

Sharon-Hope This Week – March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
Sharon-Hope United Church  
A vibrant community of faith, hope and love ...  
come and see!

## “Speechless”

Rev Sadekie



Have you noticed how often people say lately, “*I don’t even know what to say anymore*”?

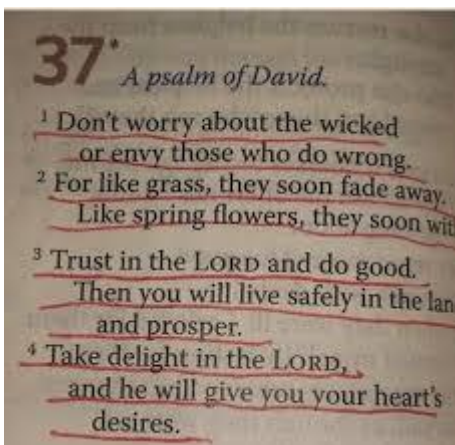
The news cycles keep coming. Another crisis. Another political fight. Another headline that leaves us shaking our heads. Around the world there are wars, humanitarian crises, and deep divisions. Closer to home in Ontario, many people feel the pressure too—rising costs, strained public systems, growing frustration, and a sense that things are not working the way they should.

For many people, it is simply overwhelming.

We watch. We read. We listen.

And sometimes the only honest response is silence.

Speechless.



The psalmist seems to understand this feeling. In Psalm 37, the writer looks out at a world where wrongdoing appears to flourish. People who cheat, manipulate, and harm others sometimes seem to move ahead without consequence. It can stir something inside us, anger, envy, or a restless urge to fight back.

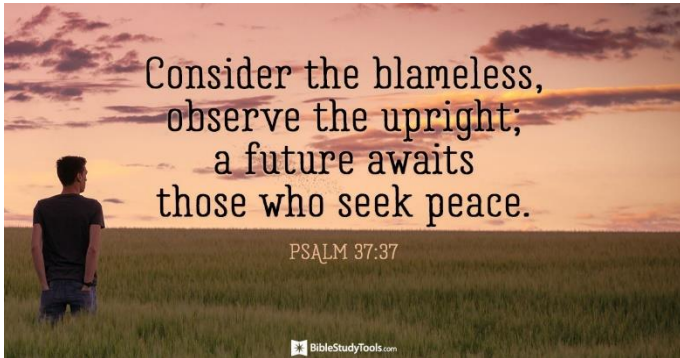
But the psalmist offers a different path.

“Do not fret because of evildoers.”

“Trust in the Lord, and do good.”

“Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him.”

These words do not ignore injustice. They acknowledge that we see it clearly. Yet they remind us that reacting with constant anxiety or rage slowly drains the soul.



The psalmist compares the success of wrongdoing to grass in a field. For a moment it looks green and strong. But the sun rises, the season changes, and soon it fades.

What seems powerful today is often temporary.

God’s justice may not move on the timeline of our news cycle, but the psalmist insists it *does* move.

So when the world leaves us speechless, perhaps the invitation is not to fill the silence with more noise.



Instead:  
Trust God.  
Do good where you are.  
Be still before the Lord.  
And wait patiently for justice.

Because while evil may look strong for a moment, it will not have the final word.

### **Reflection Question:**

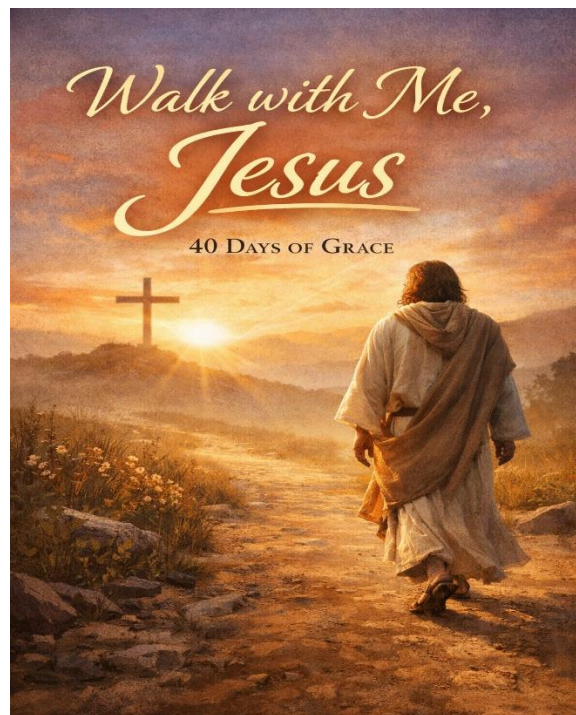
When the state of the world overwhelms you, what helps you return to trust rather than fear or anger?

