



Mount Hope
Community
CRC

Second Sunday of Lent

MOUNT HOPE COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

March 1, 2026 10:00 a.m.

Pastor: Pastor Joel Bootsma **Music:** Praise Team

(please stand if you are able)

Welcome & Announcements - Verse of the Month: **Doug Nagtegaal**

GATHERING BY GOD'S PRESENCE

* God's Greeting

* Call to Worship & Opening Prayer - Lenten Candle Lighting **Christina Demik**

* Song of Praise: **LUYH #361:1,3 "Because He Lives"**

GROUNDED IN GOD'S GRACE

Time of Confession

Song of Confession: **LUYH #738 "Jesus, All For Jesus"**

Words of Assurance

Song: **LUYH #930 "This Little Light of Mine"**

Children dismissed for Children's Ministry

GROWING IN GOD'S LOVE

Scripture Reading: Ezra 3

Sermon: "Not the Way it Used to Be"

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

Prayer: Church Family and Community

Eric Tisch

GOING TO SERVE

Offering: **Budget & ReFrame Ministries**

* Sending

* Benediction

* Closing Song of Praise: **LUYH #938 "My Friends, May You Grow in Grace"**

Thank you for joining us this morning!

We welcome all who join us this morning in worship, our second Sunday of Lent. **Pastor Joel Bootsma** will lead us in worship and the **Praise Team** will lead us in music ministry. Our offerings are for the **Budget** and **ReFrame 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. 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: mounthopcommunitycrc.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: **There are none this week.**

We remember all our members who are shut-ins and in long term care facilities who are unable to physically be here on Sunday mornings. May they feel God's comfort and the community of the saints. Pray for them, and a note, phone call, or a visit is always appreciated!

Announcements

Verse of the Month: We have a new verse of the month for March. There is a bookmark included in the bulletin with the verse on it. It is from 1 Peter 5:6 "Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time He may exalt you."

In Your Mailbox: This morning you will find March/April edition of **The Today** booklet in your mailboxes. Please be reminded that you also have access to this devotion booklet as well as so many more under the **Devotions** heading on the Bridge App.

Community Announcements

Hope Canadian Male Choir is excited to present their March Easter concert series 'Worthy is the Lamb' with 3 concerts scheduled for: Friday March 13 – Ancaster Canadian Reformed Church , 575 Shaver Rd, Hamilton L9G 3K9. Directed by Martin Mans, the choir will be accompanied by Martin Zonnenberg on piano and André Knevel on the organ, and will feature Josh Overbeek and Menze Feenstra, tenors with the Hope Canadian Male Choir. To reserve or purchase your tickets, please email hopecanchoir@gmail.com, call/text 226 338 5459 or purchase tickets directly on our website hopecanadianmalechoir.com. Tickets will also be available at the door. Ticket prices: Adult: \$20 in advance/\$25 at the door Youth 10-14: \$10 kids under 10: free. Concerts start at 7:30 pm, doors open at 7:00 pm.

It's time get your tickets for the annual Hosanna & Mattaniah Choirs Concert at HAMILTON'S FIRST ONTARIO CONCERT HALL!! – April 4, 2026, DV Tickets are now available for the annual combined concert of the Hosanna Choir & Mattaniah Christian Male Choir concert which will once again be held, the Lord willing, at FirstOntario Concert Hall, 1 Summers Lane, Hamilton on Saturday, April 4 at 7:30pm. The choirs will be accompanied by Ryan Vandenberg (Organ), Andre Knevel (Organ), and Naomi Noorduyndyn (Piano) and the **16-piece Scott Harrison String/Brass/Percussion Ensemble**. Tickets are available at \$25 & \$35, and can be purchased through the choir's website (www.hosanna-choir.org). If you have any questions, please contact Wendy den Hollander at 905-628-1211 or at hdenhollander@yahoo.com.

Check Us Out! HDCH invites you to come for a school tour. Find out how students discover God's call on their lives, through a biblical lens. Contact Sandra (sbaker@hdch.org, 905-648-6655x122)

HDCH Spring Market: *Growing Together - Sat Apr 18, 10am-3pm!* *There will be a vendor market, coffee shop, complimentary lunch, flowers and plants, kids activities, raffles and more. Items purchased through our online auction and presale (Mar 26-Apr 2) will also be available for pickup. For more info, to donate or register as a vendor, visit: hdch.org/events/hdch-growing-together-vendor-market or contact Leanne (lwrench@hdch.org, 905-648-6655x104.*

Safe Church Conference: The annual Inter-Classis Safe Church Conference will be held on **Saturday, March 7, 2026** from **9 AM – 3 PM** at Waterloo CRC. At a time of history when truth is being challenged and when power is being abused, join us for a time of learning and discussion. Our plenary speaker will be Dr. James Watson who will be joined by speakers Cathi Watson, Dr. Stephen Vander Klippe, and Julia Rathbun. For further information and registration go to <https://crcna.regfox.com/2026-classis-huron-safe-church-conference>. This conference is for all ministry leaders and those interested in making our churches safe places to work, volunteer and worship. For additional information, contact Pastor Carel Geleynse (Classis Huron Safe Church Coordinator) at carelgeleynse20@gmail.com.

