



*Blessed is he whose transgressions  
are forgiven, whose sins are  
covered. Ps. 32:1*

MT. HOPE COMMUNITY  
CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

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**September 7, 2025 10:00 a.m.**

**Pastor:** Dr. Syd Hielema

**Music:** Mt. Hope Praise Team

( please stand if you are able)

Welcome & Announcements Verse of the Month: Psalm 55:22 **Shae Knevel**

**GATHERING BY GOD'S PRESENCE**

\* God's Greeting & Opening Prayer

\* Call to Worship

\* Song of Praise: **LUYH #526 "Come, Now is the Time to Worship"**

**GROUNDING IN GRACE**

Time of Confession

Song of Confession: **"Lord, I Need You"**

Words of Assurance

Song: **LUYH #709 "Jesus Loves Me"**

Prayer: Church Family and Community

**John Demik**

**GROWING IN GOD'S LOVE**

Scripture: Psalm 23

Sermon: "Following the Shepherd"

\*Song of Response: **LUYH #660 "Jesus, Draw Me Ever Nearer"**

**GOING TO SERVE**

Offerings: **Budget & Neighbour to Neighbour**

\* Sending

\* Benediction

\* Closing Song of Praise: **LUYH #947 "We Receive Your Blessing"**

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

We welcome all who join us this morning. **Dr. Syd Hielema** will lead us in worship as Pastor Joel is on vacation and the **Praise Team** in music ministry. Our offerings are for the **Budget** and **Neighbour to Neighbour**. 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](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 and will begin again on Sunday, September 14th. 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.

**September 8 - Rebecca Bootsma**

**September 13 - Effie Visser**

**September 14 - Doug Nagtegaal**

**In Your Mailbox:** For those who do not receive a copy via email or digitally, there will be a copy of the July Treasurer's Statement in your mailboxes.

**Verse of the Month:** We are learning a new Verse of the Month for September. There is a bookmark included in this bulletin as well as extra copies at the back of the sanctuary by the weekly bulletins. **Psalm 55:22 "Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you; He will never let the righteous be shaken."**

**Fall Fair and BBQ:** The Fall Fair & BBQ will take place **this Saturday** from **11 a.m. to 1 p.m.** We still need volunteers so please let Marlene know if you can help out. Those who have already volunteered will get their schedule early in the coming week. Thank you everyone!

## Community Announcements

**Young Adults Kickoff BBQ:** Maranatha CRC in York is excited to launch a new season of Young Adults with a Kickoff BBQ on **Monday, September 8 at 7:00 PM** at 671 Concession 14 Townsend, Waterford. This evening will be a time to share food, connect with others, play some yard games, and enjoy a bonfire. Whether you've been part of the group before or are just curious to check it out, you'll find a place to belong! All young adults (ages 18–30) are welcome — and don't forget to bring a friend!

***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!

**McMaster University Students** - Looking for a place to grow in your faith, meet amazing people, and enjoy some good food and conversation? Come 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. The first All Things Fellowship Night is on Wednesday, Sept. 4. Kick off the year with worship, discussion, and friends — both new and familiar! Welcome BBQ Sunday, September 14th. Come hungry and bring a friend! It's a great chance to hang out, meet the crew, and hear what we're all about. Stay connected. Follow us for updates, events, and encouragement throughout the year: Instagram ([instagram.com/allthingscrc\\_mcmaster/](https://www.instagram.com/allthingscrc_mcmaster/)) Facebook Group ([facebook.com/groups/138194172911322](https://www.facebook.com/groups/138194172911322)). Everyone is welcome! Dr. Michael D. Fallon <[fallonm@mcmaster.ca](mailto:fallonm@mcmaster.ca)>

## CRC Announcements

### **Resonate Global Mission**

**Moving Forward in Faith** Conference - Join us Friday, November 14 & Saturday, November 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. Over 30 workshops to choose from! Each promises 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! REGISTRATION WILL OPEN IN EARLY SEPTEMBER. Save these dates and get a team from your church ready to attend and be inspired. More info here: <https://www.resonateglobalmission.org/moving-forward-faith>

**Indigenous Ministry Hearts Exchanged** - It's back to school -- regardless of what age you are, what do you want to learn this year? If you answered 'more about reconciliation' consider joining a Hearts Exchanged cohort to walk alongside others interested in reconciliation. Learn more at: [crc-na.org/hearts-exchanged](http://crc-na.org/hearts-exchanged)

**ReFrame Ministries**

**Kids Corner Devotions:** Praying for Our Enemies - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Praying for Our Enemies" at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). In Matthew 5, Jesus preaches the Sermon on the Mount. He wanted people to know how to treat one another and show love the way he loves. He even wants us to show love and kindness to those we think of as our enemies because God cares about and provides for everyone. Check out all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net), like the classic "Liz and Friends" podcast!

