



Mount Hope
Community
CRC

- Fifth Sunday of Lent -

MOUNT HOPE COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

March 22, 2026 10:00 a.m.

Pastor: Pastor Joel Bootsma **Music:** Leah Lammers

(please stand if you are able)

Welcome & Announcements - Verse of the Month: 1 Peter 5:6 **Shae Knevel**

GATHERING BY GOD'S PRESENCE

* God's Greeting

* Gathering Song: **LUYH #532 "Be Still, for the Presence"**

* Call to Worship

* Opening Prayer - Lenten Candle Lighting

Rebecca Bootsma

* Song of Praise: **LUYH #775 "Across the Lands"**

GROUNDING IN GOD'S GRACE

Time of Confession

Song of Confession: **LUYH #168 "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"**

Words of Assurance

Song: **LUYH #363 "Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine"**

Children dismissed for Children's Ministry

GROWING IN GOD'S LOVE

Scripture Reading: Galatians 4:4

Sermon: "The Fullness of Time"

Song of Response: **"No Longer Slaves"**

Prayer: Church Family and Community

GOING TO SERVE

Offering: **Budget & Resonate Global Mission**

* Sending

* Benediction

* Closing Song of Praise: **LUYH #690:1,4 "I Know Not Why God's Wondrous Grace"**

Thank you for joining us this morning!

We welcome all who join us this morning in worship, our fifth Sunday of Lent. **Pastor Joel Bootsma** will lead us in worship and **Leah Lammers** will lead us in music ministry. Our offerings are for the **Budget** and **Resonate Global Mission**. 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:

March 22 - Pheobe Tisch (9th birthday)

March 24 - Sandi Buwalda

March 25 - Wieger Visser (102nd birthday)

Announcements

Dear Congregation of Mount Hope Community CRC : Thank you for helping to spread the gospel through your gift to Resonate Global Mission! We are grateful for your heart for God's mission and your willingness to join us in our work. You are making it possible for Resonate missionaries, church planters, and campus ministers to share the love of Christ. From rural villages across the world to buzzing downtown centers, suburban streets, and country roads at home, you are making a difference in people's lives in more than 40 countries. Your generosity is inspiring believers all over to join in God's transformative work in their communities. People are learning about Jesus for the first time, Christians are being equipped to share the gospel with friends and family, and leaders are being trained to help meet pressing needs—like finding sustainable ways to provide food, clean water, and education—all for God's glory.

In a world where people face a lot of pain and challenges, thank you for taking a step into God's big story of redemption and renewal and shining the light of Christ. Together, we can help the good news go out so that all people and nations have an opportunity to learn about the hope, grace, and love of the gospel.

Serving with you, Kevin DeRaaf, Director, Resonate Global Mission

Viral e-mails - a reminder to be careful when opening strange e-mails that come from churches or people affiliated with our classis. These usually have a link embedded in the message of the e-mail; don't click on that unless you're sure! There's a number of them going around.

Holy Week Services: Mark your calendars! Note these dates for our upcoming services during Holy Week. Invite your friends and families to join us!

Maundy Thursday 6:00 p.m. (April 2) Simple dinner & Lord's Supper

Good Friday 10:00 a.m. (April 3) A worship service where we'll hear and reflect on the story of the crucifixion of Jesus Christ

Easter Sunday 10:00 a.m. (April 5) Joyful Worship Celebration with Lord's Supper

Community Announcements

NORTH OF SIXTY will host Bingo and Pizza on **Thursday March 26 at 10:00 am** at Immanuel CRC. Please RSVP to Joanne: vdwaljjoosse@bell.net or 905-577-5377. Cost is \$10.00 per person. Bring a friend!

Ebenezer CRC, Jarvis will be hosting a **Youth Service on Sunday April 12 at 5:30PM**. All are invited and welcome for wings & fries following the service. Hosted by the Schuurmans - 1215 Sandusk Rd. Graphic included below.

Performing Arts @ Mountainview invites you to join us this spring for a joyful evening of music on **Saturday, April 25th at 7:30 p.m.** as Colamici presents *All Canadian, Eh?* — a vibrant celebration of culture and community. This special concert features 14 songs that reflect the rich and diverse story of Canada, beginning with Indigenous roots and honouring the many immigrant and refugee communities who have helped shape our nation. Blending heritage, harmony, and heart, the program concludes with the uplifting favourites *No One Is Alone* and *You've Got a Friend* — a beautiful reminder that together, we belong. Don't miss this inspiring celebration of who we are, eh? Tickets will be available via our website www.mountainviewcrc.org/events at the Dutch Shop in Grimsby or at the door on the evening of the concert. Proceeds from the evening will benefit Mountainview's **Refugee Sponsorship Program**.