CRC Announcements

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner Devotions: Self-Control: Say Yes to God - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Self-Control: Say Yes to God," at www.kidscorner.net. Discover how practicing self-control can help you be kind, helpful, and filled with joy every day! You'll discover fun ways to put others first and show big love in small moments. Prepare for Easter with all the great content at kidscorner.net, like Kids Corner's Lent Devotional.

Groundwork: Jesus: Condemned by Religious Leaders and Denied by Peter - Moving through the Stations of the Cross brings us to witness Jesus before the Sanhedrin, where he is condemned, and to the courtyard when Peter denies him. Join Groundwork as we study Luke 22:66-71 and Matthew 26:69-75 to follow our Savior this Lent, discover comfort for our own fears and failures, and reflect on the profound meaning of Jesus experience. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Thrive

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - Right before his forty days in the wilderness, Jesus presented himself for baptism. When John objected, Jesus said, "It is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness" (Matt. 3:15). We administer baptism—a sign of dying and rising—to mark the beginning of every new life in Christ. Sometime this week, dip your finger in water and reflect on these words often declared during baptisms: "You are sealed with the Holy Spirit and marked as Christ's own." Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

Beyond the Headlines: Faith, Community, and the Stories that Shape Us - Join a new justice education series from Thrive, World Renew, and the Christian Reformed Centre for Public Dialogue. This four-part series explores immigration, food justice, climate justice, and gender justice through a biblical lens—equipping participants to recognize harmful narratives, understand root causes, and take meaningful, faith-informed action. Learn more and register today: tinyurl.com/yrhe9a6b

Resonate Global Mission

Prepare your Heart for Easter - with the Discover Your Bible: Easter study. This 6-lesson series traces Jesus' journey, connecting Old Testament promises with New Testament eyewitness accounts. Great for families, small groups, or personal study. Try it free: visit our website to download a sample of Lesson One and experience again the power of Christ's sacrifice. resonateglobalmission.org/globalcoffeebreak

World Renew

2026 Cambodia Discovery Tour - World Renew invites you on a learning journey to explore Cambodia! Grow in your understanding of World Renew's work from communities already leading change, while experiencing the history, traditions, and culture of Cambodia. Join us from November 6-16, 2026 and come discover what God is doing in Cambodia. Registration is limited. For more information and to register, visit: <https://bit.ly/cambodia2026info>

Children's Bulletin

The Book of Ezra

G F K S I Z L E B A B B U R E Z H Q A C W X M S
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Southern Kingdom	Northern Kingdom	Faith and Action	Nebuchadnezzar
Rededication	Medopersian	God's Word	Opposition
Babylonian	King Cyrus	Zerubbabel	Jerusalem
Benjamin	Persian	Silver	Temple
Judah	Jews	Gold	Ezra

Volunteer Schedule

Date	March 1	March 8	March 15
Welcome	Doug Nagtegaal	Frank Buwalda	Sandi Buwalda
Music	Praise Team	Marleah Wiersma	Emma Schuurman
Congregational Prayer	Eric Tisch		
Open / Close	Doug & Eileen Nagtegaal	Frank & Sandi Buwalda	Henk & Rita Van Tuyl
Coffee Duty	Eric & Alyssa Tisch	Len & Anita Moelker	Neil & Kristen Roth
Sound	Rebecca Bootsma	Josh Knevel	Frank Buwalda
Streaming Overhead	Jack Demik Jack Demik	Meagan Demik Louise Dekker	Rebecca Bootsma Rebecca Bootsma
Nursery	Trish Demik Alyssa Tisch	Shae Knevel Eileen Nagtegaal	Kristen Roth 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, March 2

7:30 p.m. - Prayer Gathering

Thursday, March 5

12:00 noon - Bulletin Announcements due

Saturday, March 7

Full Day Rental in Fellowship Hall

Sunday, March 8 (Third Sunday of Lent)

10:00 a.m. - Pastor Joel Bootsma

Offerings: Budget & Indigenous Ministry Canada

SCHEDULED OFFERING COLLECTIONS

March 15 - Budget & DMC NewGround

March 22 - Budget & Resonate Global Missions

March 29 - Budget & Shalom Manor & Gardens

April 5 - Budget & Benevolence (Free Will Offering)

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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 ****