



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**

God, God's People, God's Law  
*Deuteronomy 4:1-40*

**SEPTEMBER 24, 2023**

Senior Pastor Scott Roberts  
Associate Pastor Ethan Rogers

# ***Order of Worship***



*Living Waters/As the Deer*

**Call to Worship:** Deuteronomy 6:4-9

*Holy Forever*

*Blessed By Your Name*

*O God Our Help in Ages Past*

**Summary of the Law**

*Tell Your Children*

**Prayer**

**Scripture Reading,** Carlson Family: Deuteronomy 4:1-40

**Sermon** God, God's People, God's Law

*By Faith*

**Benediction**

The Blessing



***Today's Offering***

The suggested donation today is the General Fund.

## ***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.

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

### **PAKISTAN: THE JARANWALA POGROM**

On 16 August thousands of fanatical Muslims attacked the Christian colony in Jaranwala, a city in the Faisalabad district, Punjab province. Fortunately, Christians were quick to flee. During 10 hours of rioting, the Muslims looted and ransacked some 500 homes and at least 20 churches, torching many. Around 2000 Christians have lost everything, including all sense of security. The pogrom, which was triggered by a blatantly false accusation of blasphemy, was led by fundamentalist Islamist clerics associated with Tehreek-e-Labbaik Pakistan (TLP), a radically Islamist political party. Pakistani Islamists have been stoking tensions, protesting, and issuing threats since early July, after the Swedish government allowed an Iraqi refugee to burn a Qur'an in a public protest. On 2 August Lahore-based terror group Lashkar-e-Jhangvi (LeJ) announced it would respond by attacking Christians and churches. **Please pray.**

For more information, contact Rebekah Roberts at  
[Rebekah@ChristianResponse.org](mailto:Rebekah@ChristianResponse.org)

### ***Servants for Sunday, October 1st***

**Communion Prep:** Doug & Winnie

**Greeters:** Dave & Ida

**Prayer Room:** Alice

**Cookies:** Diane, Rachel, Gloria

**Foyer Monitor:** Doug K

**Sunday School Observer:** Doug K

**E-Street Taxi:** Joe P

**Scripture Reader:** Tanya

## **God, God's People, God's Law**

### *Deuteronomy 4:1-40*

- I. Introduction: Dt. 4 is the equivalent of Ps 119
  
- II. We know God through his words to us (4:1-8)
  - A. God is
    1. God of our fathers (Dt 4:1)
      - a. God is the same God through history to his people
  
      - b. And He is our God as well. (Mt 7:21, 10:33, 11:27, 12:50, 25:40, Jn 20:17)
  
    2. One who gave Israel the land of Canaan (Dt 4:1)
      - a. God had made promises to Abraham (Gen 12:7)
  
      - b. This promise of God is one God's people hold onto as we await our final redemption (Rev 22:1-5)
  
    3. Gives commands to his people (Dt 4:2, 5)
      - a. Moses' words were God's commandments to Israel (4:2)
  
      - b. Does God have commands for his people today? (1Jn, Rev 22:9, Act 15)
  
    4. Destroyer of idolaters (Dt 4:3, Num 25:1-4)
  
    5. Your God (Dt 4:4)

B. God's people are to

1. Listen and do God's statutes (Dt 4:1, 9-10)
2. Not add or subtract from God's statutes (Dt 4:2)
3. Hold fast to God and life (Dt 4:4)

C. The warning: destruction for idolatry (Dt 4:3, 21, 24, 26- 27)

D. The blessings

1. May live and possess the land (Dt 4:1, 1Cor 10:6, Rev 22:15)
2. Wisdom and understanding (Dt 4:6, Ps 111:10, Prov 9:10)
3. Nearness of God (Dt 4:7)

III. Conclusion

- A. God's law is meant to drive us to Christ who is the fulfillment of it for us. (1Cor 1:30)
- B. Remember that God's law is still useful for our growth in Christ-likeness

## ***Announcements***

**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 and he will coordinate with Loren. He hopes to plan some group work days by next week.

**PARENT MEETING OCT. 1:** There will be a brief meeting for parents (and others who are interested) after the morning service on Oct 1 to discuss the transition plan for the youth pastor position.

**DOXA GROUP FOR YOUNG ADULTS:** The Konings are starting a new small group for 18-26-ish-year-olds. They will meet from 6:30-8 p.m. on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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 their house beginning on Sept 26<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**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.

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

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

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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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