



HOPE ^{IN} CHRIST
CHURCH

A Christian Reformed Church

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

TODAY'S MESSAGE

The Church

Matthew 16: 13-19

Pastor Mitchell Senti

JULY 30, 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

Prelude: Mitchell and Rochelle

Here I Am to Worship

Announcements - Pastor Scott

Call to Worship: Matthew 28:17-20

10,000 Reasons

We Are One In the Spirit

Prayer of Confession/Assurance

My Chains Are Gone

Profession of Faith - Mattea Ruiters

Congregational Prayer

Message: The Church- Matthew 16:13-19

The Church's One Foundation

Benediction

Postlude: Mitchell and Rochelle

God is Moving Mountains

A definitive Christian crisis looms over Azerbaijan's remnant indigenous Armenians in Nagorno-Karabakh (N-K) and Iraq's remnant indigenous Assyrians in the Nineveh Plains. The governments of Azerbaijan and Iraq – two US-allied, oil-and gas-rich, Muslim-majority pseudo-democracies – are poised to drive these indigenous Christian peoples off lands they have inhabited for millennia. Some 120,000 Armenian Christians are currently besieged in N-K, which is at 'breaking point'. Meanwhile, up to 300,000 Assyrian Christians in Northern Iraq are being systematically disenfranchised and dispossessed. The departing Christians will be replaced by colonizing Muslims who will quickly erase millennia of Armenian, Assyrian, and Christian heritage, as if it never existed. All the while, the post-Christian West turns away, 'ashamed' of their suffering. Please pray the wider Church will awaken to the need to speak up, pray for, and give generously to these gravely imperiled Christian communities – the Armenians of Azerbaijan's Nagorno-Karabakh, and the Assyrians of Iraq's Nineveh Plains – as the Muslims who want them gone threaten to overrun them, and as the post-Christian West turns its back on them. (See Proverbs 24:11-12 ESV)

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:

Jerry & Faye Deb I Marilyn
Jay & Avis Don K

Today's Offering

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

Sermon Scripture
Matthew 16: 13-19

Mat 16:13 ESV - Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?"

Mat 16:14 - And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

Mat 16:15 - He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"

Mat 16:16 - Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Mat 16:17- And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven.

Mat 16:18 - And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

Mat 16:19 - I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

Sermon Outline
The Church

1. What is it built on?
2. How do we live it out?
3. How does it relate to the Gospel?

Announcements

CREATIVE CREATIONS CRAFT CAMP: Kids ages 6 - 106 are invited to come and meet with Darlys to make paper flowers, pinecone flowers, jewelry, fun fold and pop-up cards, and to learn art techniques including painting with watercolor and acrylics - and more! Come to the Hope in Christ Church foyer for crafting fun and fellowship on August 1, 2, & 3 from 10 AM - 4 PM. If you would like to attend or have questions, contact Darlys.

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 August, 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.

VOLUNTEER TO HELP CASCADE CONNECTIONS: The Cascade Connections board of directors is seeking new volunteer board members to help support and guide the organization and its work in Whatcom County. If you have a passion for the disabilities field and community and are interested in joining, read the statement of faith and board of directors requirements (<https://cascadeconnections.org/about-us/board-of-directors-requirements/>) and contact George Beanblossom at (360) 714-9355, ext. 1107, or gbeanblossom@ccsite.org.

Servants for Sunday, August 6th

Greeters: David & Ida **Prayer Room:** Lou

E-Street Taxi: Joe P **Communion Prep:** Hildred, Rachel & family

Council Members and Districts

Council President: David Richards (360-961-0459)

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Deacon Chairperson: Mike Button (360-739-5435)

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Elder: Lou Kooistra (360-820-2548)

Deacon: Jolene Skovron (360-550-7220)

District - Last name D to Ka

Elder: Jerry Hop (360-734-9510)

Deacon: Doug Konn (360-224-1254)

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Elder: David Richards (360-961-0459)

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Elder: Mark Ruitter (360-398-0101)

Deacon: Mike Button (360-739-5435)

District - Last name P to Z

Elder: Don Recker (360-393-4179)

Deacon: Rachel Carlson (509-899-3963)

District - Council Members

Pastor Scott Roberts (360-733-6177)

Team Leaders

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Health Minister: Alice Brakke (360-671-2155)

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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