



HOPE <sup>IN</sup> CHRIST  
CHURCH

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A Christian Reformed Church

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Glorifying God by Knowing,  
Living and Proclaiming  
our Hope in Christ

**TODAY'S MESSAGE**

Parents and Children

*Colossians 3:20-21*

**MAY 14, 2023**

Senior Pastor Scott Roberts  
Associate Pastor Ethan Rogers

## ***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***



*For the Beauty of the Earth*

**Welcome and Greeting**

**Opening Prayer**

*When We Walk With The Lord*

*Like a River Glorious*

**Call to Worship** The 5<sup>th</sup> Commandment  
Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day #39

*Tell Your Children*

*Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds*

Prayer

**Scripture** Colossians 3:20-21

**Sermon** Parents and Children

*A Christian Home*

**Benediction**

**Announcements**

*The Blessing*

## ***God is Moving Mountains***

The Kuki-Mizo-Chin people are one ethnic group, called by different names depending on whether they are in Bangladesh, India, or Burma/Myanmar. They are a Christian people. In Bangladesh's eastern Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) the Kuki-Chin demand an autonomous state where their people, lands and culture can be protected from colonization by Bengali Muslims, and from domination by the mostly Buddhist ethnic Chakmas (the largest ethnic minority group in the CHT). For this they suffer persecution and military violence. In October 2022, the Bangladeshi government launched a military operation against 'separatists and terrorists' in the CHT. In April, hundreds of Kuki-Chin Christians spent Easter displaced and grieving after 'state sponsored' militants attacked Khamtangpara village, Bandarban District, killing one man and capturing dozens, seven of whom they later tortured and executed. ***Please pray*** *God will intervene to sustain all Kuki-Chin Christians who are impoverished, cut off from aid, displaced and imperiled on account of ethnic-religious discrimination, persecution and military violence.*

For more information, contact Rebekah Roberts at  
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## ***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:

Scott, Katie, Gracie, Sarah  
Jeanette, Chris, Abigael, Kaitlyn, Anthony  
Linda     Gina

## ***Today's Offering***

The suggested donation for the offering this morning is the General Fund.

## ***Announcements***

**Stories Needed of God's Faithfulness:** Bekah Roberts is writing a book that will tell the stories from the people in Hope in Christ Church of God's faithfulness in their lives. This is an opportunity to share encouragement with each other of our unchanging God. Each story needs to be within 500-550 words long. If you want to write your story anonymously feel free to do so. Please turn in the story by the end of May, or if you don't want to write the story yourself, reach out to me and I (or one of the team members) will interview you and write the story on your behalf.

**Family Promise Meals:** Our next opportunity to provide meals for Family Promise will be on Sunday, May 21. The families pick the meals; you provide the ingredients and bring them to church on May 21. If you are interested in helping, please contact Lorraine Brouwer. Thank you!

**Elder/Deacon Nominations:** The following members have been presented by Council as candidates for Elder: Michael Boer, David Richards, and Ken Wick; and for Deacon: Hildred Abee, Jolene Skovron, and Philip Bergman. The congregation voted last and approved the names presented. Today, we will draw lots and the Holy Spirit will select our next Elders and Deacons. We give thanks to Brian Koning for his service as Elder, and to Dan Obbink and Barb Zylstra for their service as Deacons.

**Annual Banner Appeal Underway:** The 2023 appeal for "The Banner," the CRC's award-winning monthly magazine, has started. The Banner is delivered free in print and online, and this annual donation appeal makes it possible. To help keep this community conversation going, please give online now at [TheBanner.org/Give](http://TheBanner.org/Give). Happy Mother's Day!

### ***Servants for Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>***

**E-Street Taxi:** Cain      **Cookies:** Mona, Darlys, Ida  
**Prayer Room:** Ev      **Greeters:** Jerry & Faye

## ***Sermon Outline - May 14, 2023***

### Parents and Children

#### *Colossians 3:20-21*

- I. How do we “Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts, since as members of one body [we] were called to peace”? (Col 3:15)
  - A. When we talk about peace, are describing a state “[free] from conflict and oppression that results in fruitfulness.”<sup>[1]</sup>
  
  - B. In Paul’s day, there were 3 main areas in life which people would spend most of their waking hours:
    - 1. Marriage
  
    - 2. Parenting or being parented
  
    - 3. Work relationships
  
- II. Parenting – The best and the worst
  
  
- III. Instructions to children (Col 3:20)
  - A. Who are children? (Gen 27:13, Mt 3:9, 10:21, Jer 35)
  
  
  - B. What does it mean to obey your parents? (Mt 8:27, Mk 1:27, Heb 11:8, Col 3:22) This is an unpopular teaching – will we obey or seek different teachers (2Tim 4:3)
  
  
  - C. Why is Paul writing this? (Exo 20:12)

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[1] <https://www.ligonier.org/learn/devotionals/peace-in-marriage>

IV. Instructions to fathers (Col 3:21)

A. Provoke is a term that means to challenge or breed resentment.

B. Fathers have great power according to the Biblical pattern of life, but that requires great care and skill in living and wielding it.

C. It is one of the great struggles of life, for a father to determine how to rule his home.

V. These twin commands are rooted in the gospel and bring peace (Jn 12:49, 14:10, Phil 2:1-11)

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**Deacon Chair:** Dan Obbink (360-738-4718)

### ***Council Members and Districts***

#### **District - Last name A to C**

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## **CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

Mon.: Closed  
Tues., Wed., Fri.: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
Thursday: noon - 3 p.m.



## **BULLETIN DEADLINE**

All bulletin items are due on Thursdays at noon.



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