



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**

Praise God!

*Psalm 9*

**AUGUST 13, 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.

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## ***Order of Worship***

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Mission Statement**

**Call to Worship** Psalm 108:3-5

*I Exalt Thee*

*Build My Life*

*Wonderful Merciful Savior*

*Meekness and Majesty*

**Litany** Psalm 86:8-12

My God, How Wonderful You Are

**Prayers of the People**

**Reading of the Word** Psalm 9  
Lou Kooistra, reader

**Sermon** Praise God!

*Spirit of God, Who Dwells Within My Heart*

**Benediction**

*You are Holy (Prince of Peace)*

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

### **INDONESIA: CHRISTIAN THEOLOGIAN AND APOLOGIST ARRESTED**

*...seven months missing.*

A Coptic Orthodox Christian, Gratia Pello (40), taught theology at Nusantara Bible School in Malang, East Java. With a wealth of knowledge on Christian theology, eastern Christianity, Arabic language, Islam and the Arab world, he also ran an apologetics YouTube channel where he critiqued Islam, answered questions, facilitated debates, defended Christianity, promoted the Bible and shared the Good News of Jesus Christ. On Tuesday 6 December 2022 Pello was arrested and taken to East Java Regional Police Headquarters where he was charged with blasphemy and imprisoned. Nothing has been seen or heard of Gratia Pello since his arrest.

More Prayer Requests:

- Pray for the Pastors who are being equipped to continue their outreach ministry to bring hope to the people of Indonesia.
- Pray that God would comfort those rejected by their own families for His sake.
- Pray for ICR partners to continue being presented with opportunities to teach families about Christ.

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:

Jeannette, Chris, Abigael, Kaitlyn, Anthony  
Lou & Ev Scott, Katie, Gracie, Sarah Herm

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

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

Sermon Scripture: Psalm 9  
Praise God!

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- I. God's people are called to praise him
  - A. How?
    - 1. By being thankful (Ps 9:1)
    - 2. By rehearsing God's great deeds to one another (Ps 9:1)
    - 3. By rejoicing and making music to the Lord (Ps 9:2)
  - B. Why?
    - 1. He is the Most High (Ps 9:2)
    - 2. He is just (Ps 9:4, 7-8; Jer 11:20)
    - 3. His enemies are utterly defeated (Ps 9:5-6, 15-20; Col 2:15)
    - 4. He is enthroned (Ps 9:7-8, Rom 12:19)
    - 5. He is a protector (Ps 9:9-10)
    - 6. He is faithful (Ps 9:10)
  - C. David returns where he began "Worship God" (Ps 9:11)

## II. Applications

### A. When we are in need, we should turn to the God we praise

1. Call on God in prayer (Ps 9:13)
2. Pray so that we can add our stories to the community's (Ps 9:14)
3. Jesus could have prayed this

### B. Consider if there is any wickedness or idolatry in your life (Ps 9:15-18)

1. God judges the wicked
2. Wickedness is forgetting God in daily life

### C. Be encouraged, God's judgment will come. (Ps 9:19-20)

## ***Announcements***

**ABEE'S ANNIVERSARY:** Following the service this morning we invite you to celebrate Clair and Hildred's 50th wedding anniversary with cake and root beer floats! We are grateful to the Lord and are humbled by His bountiful faithfulness, love, and goodness that has followed our parents through these many years together. Their wedding passage, I Corinthians 13, has been the bedrock of their marriage, as they have strived to love each as described in that passage, but even more so, as they have sought and continue to seek after the God of Perfect Love together. If you ask them what has gotten them through the many joys and sorrows in life's journey together, they might break out in the chorus of one of their favorite songs, "Grace upon grace like the waves on the shore; Always enough; Always more; Grace upon grace like the waves on the shore; All that we need is ours from the Lord." What a gift you two are to those who know you! We love you and are delighted to celebrate with you, Mom and Dad! Happy 50th Anniversary! Melissa K.

### **CHURCH POTLUCK AT BIRCH BAY TODAY**

- If you would like to, bring a meat that you enjoy with BBQ sauce, and/or any casseroles, salads, or desserts you want to share.
- Bring your own chairs and beverages, but plates, silverware, and napkins will be provided.
- We will meet on the beach across the road from the BP Heron Center. Look for the 4 black, red, and white banners. A Discover Pass is required for parking in the park.
- Arrive at the Birch Bay beach at/after 3:00 p.m. Dinner is at 5:00 p.m.
- If you want to attend but need assistance with transportation or a Discover Pass, please contact Mike Button or your deacon or elder.

**GRACEFUL EATS, REAL TALK DINNER GROUPS:** Sign-up sheets are available in the foyer for anyone interested in participating. The vision for these groups is to eat together and talk about politics, religion and economics with people inside and outside the church and to leave as friends with a greater understanding of one another.

## ***Servants for Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup>***

**Greeters:** Darryl & Gloria      **Prayer Room:** Ida  
**E-Street Taxi:** Alice      **Foyer Monitor:** Joe P

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

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

**Elder Chairperson:** Lou Kooistra (360-820-2548)

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

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Elder: Lou Kooistra (360-820-2548)

Deacon: Jolene Skovron (360-550-7220)

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Elder: Jerry Hop (360-734-9510)

Deacon: Doug Konn (360-224-1254)

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Elder: Mark Ruiten (360-398-0101)

Deacon: Mike Button (360-739-5435)

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Elder: Don Recker (360-393-4179)

Deacon: Rachel Carlson (509-899-3963)

### **District - Council Members**

Pastor Scott Roberts (360-733-6177)

## ***Team Leaders***

**Education Director:** Pastor Ethan Rogers (360) 733-6177  
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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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