

A Christian Reformed Church

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

### **TODAY'S MESSAGE**

What are the Righteous to Do?

Psalm 11

**AUGUST 27, 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



What a Beautiful Name

Call to Worship Psalm 145:17-21

Goodness of God

My Soul Finds Rest in God Alone (Psalm 62)

God of Angel Armies

Affirmation of Faith Heidelberg Q. & A. #1

How Firm a Foundation

### Prayer

Scripture Reading (Pastor Ethan) Psalm 11

Sermon What are the Righteous to Do?

Mighty Fortress

**Benediction** 

Living Hope

## **God is Moving Mountains**

### **MALI: CATHOLIC PRIEST ABDUCTED**

...eight months missing.

On Sunday 20 November 2022 Islamic jihadists snatched Reverend Hans-Joachim Lohre as he prepared to go and celebrate the Mass. Affectionately known as Father Ha-Jo, the German priest had served in Mali for more than 30 years and was a champion of inter-religious dialogue. It was the first abduction of a foreigner from the capital, Bamako, since the Islamic insurgency began in 2012. Father Ho-Jo served with the international Roman Catholic Missionary Society, 'Missionaries of Africa'. His fate and whereabouts remain unknown.

### **PRAYER**

- 1. Please Pray the whereabouts of Father Ha-Jo will be discovered.
- 2. Pray that stability, law, and order will return to Mali, with militant extremists pushed back.
- 3. Pray that new believers will find fellowship with other Christians and retain their hope and joy.

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:

Lisa O Deloris Chris Jack & Sally P Joe P

## Today's Offering

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

# Sermon Scripture: Psalm 11 What are the Righteous to Do?

- I. If the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do? (Ps 11:3)
  - A. David lives in a time when foundations were crumbling. What did people tell David to do? (Ps 11:1-3)
  - B. We live in a time when foundations are crumbling. What are people telling Christians to do?
  - C. Psalm 11 gives us instruction that is useful for our present age.
    - 1. David doesn't agree to flee or fight (Ps 11:1-3).
    - 2. Instead, he declares, "I will trust in the Lord..." (Ps 11:1a)
- II. A third option: Trust in the Lord
  - A. Refuge in the LORD (Ps 11:1, 7:1, 118:8, 144:2)
    - 1. David was in a unique place because of the promises of God.
    - 2. But we do have promises:
      - a. A promise of suffering with Christ unto glory (Rom 8:17)
      - b. A promise that suffering produces perseverance, character, and hope. (Rom 5:3-5)
      - c. A promise that suffering leads to God's comfort (2Cor 1:5)

- d. A promise that God will never leave us or forsake us (Dt 31:6-8, Heb 13:5-6)
- 3. When hardship comes, entrust yourself to the one who is faithful and will not abandon you.
- B. David trusts because he understands God's character and position (Ps 10-11)
  - 1. His character
  - 2. His throne
  - 3. Our God judges all (Ps 11:5-6)
- C. Pray (Ps 11, Mt 10:14)
- D. Live righteously (Ps 11:7, Rom 3:22)

### **Announcements**

**FRIENDSHIP CLASS NEED:** Friendship is seeking one female mentor to lead/help at a small group table on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday evening meetings. Could it be you? If interested, or for more information, contact Tanya.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS/HELPERS NEEDED:** It is time to start thinking about back-to-Sunday School! Pastor Ethan has been busy gathering materials, and he is ready to assign teachers to classes. Please help him finish getting ready by choosing the dates you would like to serve and adding your name to the notebook in the foyer. Thank you!

<u>FALL YOUTH RETREAT:</u> A retreat is being planned for middle-school-aged kids and older (under 21 years) for October 13-15. Sign -up information is in the foyer.

**HCC WEBSITE IMPROVEMENT:** We are looking into revamping our current web presence to hopefully make it more inviting and informative. Currently the council has two web designers who have given us ideas and estimates on costs. We are looking for one or two people to help manage the website, and also input. Could this be you? Contact David Richards.

<u>GRIEF SHARE SUPPORT GROUP STARTING:</u> Sonlight Community Church is offering Grief Share starting Sept. 14. The 13-week video and discussion series addresses the process of grieving a loss through death and offers support and encouragement with others going through a season of grief. The group will meet on Thursdays from 6:30 to 8 p.m. For more information or to sign up, please contact Jan DeBoer at (360) 303-8271 or Nella Terpstra at (360) 201-8576.

## Servants for Sunday, September 3rd

Greeters Joe P., Darryl G. Prayer Room: David R
E-Street Taxi: Joe P. Foyer Monitor: Joe P.

**Communion Prep:** Diane B, Katie & Sarah M.

Scripture Reader: Lisa D.

### **Council Members and Districts**

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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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