



Mount Hope
Community
CRC

MOUNT HOPE COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

April 5, 2026 10:00 a.m.

Pastor: Pastor Joel Bootsma Music: Praise Team

(please stand if you are able)

Welcome & Announcements - **Len Moelker**

GATHERING BY GOD'S PRESENCE

Call to Worship

Lighting of the Christ Candle

* Song of Praise: **LUYH #182 "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"**

* God's Greeting & Opening Prayer

* Song of Praise: **LUYH #186 "Low in the Grave He Lay"**

GROUNDING IN GOD'S GRACE

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

Song: **"Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me"**

Children dismissed for Children's Ministry (and will join us again after the message)

Song with children: **PsH #241 "This is the Day"**

Prayer: Church Family and Community **Len Moelker**

Solo **"Because He Lives"** **Alyssa Tisch**

GROWING IN GOD'S LOVE

Scripture Reading: Mark 16:1-8

Sermon: "He is risen; He is not here"

Song of Response: **"O Praise the Name"**

Lord's Supper

GOING TO SERVE

Offering: **Budget and Benevolence**

* 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, Easter Sunday. **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 Benevolence**. 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

Jean Postma fell last week and broke her hip. She had surgery to repair it and now is recovering at the Hagersville Hospital. It will be a long process for her. We pray for strength for her in the coming weeks. Also, continue to pray for **Wieger Visser** as he is still struggling with pain in his legs after his falls.

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.**

Announcements

In Your Mailbox: You will find the latest copy of the Today booklet in your mailboxes this morning. Also be reminded that you have access to this devotional, as well as many others on the Bridge App.

Prayer Gathering: Join us on **Tuesday, April 7th** at **7:30 p.m.** for our monthly Prayer Gathering.

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 is at the Bulletin Station, so be sure to register to join us! If you require a ride, please indicate that, and we will arrange one for you.

Annual Mount Hope Community Clean-up: Takes place this year on **Saturday, April 18th from 10 a.m.—noon.** Please meet at the bus shelter at Airport Road and Homestead for instructions. We hope that you can join us keeping our community clean!

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.

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.**

Flamborough Calvary CRC is hosting a Technology Talk with Brett Ullman. They would love to have you join them, **Tuesday May 12 @ 7:30** at their church, for a talk with our youth on technology.

National March for Life – Ottawa: The National March for Life, which is held each year on Parliament Hill, is set for **Thursday, May 14, 2026.** This year's theme is "Follow Me". Once again, Hamilton Right to Life will be sponsoring two buses to the Rally. The buses will leave from the Cathedral Basilica parking lot on the 14th at 6:00 am. We will be sending a one-day bus (good will offering) and a two-day bus, for youth aged 13-29. The two-day bus includes transportation, the Rally, T-Shirt, Rose Dinner, hotel stay and the Youth Summit on Friday, May 15. Cost is \$100. Please see our website at hamiltonrighttolife.org for more details and to register. Registration opens April 1 and closes April 30. Let's give a voice to those who do not have one.

CRC Announcements

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner Devotions - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Resurrection People," at www.kidscorner.net. Early on a Sunday morning, Mary Magdalene felt very sad; in fact, she felt hopeless. Her teacher and friend had been crucified on Friday, and now, mysteriously, his tomb was empty. Read what happens next. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like KC's Lent and Easter Collection.

Groundwork: Jesus' Death, Burial, and Resurrection - We've reached the pinnacle moments of salvation history in our Stations of the Cross journey. Join Groundwork as we study Mark 15:33-16:8, Luke 23:44-49, John 19:28-42, and Matthew 27:62-28:10 to witness the thirteenth and fourteenth Stations of the Cross, which invite us to remember Jesus' suffering, death, and burial. Then linger at the tomb to witness the glory of his resurrection and celebrate his Easter victory over death. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Thrive

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - Happy Easter! We now move from Lent into Eastertide, a season of extended celebration of Jesus' resurrection. This week spend some time reading and reflecting on 2 Corinthians 5:14-21. What part of the passage connects with you the most? Create a reminder of Jesus' death and resurrection by writing a few words from this passage, such as a prayer of gratitude to God, or by drawing a picture that reflects Jesus' work on the cross. Place your reminder in plain site as a reminder throughout Eastertide to continue your Easter celebration. Brought to you by Thrive: 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 keynote speakers and a dedicated AI and Church track, the conference offers thoughtful conversation for pastors and lay leaders alike. It will be held in person at the Prince Conference Center. All keynote sessions will also be livestreamed for participants unable to attend onsite. Learn more at calvin.edu/faith-and-technology

CRC Communications

Pray for Synod 2026 - Starting May 3, and for 40 days leading up to Synod 2026, pray with CRC members, leaders, and friends for God's presence and guidance for the CRC and this year's synod gathering. Learn more and find prayer resources at network.crcna.org/topic/spiritual-formation/prayer/40-days-prayer-synod-2026, including a link to sign up to receive daily emails throughout the 40 days with prayers written by people from across the denomination.

Children's Bulletin

Easter Sunday

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resurrection	son of god	earthquake	deliverer	crucified
new life	forgiven	almighty	redeemer	believed
freedom	messiah	healer	savior	angels
burial	christ	grace	grave	risen
jesus	death	cross	King	lamb
tomb	Lord	Mary		

Volunteer Schedule

Date	April 5 (Easter)	April 12	April 19
Welcome	Len Moelker	Anita Moelker	Doug Nagtegaal
Music	Praise Team	Anne te Grotenhuis	Leah Lammers
Congregational Prayer	Len Moelker		
Open / Close	Frank & Sandi Buwalda	Shae Knevel	Henk & Rita Van Tuijl
Coffee Duty	John & Trish Demik	Mark & Christina Demik	Eric & Alyssa Tisch
Sound	Josh Knevel	Frank Buwalda	Rebecca Bootsma
Streaming	Rebecca Bootsma	Mark Demik	Jack Demik
Overhead	Rebecca Bootsma	Marlene Knevel	Jack Demik
Nursery	Kristen Roth Eileen Nagtegaal	Trish Demik Shae Knevel	Kathy Turkstra 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

Monday, April 6

6:30 p.m. - GEMS

Tuesday, April 7

7:30 - Prayer Gathering

Wednesday, April 8

7:00 p.m. - CST Meeting

Thursday, April 9

12:00 noon - Bulletin Announcements due

Sunday, April 12

10:00 a.m. - Pastor Joel Bootsma

Offering: Budget & City Kidz

SCHEDULED OFFERING COLLECTIONS

April 19 - Budget & Living Rock Ministries

April 26 - Budget & GEMS

May 3 - Budget & Hamilton Right to Life

May 10 - Budget & Beginnings

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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