HOPE IN CHRIST
CHURCH

A Christian Reformed Church

Glorifying God by Knowing,

Living and Proclaiming

our Hope in Christ

TODAY'S MESSAGE

Eating Ashes: The Folly of Idolatry

Isaiah 44:9-20

Pastor Scott Roberts

AUGUST 28, 2022

WELCOME!

Welcome to Hope in Christ Church. We are so glad you have joined us today!
May God bless you as you worship with us.

Order of Worship

Living Waters

As the Deer

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Holy, Holy, Holy

O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer

You Alone Can Rescue

Prayer

Scripture Isaiah 44:9-20

Message Eating Ashes: The Folly of Idolatry

Living Hope

Benediction

Glorious Day

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY'S OFFERING: The suggested donation for the offering this morning is the General Fund.

HOSPITALITY REQUEST: If anyone has items in the small freezer or in either refrigerator, please label them and check the dates. The refrigerator needs to be cleaned.

WOMEN'S WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: Please call Ruth and leave a message if you plan to come. We will be meeting twice a month, beginning in mid-September. I want to make sure that I have enough material. Thank you from Ruth!

HEARTBEAT NEWSLETTER: The September Heartbeat is available online at hopeinchristchurch.org. Printed copies are available in the foyer. The deadline for the October Heartbeat is **September 16**.

PRAYERS

Each week we pray for members of our church family. Suggested prayers are for their spiritual growth, opportunities to see Christ in their everyday lives, and anything else that God puts on your mind for them.
This week please pray for:

Doug & Jan S Joanne S

Mitch & Rochelle S, Jonathan, Elisha, Peter

SERVANTS FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4H

Greeters: Hildred & Clair **E-Street Taxi:** Joe P

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- Mon.: Closed
- Tues., Wed., Thurs.: 10 a.m.. - 3 p.m.
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Eating Ashes: The Folly of Idolatry

Isaiah 44:9-20

I. Foods that don't satisfy

A. People are adept at finding/pursuing things that are unsatisfying

B. Context (Isaiah 44)

1. Israel is God's chosen people (vv 1-5)

2. God alone is God (vv 6-8)

3. The folly of idolatry (vv. 9-20)

4. God is Israel's redeemer (vv. 21-28)

II. Folly of idolatry (Isaiah 44:9-20)

A. Begins with people (v 9a)

B. Evidence of disordered desires (v 9b and 1 Samuel 12:21)

C. Brings shame on those seeking idolatry (v. 9c)

D. Isaiah asks a question (vv 10-11)

III. Modern idolatry

A. Buddhism, Hinduism

B. What does idolatry look like in a technologically advanced society? In a secular society?

1. Idolatry is elevation of the self

2. Idolatry is spending much time on something less than God

C. We are idolaters and it is folly

IV. God's message to idolaters (Isaiah 44:21-22, 24)

A. Who he is and who they are

B. Idolatry is foolish, unsatisfying

C. We are his servants

D. He is our maker

E. We are in his heart

F. We are forgiven

G. God invites us to return to him, through Christ, the gate to life