**Groundwork:** Living as Citizens of God's Kingdom Now - We've learned that Jesus brought God's kingdom near -- so near, in fact, it's within us. Join Groundwork as we study Matthew 6:9-13, Romans 14:17, Micah 4:1-5, Matthew 25:35-40, Philippians 2:5-8, Acts 2:42-47, Revelation 11:15, and 1 Corinthians 15:58 to learn what it means and looks like for us to live in God's kingdom here and now, even when we can't fully see it. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

**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 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. Find details at [calvin.edu/150/hymn-contest](http://calvin.edu/150/hymn-contest)

**CRC Heritage Fund Happy Grandparents Day!** - Today we celebrate grandparents! On this special day, consider how you might extend your legacy—whether by setting up a trust or including a charitable gift in your will. If you haven't taken that step yet, the CRC offers resources to guide you. Learn more about planned giving at [crcna.org/foundation](http://crcna.org/foundation).

**Thrive Thrive Faith Formation Tip** - A new school season has begun. The rhythms and activities of a new school year can make it challenging to include space for God in your everyday family life. One way you can do that is by reviewing the "highs and lows" of your day, giving thanks for God's many blessings and asking for God's presence in the midst of hard situations. See Everyday Family Faith ([FaithAliveResources.org](http://FaithAliveResources.org)) for more ways to make time for God with your family. Brought to you by Thrive: [crcna.org/Thrive](http://crcna.org/Thrive)

**World Renew Help Families Affected by the Afghanistan Earthquake** - On August 31, a magnitude 6.0 earthquake struck Afghanistan, killing more than 1,400 people and injuring more than 3,000 people. World Renew is planning a response to bring emergency assistance to vulnerable families affected by this disaster. Please join us in prayer for Afghanistan and give generously to help earthquake survivors at [worldrenew.ca/afghanistan-earthquake](http://worldrenew.ca/afghanistan-earthquake), by calling 1-888-975-3769, or by mailing a cheque made out to World Renew, with "Afghanistan Earthquake 2025" in the memo line, to: 3475 Mainway, PO Box 5070 STN LCD 1, Burlington, ON L7R 3Y8.

# Psalm 23

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Overflows	Strength	Darkness	Shepherd	Goodness
Welcome	Protect	Forever	Enemies	Banquet
Anoint	Sheep	Psalm	Leads	House
Guide	Grass	David	Path	King
Fear				

## Volunteer Schedule

Date	September 7	September 14	September 21
<b>Welcome</b>	Shae Knevel	Doug Nagtegaal	Mark Demik
<b>Music</b>	Praise Team	Marleah Wiersma	Praise Team
<b>Congregational Prayer</b>	John Demik		
<b>Open / Close</b>	Henk & Rita Van Tuyl	Marlene Knevel	Doug & Eileen Nagtegaal
<b>Coffee Duty</b>	Neil & Kristen Roth	Alex & Maegan Demik	Eric & Alyssa Tisch
<b>Sound</b>	Frank Buwalda	Rebecca Bootsma	Josh Knevel
<b>Streaming Overhead</b>	Henk Van Tuyl Henk Van Tuyl	Jack Demik Jack Demik	Rebecca Bootsma Rebecca Bootsma
<b>Nursery</b>	Alyssa Tisch Sandi Buwalda	Rebecca Bootsma Shae Knevel	Anita Moelker Louise Dekker

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 9**

7:30 p.m. - Council Meeting

### **Thursday, September 11**

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

### **Saturday, September 13**

11 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Fall Fair & BBQ

### **Sunday, September 14 (Lord's Supper)**

10:00 a.m. - Pastor Joel Bootsma

Offerings: Budget & Benevolence

### **SCHEDULED OFFERING COLLECTIONS**

September 21 - Budget & HDCH

September 28 - Budget & Seafarers

October 5 - Budget & Diaconal Ministries

October 12 - Budget & World Renew / Free a Family

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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 \*\**