



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**

Commands to Husbands and Wives

*Colossians 3:18-19*

**MAY 7, 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***

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*God So Loved*

**Call to Worship** Hebrews 12:1-4

*King of Kings*

*Jesus Over Everything*

*I Am Not My Own*

**Profession of Faith** Chantel

**Prayer**

**Scripture** Colossians 3:18-19  
Scripture Reader: Chuck

**Message** Commands to Husbands and Wives

**Communion**

*Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me*

*Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery*

**Benediction**

*Let It Be Said Of Us*

**T**he Lord's Supper, which we celebrate today, is a way for the Christian to remember the sacrifice of Christ. If you have not yet believed in Christ as Savior, we invite you to watch and learn. We are glad you are here! If you have questions about Jesus, please see Pastor Scott after the worship service. *The bread we use is allergen free and contains no wheat, dairy, nuts or soy. However, it may contain egg.*



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

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

## ***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  
[Rebekah@ChristianResponse.org](mailto: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:

Brian, Melissa, Abee, Brenna, John, Zachariah K  
Doug & Winnie    Lou & Ev    Herm

## ***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!

**Congratulations to Pastor Scott!** Pastor Scott has recently completed all of the requirements for a Master of Theology degree (ThM). The Roberts family is hosting an open house to celebrate his graduation on May 12 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. and would love for you to come. Everyone is welcome to join the celebration!

**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 week and approved the names presented. On May 14, 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.

### ***Servants for Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup>***

**E-Street Taxi:** Doug S      **Cookies:** Katie, Linda, Tanya  
**Prayer Room:** Chuck      **Greeters:** Bud & Lorraine

## ***Sermon Outline - May 7, 2023***

### Commands to Husbands and Wives

*Colossians 3:18-19*

- I. Marriages are hard work.
- II. But they are beautiful too.
- III. Household codes flow out of Col 2:6, 3:5, 8, 10, 12-14, 17
- IV. Two commands for husbands (Col 3:19)
  - A. Command 1: Love your wives
    1. Continuously, intentionally, actively – love them.
      - a. In Scripture we are also commanded to love the brotherhood (1Pt 2:17)
      - b. Commanded to love one another (1Pt 1:22)
      - c. In Scripture, Jesus commands us to love our enemies 3x (Mt 5:44, Lk 6:27, 6:35)
      - d. And 3x a husband is commanded to love his wife (Eph 5:25, 5:33, Col 3:19)
    2. What does it mean to love someone?
      - a. Do you recall Jacob's love for Rachel? (Gen 29:18)
      - b. Love doesn't harm (Rom 13:10)
      - c. Love is (1 Cor 13:4-8)
      - d. Because love is seeking her best – it will be expressed in devotion to her (Mt 6:24)
      - e. Loving also means speaking the truth to her. (Mk 10:21)

3. Husbands, do you understand the gravity of the command you are being given? (Eph 5:25-27)
4. Love doesn't demand anything
5. Only in walking with Christ can this happen

B. Command 2: Do not be harsh with them

V. One command to the wives (Col 3:18)

A. "Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord." (Col. 3:18)

B. Submit – (Eph 5:24, Titus 2:5, 1Pet 3:1)

1. Given this, the idea of submission includes

a. Voluntary obedience (Lk 2:51)

b. Recognition of God-given position of authority (Rom 13:1)

c. Honor and reverence (1Cor 16:16)

2. Practical considerations

C. As is fitting to the Lord (Col 3:18, Eph 5:4, Philemon 8)

The Gospel in all of this: a Reversal of Eden

**Council President:** Lou Kooistra (360-820-2548)

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

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

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

Elder: Lou Kooistra (360-820-2548)

Deacon: Barb Zylstra (360-312-9695)

#### **District - Last name D to I**

Elder: Jerry Hop (360-734-9510)

Deacon: Doug Konn (360-224-1254)

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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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