



HOPE ^{IN} CHRIST
CHURCH

A Christian Reformed Church

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

TODAY'S MESSAGE

Slaves and Masters

Colossians 3:22-4:1

MAY 21, 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



Opening Song

Call to Worship

Songs of Praise

Installation of Officers

Jolene Skovron, Philip Bergman, David Richards

Scripture Colossians 3:22-4:1

Reader: Lou Kooistra

Sermon Slaves and Masters

Songs of Response

Benediction

Closing Song

Today's Offering

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

God is Moving Mountains

Six Christian Libyan nationals arrested during March and early April for apostasy (leaving Islam) and Christian proselytism (missionary work) could face the death penalty if found guilty. Videos of the detained believers 'confessing' to their 'crimes' have been posted on-line. One believer is a 22-year-old woman who became a follower of Christ aged 15. Another believer is reported to have renounced his faith under torture; may he be comforted by the amazing grace of his Savior, Jesus Christ. Two US citizens arrested around the same time for alleged Christian proselytism have been released and deported to Tunisia. Meanwhile, Nigerian pastor Femi Abraham Akinboye – arrested by an Islamic militia in July 2021 while seeking a permit for the church he had established – remains detained, his fate unknown. Lord have mercy!

Please pray for the Lord to bring about peace and liberate the state from the grip of Islam.

For more information, contact Rebekah Roberts at
Rebekah@ChristianResponse.org

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:

Don N Lisa O Deloris P

Dan, Tanya, Amber, Chantel, Micah

Announcements

ELDER/DEACON INSTALLATION: Today Philip Bergman and Jolene Skovron will be installed as deacons and David Richards as an elder.

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 and can be mailed to Bekah at rebekah.g.roberts@protonmail.com. 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.

SIGN UP TO PRAY FOR SYNOD 2023: This year during Synod, CRC members will be offered an opportunity to join the Synod 2023 Prayer Vigil. You are invited to sign up for 30-minute time slots to pray. Each morning, a prayer guide for that day will be e-mailed out. These prayer guides will be the same ones for the early-morning prayer at Synod and will have specific requests based on what is scheduled for that day. To sign up for the prayer vigil, visit www.crcna.org/longing-to-be-like-christ

PARKINSON'S SUPPORT GROUP: Those with Parkinson's disease and their caregivers are welcome to join a support group that meets on the first Thursday of each month at 10 a.m. at the Lynden Senior Center. Contact Virgi Diephuis at (360) 354-1137 or Tina Navis at (360) 510-8024 with any questions.

HELP LOCAL FLOOD RECOVERY EFFORTS: If you are interested in working with a local World Renew team to assist with ongoing flood recovery efforts in Sumas, Everson, and Nooksack, please contact Diana Marquez at dmarquez@worldrenew.net or (616) 224-0701. Whatever time and talents you may be able to provide would be most appreciated. Teams will be here through June 3 and from June 3 to 24.

Servants for Sunday, May 28th

E-Street Taxi: Alice **Cookies:** Jen R., Rockelle, Rochelle
Prayer Room: Ken **Greeters:** Joe & Barb

Sermon Outline - May 21, 2023

Slaves and Masters

Colossians 3:22 - 4:1

I. Opening illustration

II. Review of previous weeks

- A. First, we are to consider ourselves dead to sinful ways of living (Col 3:5-11)
- B. Second, we are to clothe ourselves with righteous ways of acting, thinking, speaking (Col 3:12-17)
- C. Third, we are to seek peace in our relationships (Col 3:15)
- D. Background information on slavery in Roman world

III. Bondservants

- A. Obey in everything... (Col 3:22)
 - 1. Obedience isn't to be by way of eye-service
 - 2. Your service isn't to be merely for people pleasing –
 - 3. On the contrary, you are to serve with sincerity of heart
 - 4. The Christian slave is committed a reverential fear of the Lord (Col 1:15-17)
- B. Is there any limit to the extent of obedience one is to offer? (Col 3:5, 8-9)

III.

- C. Work from your soul (Col 3:23)
- D. Slaves have an inheritance and a family in heaven (Col 3:24)
- E. Paul has one final word to the slave (Col 3:25, Rom 2:6-11)

IV. Masters, act like God acts (Col 4:1)

V. Modern-day applications

- A. On employment and labor
 - 1. Your labor is an opportunity to work for God
 - 2. Work hard and diligently
 - 3. Meet your deadlines and the expectations
- B. On the exercise of power
 - 1. When you have power, remember to use it like God uses it.
 - 2. Bless others
 - 3. Be fair and impartial
 - 4. Remember those under your authority are people.
 - 5. Use your power to meet the needs of those under you.

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

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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

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