

Mount Hope Community Christian Reformed Church

Psalm 22

Why Have You Forsaken Me?

To the choirmaster: according to The Doe of the Dawn. A Psalm of David.

1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?

2 O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer,
and by night, but I find no rest.

3 Yet you are holy,
enthroned on the praises of Israel.

4 In you our fathers trusted;
they trusted, and you delivered them.

5 To you they cried and were rescued;
in you they trusted and were not put to shame.

6 But I am a worm and not a man,
scorned by mankind and despised by the people.

7 All who see me mock me;
they make mouths at me; they wag their heads;

8 "He trusts in the LORD; let him deliver him;
let him rescue him, for he delights in him!"

11 Be not far from me,
for trouble is near,
and there is none to help.

23 You who fear the LORD, praise him!
All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him,
and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

24 For he has not despised or abhorred
the affliction of the afflicted,
and he has not hidden his face from him,
but has heard, when he cried to him.

MOUNT HOPE COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

November 2, 2025 10:00 a.m.

Pastor: Pastor Joel Bootsma **Music:** Marleah Wiersma

(please stand if you are able)

Ps 22:1-8, 11, 23-24

Welcome & Announcements Verse of the Month: Luke 9:23-24 **Mark Demik**

GATHERING BY GOD'S PRESENCE

* God's Greeting & Opening Prayer

* Call to Worship

* Song of Praise: **LUYH #348 "Great is Thy Faithfulness"**

GROUNDED IN GRACE

Time of Confession

Song of Confession: **LUYH #426 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"**

Words of Assurance

Children dismissed for Children's Ministry

Prayer: Church Family and Community

Henk Van Tuyl

Song: **LUYH #351 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"**

GROWING IN GOD'S LOVE

Scripture: 1 Kings 17:1-7, 18:1-2, 17-19

Sermon: 🕯️ "Fire"

* Song of Response: **LUYH #334 "May the Mind of Christ, My Saviour"**

GOING TO SERVE

Offering: Budget & World Renew / World Hunger

* Sending

* Benediction

* Closing Song of Praise: **LUYH #926:1,3,4 "God of Grace and God of Glory"**

Thank you for joining us this morning!

We welcome all who join us this morning in worship. **Pastor Joel Bootsma** will lead us in worship and **Marleah Wiersma** in music ministry. Our offerings are for the **Budget** and **World Renew / World Hunger**. 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 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.

November 4 - Casey & Maryke Flokstra - 59th Wedding Anniversary

November 7 - Truus Voorberg - 92nd Birthday

In Your Mailboxes: This morning, you will find a copy of the November/December TODAY booklet in your mailboxes. As well, you are reminded that those members who use the Bridge App, also have accessibility to the Today booklet as well as many other devotionals through the "Devotions" icon in the menu selections.

Journey Through the Bible: A reminder of our Journey Through the Bible initiative which is being organized by Mark Demik and narrated by Bob de Haan. You can access our Youtube Channel via the "Journey Through the Bible" link on our website (www.mounthopecommunitycrc.org) as well as our regular weekly email /Bridge App announcements have the links to the podcasts on Apple, Spotify and iheart Radio. Additionally, you can find a card with this information at our Welcome Station.

Announcements

November Verse of the Month: Our Verse of the Month for November is **Luke 9:23-24**. “If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross daily, and follow me. If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it.” There is a bookmark with this verse on it in this bulletin and also extra copies by the bulletins at the entrance to the sanctuary. It is also under the announcements on the Bridge App for the month.

GEMS: Monday night, **November 3rd**, we will be having our ***Annual Movie Night - Bring a Friend/PJ Party***. We will be providing a light supper of pizza and some snacks. We are beginning at **6:15 p.m.** sharp as we need a little extra time for the length of the movie. We will finish the usual time of **8:00 p.m.** Have your daughter bring a friend or two, and make sure they have their comfy pillow and blanket along to watch the movie. And don't forget to wear your PJs! Please reach out to a GEMS Counsellor if you have any questions.

Prayer Gathering: Please join us for our monthly Prayer Gathering on **Tuesday, November 4th** at **7:30 p.m.**

Community Announcements

CCS Bazaar – Saturday, November 15, 2025 | 10 am–2 pm: Join us at Calvin Christian School (547 West 5th St in Hamilton) for a day of fellowship, fun, and support for Christian education! Pre-order croquettes, Dutch cheese, and chocolate letters by November 2 at ccshamilton.ca/annual-bazaar-2023.php. You can also donate baked goods, crafts, silent auction items or make a financial contribution. Questions or donations? Email ccsbazaar@ccshamilton.ca.

