



Mount Hope  
Community  
CRC

MOUNT HOPE COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

**March 29, 2026 10:00 a.m.**

**Pastor:** Mr. Ray Hendriks **Music:** Linda Geerts

( please stand if you are able)

Welcome & Announcements - Verse of the Month: 1 Peter 5:6 **Mark Demik**

**GATHERING BY GOD'S PRESENCE**

\* God's Greeting

\* Gathering Song: **LUYH #7 "Sing Praise to the Lord, You People of Grace" (Children Walk in with Palm Leaves)**

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer - Lenten Candle Lighting

**Trish Demik**

\* Song of Praise: **LUYH #603 "Shout to the Lord"**

**GROUNDED IN GOD'S GRACE**

Time of Confession

Song of Confession: **LUYH #426:1,2 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"**

Words of Assurance

Song: **"He Will Hold Me Fast"**

Children dismissed for Children's Ministry

**GROWING IN GOD'S LOVE**

Scripture Reading: Mark 11:1-10

Sermon: "Marching Toward Easter"

Song of Response: **LUYH #146 "All Glory, Laud, and Honour"**

Prayer: Church Family and Community

**Mark Demik**

**GOING TO SERVE**

Offering: **Budget and Shalom Manor & Gardens**

\* Sending

\* Benediction

\* Closing Song of Praise: **PsH #634 "Father, We Love You"**

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

We welcome all who join us this morning in worship, Palm Sunday. Pastor Joel Bootsma has today off, so we welcome **Mr. Ray Hendriks** who will lead us in worship and **Linda Geerts** will lead us in music ministry. Our offerings are for the **Budget** and **Shalom Manor & Gardens**. 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 available weekly for children ages 3 years to 9 years old. Students will be dismissed to their classes during the service.

## Church Family

**Wieger Visser** has recently had some falls and has injured his knee. Please keep him in your prayers as he heals.

**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: **April 2 - Marlene Knevel - 57th Birthday**

## Announcements

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

**Maundy Thursday 6:00 p.m.** - Simple dinner & Lord's Supper

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

**Easter Sunday 10:00 a.m.** - Joyful Worship Celebration with Lord's Supper

**Mark Your Calendars!** Our Annual KFC Dinner will take place on **Friday, April 17th at 5:30 p.m.** There is NO cost to attend this dinner, our deacons sponsor and cover the cost of the meal. A sign up sheet will be put at the Bulletin Station next week. We hope that you can join us!

## Community Announcements

**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.

**LAST CALL!!!! The Annual EASTER Hosanna & Mattaniah Choirs Concert at HAMILTON'S FIRSTONTARIO CONCERT HALL!! – April 4, 2026, DV** The annual Easter concert of the Hosanna Choir & Mattaniah Christian Male Choir concert will once again be held, the Lord willing, at FirstOntario Concert Hall, 1 Summers Lane, Hamilton on **Saturday, April 4 at 7:30pm**. Tickets are available at \$35, and can be obtained through the choir's website ([www.hosanna-choir.org](http://www.hosanna-choir.org)). If you have any questions, please contact Wendy den Hollander at 905-628-1211 or at [hdenhollander@yahoo.com](mailto:hdenhollander@yahoo.com).

**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](http://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](mailto: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](http://hdch.org/events/hdch-growing-together-vendor-market) or contact Leanne ([lwrench@hdch.org](mailto:lwrench@hdch.org), 905-648-6655x104)

## CRC Announcements

### **ReFrame Ministries**

**Kids Corner Devotions:** Courageous Twists and Turns - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Courageous Twists and Turns," at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). Feeling scared is okay, and being brave means trying even when your heart feels nervous. With God's help, you can face hard things and do what's right, just like Jesus did. Check out all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net), like KC's Lent and Easter Collection.

**Groundwork: Jesus on the Cross** - Jesus' journey to the cross was done. But even as he hung dying on the cross, he showed compassion and mercy when he offered words of salvation to a crucified thief and established a new kind of family. Join Groundwork as we study Luke 23:39-43 and John 19:25-27 to experience the eleventh and twelfth Stations of the Cross and discuss how God continues to offer us that same mercy and belonging today. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

### **Thrive**

**Thrive Faith Formation Tip** - Today is Palm Sunday, which marks the beginning of Holy Week, a time when we remember the final days of Jesus' life and we reflect on the events that led to his crucifixion. Download God's Big Easter Story: A Holy Week Journey for Families ([DwellCurriculum.org/Home](http://DwellCurriculum.org/Home)) for a meaningful way to walk with Jesus in the last moments of his life and to experience the miracle of his resurrection. This simple devotional guide helps people of all ages grow in faith as they reflect on Jesus' journey to the cross—and beyond. Brought to you by Thrive: [crcna.org/Thrive](http://crcna.org/Thrive)

### **Calvin University**

**Wisdom in the Age of AI Conference** - Calvin University will host Wisdom in the Age of AI, October 8–10, 2026, a conference exploring how Christian faith can guide the wise and faithful use of artificial intelligence. With dynamic keynote speakers and a dedicated AI and Church track, the conference offers thoughtful conversation for pastors and lay leaders alike. The conference will be held in person at the Prince Conference Center on Calvin University's campus, with livestream available for people unable to attend in person. Learn more at [calvin.edu/faith-and-technology](http://calvin.edu/faith-and-technology)

# Palm Sunday!

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X T S Z A C H Q G Y R C T J V N F  
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Blessing  
Hosanna  
Jesus  
Colt

Branches  
Cloaks  
Palms  
Son

Village  
Donkey  
Crowd

Prophet  
Olives  
Mount

## Volunteer Schedule

Date	March 29	April 3 (Good Friday)	April 5 (Easter)
<b>Welcome</b>	Mark Demik	None	Len Moelker
<b>Music</b>	Linda Geerts	Marleah Wiersma	Praise Team
<b>Congregational Prayer</b>	Mark Demik		Len Moelker
<b>Open / Close</b>	Marlene Knevel	Doug & Eileen Nagtegaal	Frank & Sandi Buwalda
<b>Coffee Duty</b>	Alex & Maegan Demik	- no coffee after service	John & Trish Demik
<b>Sound</b>	Josh Knevel	Frank Buwalda	Josh Knevel
<b>Streaming</b>	Henk Van Tuyl	Meagan Demik	Rebecca Bootsma
<b>Overhead</b>	Henk Van Tuyl	Louise Dekker	Rebecca Bootsma
<b>Nursery</b>	Maegan Demik	Alyssa Tisch	Kristen Roth
	Marlene Knevel	Rebecca Bootsma	Eileen Nagtegaal

If you are **unable** to fulfill one of your scheduled duties, we ask that you please find your own replacement. Thank you.

## Church Calendar

### Thursday, April 2

12:00 noon - Bulletin Announcements due

### 6:00 p.m. - Maundy Thursday

Simple Dinner & Lord's Supper

### Friday, April 3

10:00 a.m. - **Good Friday Service**

Pastor Joel Bootsma

### Sunday, April 5

10:00 a.m. - **Easter Sunday**

Pastor Joel Bootsma

Offerings: Budget & Benevolence

### SCHEDULED OFFERING COLLECTIONS

April 12 - Budget & City Kidz

April 19 - Budget & Living Rock Ministries

April 26 - Budget & GEMS

May 3 - Budget & Hamilton Right to Life

## Contact Us:

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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