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 Online Spring Market & Auction: Bid & Buy Online: <https://HDCHGROWINGTOGETHERMARKET.auctria.events>. Items purchased through our online auction and presale (Mar 26-Apr 2) will also be available for pickup at Sat Apr 18, 10am-3pm at the HDCH Spring-Market: Growing Together! There will be a vendor market, coffee shop, complimentary lunch, flowers

and plants, kids activities, raffles and more. 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

CRC Announcements

ReFrame Ministries: Kids Corner Devotions: The Not-So-Triumphal Entry - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "The Not-So-Triumphal Entry," at www.kidscorner.net. Ever wonder why Jesus chose to ride a donkey? By selecting a donkey, he declared that he was there to get to work—God's work—and he wasn't threatening anyone. Donkeys aren't flashy. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like KC's Lent and Easter Collection.

100 Women | 1 Heart: You're Invited - On **April 18** from **9:30–11:30 a.m.**, 100 women will gather at Mountainview CRC in Grimsby, Ont., for a morning to champion accessibility, pooling our gifts to raise \$10,000 in support of Thrive and Friendship Ministries and their work strengthening churches and promoting full inclusion for people with disabilities. Each year, women show up, chip in \$100, and together create one shared gift that fuels ministry close to a woman's heart. Come enjoy a meaningful morning investing in belonging without barriers. Can't attend? You can still join the celebration by giving in honour of the event as we work toward our \$10,000 goal. Register today: <https://crcna.regfox.com/100-women-1-heart>

Resonate Global Mission: Special opportunity to double your gift to Resonate - From March 13 until April 30, your gift to Resonate's Where Most Needed fund will be matched by a generous group of donors, dollar for dollar, up to \$275,000! Take advantage of this opportunity and donate now, while your gift will go twice as far! www.resonateglobalmission.org/double

Healing Hearts, Transforming Nations Workshop - Co-hosted by Resonate Global Mission and the CRC's Indigenous and Intercultural Ministries, this 4-day immersive workshop will engage you in meaningful practices of healing and reconciliation, and equip you to repair and rebuild relationships in your local communities. You will experience: Personal healing and forgiveness, Tools for Intercultural teamwork, Examples of trauma-informed ministry, and Biblical frameworks to care for divided communities. Join us **July 6–10, 2026**, at the Five Oaks Retreat Centre in Paris, ON. Cost: \$400 (\$500 after May 1st). Learn more and register: tinyurl.com/yj972wxe

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

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - This is the final week of Lent. Next week is Holy Week, during which Christians will mark the end of Jesus' journey to the cross. Those final hours of Jesus' life were extremely lonely, as Jesus was abandoned by family, friends, and even his heavenly Father. As Jesus' disciples today, we share in this suffering—but we are never alone. Colossians 3 describes the diverse community of believers, exhorting us to "bear with each other" as we support one another in faith. This week read and reflect on Colossians 3:11-14, and make time to connect with and encourage members of your church community. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

Galatians

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approval	contrary	preached	another	apostle
distort	Judaism	servant	Christ	Father
Gospel	heaven	taught	angel	Grace
Jesus	Lord			

Volunteer Schedule

Date	March 22	March 29	April 3 (Good Friday)
Welcome	Shae Knevel	Mark Demik	None
Music Congregational Prayer	Leah Lammers	Linda Geerts Mark Demik	Marleah Wiersma
Open / Close Coffee Duty	Shae Knevel Clifford & Kathy Turks- tra	Marlene Knevel Alex & Maegan Demik	Doug & Eileen Nag- tegaal - no coffee after service
Sound	Rebecca Bootsma	Josh Knevel	Frank Buwalda
Streaming Overhead	Mark Demik Marlene Knevel	Henk Van Tuyl Henk Van Tuyl	Meagan Demik Louise Dekker
Nursery	Kathy Turkstra Anita Moelker	Maegan Demik Marlene Knevel	Alyssa Tisch Rebecca Bootsma

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, March 23

6:30 p.m. - GEMS

Tuesday, March 24

7:00 p.m. - Consistory Meeting

Wednesday, March 25

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

Thursday, March 26

12:00 noon - Bulletin Announcements due

Sunday, March 29 (Palm Sunday)

10:00 a.m. - Mr. Ray Hendriks

Offerings: Budget & Shalom Manor / Gardens

SCHEDULED OFFERING COLLECTIONS

April 5 - Budget & Benevolence (Free Will Offering)

April 12 - Budget & City Kidz

April 19 - Budget & Living Rock Ministries

April 26 - Budget & GEMS

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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