



HOPE ^{IN} CHRIST
CHURCH

A Christian Reformed Church

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

TODAY'S MESSAGE

Cities of Refuge

Deuteronomy 4:41-43, 19:1-10

OCTOBER 1, 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

Joy in the House of the Lord

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship Psalm 71:1-3

A Mighty Fortress

Your Name

The Lord is My Salvation

Prayer

Scripture Reading (Tanya Obbink) **Deuteronomy 4:41-43, 19:1-10**

Sermon Cities of Refuge

Communion

His Mercy is More

O Lord My Rock and My Redeemer

Jesus Over Everything

The 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.



God is Moving Mountains

Pastor Released from Notorious Prison

Ethnic Armenian Iranian Pastor Joseph Shahbazian was arrested on 30 June 2020 when agents from the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps raided his house church gathering in Tehran. He was sentenced in June 2022 to 10 years in prison to be followed by two years internal exile for 'founding or leading an organisation that aims to disrupt national security'. However, in February 2023 the Supreme Court granted him a retrial and in May his sentence was reduced to two years. Then, on the evening of 13 September, Pastor Joseph Shahbazian (59) was summoned to the Evin Prison office and informed that he had been pardoned and was free to leave prison and return to his family, including his first grandchild, born while he was incarcerated. **Thank-you Lord!**

For more information, contact Rebekah Roberts
Rebekah@ChristianResponse.org

Servants for Sunday, October 8

Greeters Clair & Hildred	Prayer Room: Ida
E-Street Taxi: Cain	Foyer Monitor: Clair
Cookies: Alice, Avis, Ev	Scripture Reader: Ida

Today's Offering

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

Sermon Scripture: Deuteronomy 4:41-43, 19:1-10

Cities of Refuge

I. Cities of Refuge

A. Ancient context of justice

1. The ancient world was a world of revenge.
2. A problem: What if you didn't purposefully kill the person? (Dt 19:5)
3. But God intended Israel to be different from the nations around her. (Dt 4:6)
4. Therefore, God needed to establish a different form of legal system among his people.

B. Purpose: To establish justice in the land
(Num 35:26-28)

C. Locations of the cities
(Dt 4:43, 19:2-3, 19:8-9, Josh 20:7)

- II. Justice involves punishing the guilty not the innocent
 - A. The manslayer (Job 24:14, Dt 4 & 19)

 - B. Safety in the city for accidents (Num 35:26-28)

 - C. Practical implications

- III. What's the connection between the first two commandments and the Cities of Refuge?
 - A. 2nd Table of the Law flows from 1st Table
 - 1. 10 Commandments have been traditionally referred to as the 2 tablets of the Law (Ex 34:1)

 - 2. Implication: Impossible to build a just society upon secularism or false religion.

 - B. Justice involves protecting the Innocent (Num 35:24-26)
 - 1. Applications

 - 2. Does God only care about those falsely accused/ pursued of a crime they didn't intentionally commit or does his concern from the protection of the innocent transcend this?

- IV. The Gospel connection to communion (Num 35:28, Heb 4:14-9, 7:1-8:13)

Announcements

FAMILY PROMISE: The next opportunity for Hope in Christ Church to provide meals through Family Promise is October 22. We usually need 6 meals, and the recipes that the recipients request will be distributed by October 15. You don't need to cook the meal but just provide the ingredients. The recipients will do the cooking. Please contact Hildred Abee as soon as possible if you are willing to participate. Thank you in advance for loving your neighbor.

FROM DON & TENA: Hope In Christ Church Family, thank you so much for all your acts of kindness, thoughts and prayers as Don once again went through a really difficult time health-wise. God is good; He has blessed us with wonderful friends and church family, so that when life gets really difficult, we know we are being lifted up in your prayers and surrounded by your love and care. We couldn't walk this journey alone; our God is with us, and He has given us you to help us through. God bless and be with each of you. We love and appreciate each of you so much.
In Christian Love, Don & Tena

HELPERS FOR CARLSON HOME: Work has started on rebuilding Rachel Carlson's house. David Richards will be the person helping her Uncle Loren by putting together work parties. Work will be done Monday-Saturday. The most critical needs are doing more demolition such as the ceilings, exterior walls, foundation and removing all plumbing and wiring. If you would like to jump in and help contact David (360-961-0459) and he will coordinate with Loren. He hopes to plan some group workdays by next week.

PARENT MEETING TODAY: There will be a brief meeting for parents (and others who are interested) to discuss the transition plan for the youth pastor position.

DOXA GROUP FOR YOUNG ADULTS: A new small group for 18-26-ish-year-olds will meet from 6:30-8 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday nights of each month to share some dessert, perhaps play games, praise, pray, and spend some time in God's Word together. It will be held at Konings' house. Bring your friends!

LADIES - SAVE THE DATE: All women ages 16 and older are invited to attend a seminar on Saturday, November 11 from 9:30-11:30 a.m., entitled "Women Under Stress." The seminar will be held here at Hope in Christ Church and is free of charge. More details about registration to follow in October.

SAVE THE DATE: There will be a new Tena Crosby conference at church on October 20 and 21. The time schedule will be similar to the last one. Details and sign-up information will be coming soon.

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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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