



HOPE ^{IN} CHRIST
CHURCH

A Christian Reformed Church

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

TODAY'S MESSAGE

Asleep on Enchanted Ground?

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Pastor Don Recker

SEPTEMBER 10, 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

Only A Holy God

Call to Worship Psalm 119:147-152

Mission Statement

How Firm A Foundation

Be Thou My Vision

Thy Word

Litany Psalm 119:33-40

Psalm 62

Scripture Reading (Rebekah Roberts) 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Prayer

Message Asleep on Enchanted Ground?

O Word of God Incarnate

Benediction

O Church Arise

God is Moving Mountains

INDIA: HIGH COST OF FAITH IN UTTAR PRADESH

Uttar Pradesh is one of 12 Indian states to have enacted repressive anti-conversion laws. Despite comprising a mere 0.18 of Uttar Pradesh's 200 million population, Christians are routinely targeted for persecution as Hindu nationalists use the anti-conversion law to intimidate, persecute and paralyze Christians, making church life unviable and Christian witness costly. Catholic media reported in May that at least 33 pastors and believers were languishing in different jails in 12 districts across Uttar Pradesh. On Sunday 30 July 15 Christians – including three pastors – were arrested during worship and imprisoned in four 'anti-conversion' incidents across four districts of Uttar Pradesh. One Christian leader laments: 'The situation has reached such a stage that holding a prayer service or reading the Bible at home can land you in jail.' ***Please pray the Lord will protect and sustain Indian Christians who risk much to pray with the sick, witness for Christ, help the needy and even just gather for prayer and worship.***

MORE PRAYER

- Pray for protection over church leaders and their families in India.
- Pray for the faith of new believers to be such a powerful testimony that their families also accept Christ.
- Pray for a foundational change in the hearts of the people of India to accept the minority faith groups.

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:

Roberts Family: Jen, Scott, Bekah, Zeke, Caleb, Grace, Faith, Elisha, Morgan

Ruiter Family: Mark, Rochelle, Mattea, Michal, Amariah, Eliana

Today's Offering The suggested donation today is the General Fund.

Sermon Scripture

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 ESV

But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you.

For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night.

For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape.

But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief.

You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness.

Therefore let us not sleep, as others [do], but let us watch and be sober.

For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night.

But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and [as] a helmet the hope of salvation.

For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,

who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him.

Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing.

Sermon Notes

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Announcements

TODAY'S PIANIST: We welcome Karen Scholten this morning, and are thankful that she is playing piano for us during worship today!

BIBLE STUDY STARTING: There will be a weekly Bible study at church starting this Tuesday at 6:30 p.m., which is the same time Youth Group meets with Pastor Ethan. Everyone is invited to come. The topic is "The Gospel-Centered Life."

CELEBRATION OF MARK SCHOLTEN'S LIFE: Jan and Doug's son Mark was a well-known and loved local sports broadcaster and member of the Bellingham community. In lieu of a traditional funeral service, an event will be held on Sept 17 for co-workers, friends and family to gather together to share stories and memories of him and to celebrate his life. The Scholtens invite you to attend on Sunday the 17th at 3 p.m. in the Bellingham High School Performing Arts Center. Jan and Doug also want to thank you for your prayers, calls, texts, and visits during this difficult time. "We feel very blessed to be part of a wonderful church family."

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS/HELPERS NEEDED: There are still many Sundays with openings for teachers. If you would like to volunteer, please sign-up today. There is a 3-ring notebook in the foyer with the dates.

FALL YOUTH RETREAT: 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.

Servants for Sunday, September 17th

Greeters Jerry & Faye **Prayer Room:** Ev **E-Street Taxi:** Cain

Foyer Monitor: Mike Button **Scripture Reader:** Philip

Cookies: Barb, Hildred, Jennifer B

Council Members and Districts

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

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Elder: Jerry Hop (360-734-9510)

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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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