## **This Month's Theme**



**This Sunday's Message:**  
***“Deliver Us from Isolation to Relationship”***

**Get your Copy of Lenten Devotional**



Don't Forget to  
"Spring" your clocks  
forward on  
Saturday night.

Sunday's 10am  
Service will begin at  
the new "Spring" time.



A MOMENT OF  
*Hope*

Weekly Online Devotional

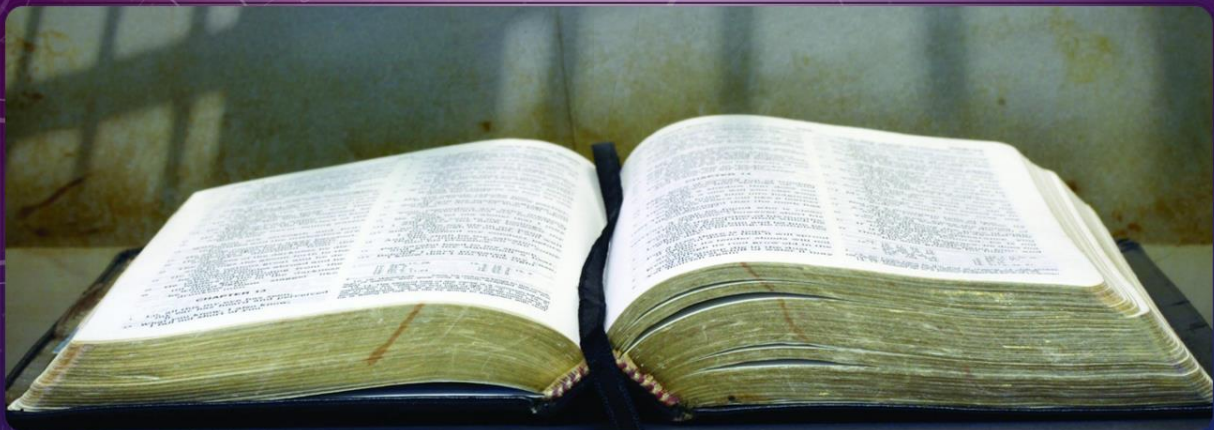


**New Videos are Available Every Monday at 6am  
on Facebook & Youtube. Click [Here](#) to see last week's Devotional video**



As WE follow  
after Christ, we  
all can lead one

# eachONE REACHone



## LECTIONARY READINGS 2026

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN  
READING THE ONLINE  
VERSION?

WOULD YOU PREFER  
TO PRINT YOUR OWN  
COPY AT HOME?

[Click Here to  
Access the Full  
Series for 2026.](#)

# THANK YOU TO OUR MARCH 8<sup>TH</sup> VOLUNTEERS!!

**Greeter**

Ed

**All**

Grace

**Scripture**

Susan

**Collection  
ushers**

**Coffee Time**

Maryann

**AV team**

Mary Jane & Bob

Remember to signup outside the kitchen or  
[click here](#)

**ON AIR**

**Missed a Service?** Look for it on [Sharon-  
Hope's YouTube channel](#)

Watch where you want when you want!

Remember



Sharon-Hope is a scent-free building

*Did you know ...* You can find the weekly readings for 2026 [here](#)

**Readings March 8<sup>th</sup> ...**

**Epistle:** Romans 5:1–11

**Gospel:** John 4:5–42

## FOOD BANK

Join Us in Helping the Food Bank by Donating Non-Perishable Items.

Please bring your Items to Church this Sunday.



## Hope & Healing

March 9

1:15pm-3:15pm

Lounge



Anyone experiencing loss is welcome to come to our mutual support Hope & Healing Group.

Our basic principles are confidentiality, mutual respect and a safe place to speak freely.

