



Mount Hope
Community
CRC

- Third Sunday of Lent -

MOUNT HOPE COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

March 8, 2026 10:00 a.m.

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

(please stand if you are able)

Welcome & Announcements - Verse of the Month: 1 Peter 5:6 **Frank Buwalda**

GATHERING BY GOD'S PRESENCE

* God's Greeting & Call to Worship

* Opening Prayer - Lenten Candle Lighting **Frank Buwalda**

* Song of Praise: **LUYH #327 "When We Walk with the Lord"**

Offering: **Budget & Indigenous Ministry Canada**

GROUNDING IN GOD'S GRACE

Time of Confession

Song of Confession: **LUYH #170:1,2,3,4 "Man of Sorrows—What a Name"**

Children dismissed for Children's Ministry

Prayer: Church Family and Community

Song: **LUYH #426:1,2,3 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"**

GROWING IN GOD'S LOVE

Scripture Reading: Haggai 1 / Haggai 2:4-9

Sermon: "Stop Your Redecorating, and Build God's House"

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

Lord's Supper

GOING TO SERVE

* Sending

* Benediction

* Closing Song of Praise: **LUYH #334:1,2,3,5 "May the Mind of Christ, My Saviour"**

Thank you for joining us this morning!

We welcome all who join us this morning in worship, our third Sunday of Lent. **Pastor Joel Bootsma** will lead us in worship and **Marleah Wiersma** will lead us in music ministry. Our offerings are for the **Budget** and **Indigenous Ministry Canada**. 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.

This morning we're celebrating communion. We welcome all who have been baptized in the name of the one true God - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - to the table of the Lord. If you have not been baptized, or choose not to participate for reasons of conscience, we invite you to reflect on and pray the following prayers during communion: **A prayer for people searching:** *Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.* —based on Psalm 139

A prayer of belief: *I need the life-giving death and resurrection of Jesus. Send me your Spirit so that I can be made new. Thank you for offering me forgiveness. Thank you for taking the punishment I deserved. Thank you for loving me more than I could possibly imagine. Amen.*



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: **None this week.**

Announcements

In Your Mailbox: For those members who did not receive a copy digitally, there will be a Classis Report for the February 21st Meeting in your slots this morning. There are few extra copies at the Welcome Station if anyone would like a printed copy.

You are making a difference! On behalf of the ministries of the Christian Reformed Church in North America, thank you for your gifts to ministry shares. Your support enables congregations to do so much more to further God's Kingdom than any one church could do alone. Our denomination could not impact the world through missions, media, and church development without your incredible and faithful support. Thank you! To discover more visit crcna.org/ministryshares.

The monthly **euchre night** will be on **Friday, March 20 at 7:00 p.m.** at Frank and Sandi's house. If you haven't already said that you will be coming, please email Len and Anita at lalmoelker@gmail.com. It's a fun evening of fellowship and we look forward to seeing you there!

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. Graphic included below.

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.

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**.

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).

CRC Announcements

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner Devotions: Lent: Washing Stinky Feet - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Lent: Washing Stinky Feet" at www.kidscorner.net. In John 13, Jesus washed his disciples' feet—a humble act of service that surprised everyone. He demonstrated that love isn't just about words; it's about doing for others, even in unexpected ways. Prepare for Easter with all the great content at kidscorner.net, like Kids Corner's Lent Devotional.

Kids Corner Devotions: Jesus Cried - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Jesus Cried," at www.kidscorner.net. Everyone has big feelings, and learning to notice how others feel helps us be kinder friends. Just like Jesus, we can listen, care, and show love when someone is sad or happy. Prepare for Easter with all the great content at kidscorner.net, like Kids Corner's Lent Devotional.

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.

Kids Corner Devotions: Courageous Twists and Turns - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Courageous Twists and Turns," at 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, like KC's Lent and Easter Collection.

Thrive: Thrive Faith Formation Tip - Annual Day of Prayer (March 11) - On the night of his arrest, Jesus asked his disciples to stay with him, watch, and pray. Prayer is a discipline that requires the dedication of our precious time and attention. It is also a practice through which Jesus invites all disciples to experience sweet communion with him. Today is the CRCNA's Annual Day of Prayer. This week set aside intentional time to pray for your local church, our denomination, and the worldwide communion of saints. In your prayer ask Jesus to draw you and all believers to himself, that we may be one (John 17:20-23). Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

World Renew: Run to Renew 2026 - World Renew is pleased to invite you to the very first "Run to Renew" event on Saturday, June 6, 2026. Participate in the "Moon in June" race in Burlington, Ontario, and help raise funds for World Renew's Running Club programs in Africa. This event aligns with Global Running Day on June 3, 2026, offering a great way to connect through fitness and community while supporting those affected by poverty. Race lengths include 1K, 5K, and 10K—an opportunity for all fitness levels, including those who prefer to walk. When you join with World Renew, you will receive 20 percent off your race registration fee! Ready to participate? Email info@worldrenew.ca to sign up today.

Help Vulnerable Families in the Middle East - As conflict escalates in the Middle East, multiple people have been killed or injured, and many families are facing urgent need after fleeing from their homes. World Renew is preparing to respond in Lebanon through a trusted Christian partner while we continue to monitor the situation across the region. Join us in praying for lasting peace, and please give to support vulnerable families at worldrenew.ca/middle-east-conflict, by calling 1-888-975-3769, or by mailing a cheque made out to World Renew, with "Middle East Conflict 2026" in the memo line, to: World Renew, 3475 Mainway, PO Box 5070 STN LCD 1, Burlington, ON, L7R 3Y8.

Book of Haggai Word Search

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Volunteer Schedule

Date	March 8	March 15	March 22
Welcome	Frank Buwalda	Sandi Buwalda	Shae Knevel
Music	Marleah Wiersma	Emma Schuurman	Leah Lammers
Congregational Prayer			
Open / Close	Frank & Sandi Buwalda	Henk & Rita Van Tuyl	Shae Knevel
Coffee Duty	Len & Anita Moelker	Neil & Kristen Roth	Clifford & Kathy Turkstra
Sound	Josh Knevel	Frank Buwalda	Rebecca Bootsma
Streaming	Meagan Demik	Rebecca Bootsma	Mark Demik
Overhead	Marlene Knevel	Rebecca Bootsma	Marlene Knevel
Nursery	Shae Knevel Eileen Nagtegaal	Kristen Roth Sandi Buwalda	Kathy Turkstra Anita Moelker

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 9

6:30 p.m. - GEMS

Tuesday, March 10

7:00 p.m. - Council Meeting

Wednesday, March 11

8:00 a.m. - Men's Breakfast

(Egg & I - Upper James)

Thursday, March 12

12:00 noon - Bulletin Announcements due

Sunday, March 15 (Fourth Sunday of Lent)

10:00 a.m. - Pastor Joel Bootsma

Offerings: Budget & DMC NewGround

SCHEDULED OFFERING COLLECTIONS

March 22 - Budget & Resonate Global Missions

March 29 - Budget & Shalom Manor & Gardens

April 5 - Budget & Benevolence (Free Will Offering)

April 12 - Budget & City Kidz

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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 ***