Save the Date: Shalom's Annual Christmas Market is coming soon! Join us for a festive shopping experience for Residents and their families – right here at Shalom! Enjoy local vendors, holiday cheer, and a warm community spirit. Date: **Wed, November 26th** from **9:30-12:30pm** Location: Shalom Manor & Gardens

HDCH Be The Light Appeal Thank you for making the discipleship of our teens possible with your donations. Give online - hdch.org/giving/ or contact Sandra, sbaker@hdch.org, 905-648-6655 x 122

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The Nicene Creed - Sunday, Nov. 9th at 7:30 PM at Immanuel CRC The Nicene Creed declares that the Son is “one in being” with the Father; a central claim of our faith. Dr. Jessica Joustra will explore with us both what the creed repudiates and the Biblical picture of Christ as one person, two natures that it presents.

CRC Announcements

World Renew: **Let's Answer God's Call to Feed the Hungry** - Around the world, conflict and disasters are pushing more families into a food crisis. There is an urgency to answer God's call to feed the hungry with generosity. As Hebrews 13:16 reminds us, "And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased." With your support, we can walk alongside communities and equip them with the training and tools to achieve lasting food security. Please give generously in today's World Hunger Sunday offering. To learn more, go to: worldrenew.ca/worldhunger

World Renew Dessert Event, Sarnia - Interested in how hope and compassion is transforming lives in Kenya? World Renew invites you to an inspiring evening on Wednesday, November 12 at 6:30 PM at DeGroot's Nurseries (1840 London Line, Sarnia). Enjoy desserts and hear stories of transformation from Kenya, featuring special guest Jenninah Kabiswa, Senior Country Director of World Renew Kenya. Come connect with others who are passionate about justice and mercy through global renewal. RSVP to info@worldrenew.ca or 1-888-975-3769.

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner Devotions: Praying with Our Whole Selves - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Praying with Our Whole Selves" at www.kidscorner.net. There are so many fun and special ways to talk to God—like dancing, clapping, kneeling, or folding your hands. You can worship God with your whole body through quiet prayers, joyful songs, kind actions, and big movements! Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like the KC video series, "Kids in Action", telling stories of kids who serve God right now!

Groundwork: Your Questions about God's Care and the Life of Faith - The life of faith is a journey, and it's natural to have questions along the way. Join Groundwork as we study Genesis 16, Psalm 146:6-9, John 15:1-17, Micah 6:8, John 16:1-4, Luke 13:1-5, and Isaiah 55:8-9 to discover the Bible's answers to our questions about God's care for us as individuals, discipleship, suffering, and God's timing. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Thrive: **Thrive Faith Formation Tip** - World Hunger Sunday - Find time this week to invite some friends and neighbors over for a simple meal. Afterward, donate what you would have spent on an evening out to World Renew's efforts to help achieve food security around the world (worldrenew.net/world-hunger). Or commit to not eating out for a set number of days and donating the money you save to World Renew. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

Resonate Global Mission: **Moving Forward in Faith Conference** - Registration ends on November 3rd. You don't want to miss this conference which begins Friday evening, November 14, and continues all day Saturday, November 15, in Oakville, ON. Come for all or part of it! With over 30 dynamic workshops to pick from, plenary sessions by Danielle Strickland (daniellestrickland.com), and times of worship and networking, this conference will equip you with practical skills and spiritual insights to better serve your local community. There's also a Bus Tour for those who want to see ministry in action! Visit the event website now: <https://www.resonateglobalmission.org/moving-forward-faith>. (Group rates, a Young Adult Stream, and hotel discounts are also available!) We can't wait to see you there!

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Volunteer Schedule

Date	November 2	November 9	November 16
Welcome	Mark Demik	Doug Dekker	Shae Knevel
Music	Marleah Wiersma	Leah Lammers	Mt. Hope Praise Team
Congregational Prayer	Henk Van Tuyl		
Open / Close	Frank & Sandi Buwalda	Shae Knevel	Henk & Rita Van Tuyl
Coffee Duty	Bob & Trudy de Haan	Neil & Kristen Roth	Alex & Maegan Demik
Sound	Josh Knevel	Frank Buwalda	Rebecca Bootsma
Streaming	Rebecca Bootsma	Mark Demik	Henk Van Tuyl
Overhead	Rebecca Bootsma	Marlene Knevel	Henk Van Tuyl
Nursery	Alyssa Tisch Sandi Buwalda	Rebecca Bootsma Louise Dekker	Kathy Turkstra 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, November 3

6:15 p.m. - GEMS / Movie Night

Tuesday, November 4

7:30 p.m. - Prayer Gathering

Wednesday, November 5

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

10:00 a.m. - Worship Team Meeting

6:30 p.m. - Alpha Course

Thursday, November 6

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

7:00 p.m. - CST Meeting

Sunday, November 9 (Lord's Supper)

10:00 a.m. - Pastor Joel Bootsma

Offerings: Budget & Benevolence

SCHEDULED OFFERING COLLECTIONS

November 16 - Budget & Shalom Manor

November 23 - Budget & Neighbour to Neighbour

November 30 - Budget & Reframe Ministries

December 7 - Budget & Christmas Hampers

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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 ***