## A Message from Finance

We had a good discussion about the budget for 2026 at the congregational meeting on February 21<sup>st</sup>. As a congregation, we decided to approve a budget with a deficit of \$25,830 instead of adding a line to request some additional amount of donating. We opted for the Finance Team to communicate early and often when shortfalls were occurring and when additional sources of income would be needed.

January's bottom line was a deficit of almost \$6,000. To offset this we ask that, if you are able to donate extra now or promote a new fundraiser to occur in the near future, you do what you can to help reduce this amount. Yes, we do have the security of the surplus from 2025 to help us through some deficit months, but additional funding will be needed. There's no time like the present to start tackling our challenges.

An official financial summary will be available for January and February after your Council meets to approve them.

Thank you for all you do to fund services and to maintain this lovely building which is a home to many groups in our community.

With gratitude and blessings,  
Your Finance Team

Warm up with a  
**GOOD BOOK!**



**CARING  
CRAFTERS  
LIBRARY!!**

Thank you for  
your donations.

Please remember the book sale is for Novels Only.

**SIGN UP FOR COFFEE TIME!!**

Home baked  
goods not  
required

Sign Up Sheet  
located outside  
the Kitchen.



The Week at a Glance (See [website calendar](#) for other details)

| Week at a Glance – March 8 <sup>th</sup> to March 14 <sup>th</sup> |   |  |  |  |   |  |
|--|---|--|--|--|---|--|
| Sunday<br>March 8  | Monday<br>March 9                                 | Tuesday<br>March 10                                | Wednesday<br>March 11                          | Thursday<br>March 12                               | Friday<br>March 13  | Saturday<br>March 14                           |
|  |   | Rev Sadekie<br>in Office                           |  | Rev Sadekie in<br>Office                           | Rev Sadekie in<br>Office  |  |
|  |   | Ignited Learning<br>9:30am-3pm<br>Outside          |  | Lectionary<br>11am<br>Lounge                       | Ignited Learning<br>9:30am-12pm<br>Outside                      |  |
| SHUC Worship<br>10 - 11am<br>Sanctuary or<br>Click for ZOOM        | Hope & Healing<br>1:15pm-3:15pm<br>Lounge         |  |  |  | Gwillimbury<br>Quilters<br>9am-5pm<br>Harmony Hall /<br>Kitchen |  |
| Sharon Village<br>Bible Church<br>1 - 5pm<br>Building              | Church of Christ<br>7:30pm-9:30pm<br>Harmony Hall |  |  | SHUC Celebration<br>Choir<br>7pm<br>Sanctuary      |   |  |
|  |   | York Harmony Chorus<br>6:30pm-10pm<br>Harmony Hall | A Cappella York<br>6:30pm-10pm<br>Harmony Hall | Church of Christ<br>7:15pm-9:15pm<br>Hall / Lounge |   | Church of Christ<br>5pm – 9pm<br>Hall / Lounge |

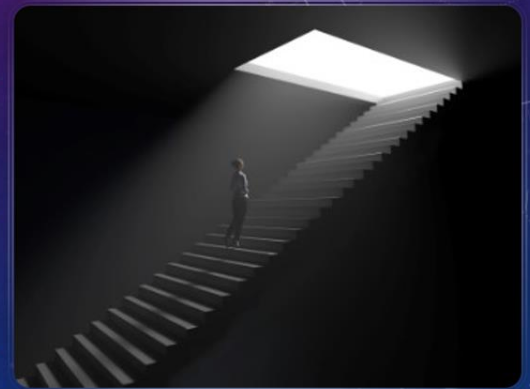
## DID YOU KNOW ... YOU ARE NOT ALONE

If you would like Rev Sadekie to call you, you could do one of the following:

Leave a voicemail message on the minister's confidential phone # 905 -589-0889

Leave a voicemail message on the office phone # 905-478-2231 and the office will direct the message

Let your phone tree caller know and they can direct a message



## Community Notices

CHATs, [Community Programs](#)

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United Church of Canada, [Events and Webinars](#) and [e-Newletters](#)

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Shining Waters Regional Council, [Events](#) and [News](#) (including the Current)

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Toronto United Church Council, [Events and Workshops](#)

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