than 2,200 lives have been lost, and entire villages have been levelled—leaving families without shelter as winter approaches. We pray for God's comfort for grieving families, healing for the injured, and provision for those displaced. World Renew is responding to meet urgent needs among the most vulnerable. Please give generously at worldrenew.ca/afghanistan-earthquake or by calling 1-888-975-3769. Let us stand together to extend God's hope to families impacted by this disaster.

Ruth 3

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planning	marriage	kindness	kingdom
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Jesus	empty	Ruth	risk

Volunteer Schedule

Date	September 14	September 21	September 28
Welcome	Doug Nagtegaal	Mark Demik	Doug Dekker
Music	Marleah Wiersma	Praise Team	Joel Bootsma
Congregational Prayer			
Open / Close	Marlene Knevel	Doug & Eileen Nagtegaal	Frank & Sandi Buwalda
Coffee Duty	Alex & Maegan Demik	Eric & Alyssa Tisch	Mark & Christina Demik
Sound	Rebecca Bootsma	Josh Knevel	Frank Buwalda
Streaming	Jack Demik	Rebecca Bootsma	Meagan Demik
Overhead	Jack Demik	Rebecca Bootsma	Louise Dekker
Nursery	Marlene Knevel Louise Dekker	Anita Moelker Shae Knevel	Rebecca Bootsma Kristen Roth

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, September 16

7:30 p.m. - Elders' Meeting

Wednesday, September 17

8:00 a.m. - Men's Breakfast

7:00 p.m. - GEMS Meeting

Thursday, September 18

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

Sunday, September 21

10:00 a.m. - Pastor Joel Bootsma

Offerings: Budget & HDCH

SCHEDULED OFFERING COLLECTIONS

September 28 - Budget & Seafarers

October 5 - Budget & Diaconal Ministries

October 12 - Budget & World Renew / Free a Family

October 19 - Budget & Indwell

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Chairman of Deacons: Doug Nagtegaal

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 ***