



HOPE ^{IN} CHRIST
CHURCH

A Christian Reformed Church

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

TODAY'S MESSAGE

The Decalogue

Deuteronomy 4:45-5:29

OCTOBER 15, 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

You Are Holy (Prince of Peace)

Call to Worship Psalm 119

The Love of God

Promises (Great is Your Faithfulness O God)

Goodness of God

Ten Commandments

Build My Life

Prayers

Scripture Reading, Don Recker **Deuteronomy 4:45-5:29**

Sermon The Decalogue

Before the Throne of God Above

Benediction

How Marvelous

Today's Offering

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

God is Moving Mountains

Israel and Gaza

In the early hours of Saturday 7 October, Gaza-based Islamic terror group Hamas initiated war with Israel. Along with firing some 5000 rockets, Hamas managed to infiltrate some 1000 terrorists into Israel. By Monday 9 October, the death toll had risen to over 1500 including some 900 Israelis, mostly civilians massacred in cold blood. A further 2500 Israelis had been wounded and around 150 abducted, taken as hostages into Gaza. Indications are that this is the beginning of a genocidal operation by the Iran-led 'Axis of Resistance'. Christians in Israel and in Gaza will die. Further to this, vulnerable minority Christians – from Iraq to Nigeria and Pakistan – will likely suffer 'blowback' in the form of local Islamic anti-Christian pogroms whenever Islamic passion and indignation are inflamed.

- Pray for Christians' safety
- Pray for the war to end quickly
- Pray for those who lost loved ones
- Pray for those who are without shelter
- Pray for believers to take comfort from the Word of God
- Pray for true reconciliation through Christ between both sides
- Pray for perseverance for Christians, already exhausted living in a hostile society, with the added pressures of an ongoing war
- Pray that Christians on both sides will maintain unity
- Pray that believers' identity in Christ will stay in their hearts and minds and transform them
- Pray for opportunities for Christians to share about their hope in Christ with those who are not believers

For more information, contact Rebekah Roberts
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Servants for Sunday, October 22nd

Greeters: Doug, Winnie

Scripture Reader: Winnie

E-Street Taxi: Alice

Foyer Monitor: Dan

Cookies: Lisa, Melissa, Katie

Prayer Room: David

Sermon Scripture: Deuteronomy 4:45-5:29

The Decalogue

- I. A narrative of God's faithfulness (Dt 4:46-49)
 - A. Narrative is instructive for reminding us of God's goodness so far

 - B. I've already brought you victory, so respond in love to me

- II. A rich vocabulary for understanding God's Law (Dt 4:44-45)
 - A. Law = Torah
Narrative and commandment

 - B. Testimonies = edot (Ex 25:16)
The commandments and the festivities that testify To God's mighty works still matter

 - C. Statute = choq (Job 28:26, Jer 5:22, 31:35-36)
 - 1. The Jews refer to these as the laws of nature

 - 2. Natural law is as much God's desire for people to live within as any overt and explicitly revealed law.

 - D. Rules = mishpat
Justice – flourishing, peaceful society

 - E. Implications
God's people are to practice these ways of living (Dt 5:1)

III. The Decalogue: A Summary

A. Their supernatural history (Dt 5:6)

B. First loving response: Don't relegate me to 2nd place (Dt 5:7)

C. Second loving response: Don't fashion of confine me (Dt 5:8-10)

D. Third loving response: Rightly use my name (Dt 5:11)

E. Fourth loving response: Rest in me (Dt 5:12-15)

F. Fifth loving response: Honor your parents (Dt 5:16)

G. Sixth through 10th loving responses: Treat covenant community members well (Dt 5:17-21)

IV. The key to living out such love: better mediator, awe, and obedience
(Dt 5:22-29, Heb 8:6, 9:15, Lk 11:13, Rom 8:11)

Announcements

WOMEN UNDER STRESS SEMINAR: Registration is now open for this seminar to be held here at Hope in Christ Church, Saturday, November 11. The morning will include teaching, discussion, and a simple continental breakfast for all participants. Watch for an email sent from the church office with an easy registration link, or call Marjie at 360-733-6177. Come connect with other women 16+ and be encouraged in your faith!

VITALITY TEAM NEWS: Our current Vitality Team is retiring (Philip Bergman, Connie Koepp, Scott Macdonald, Don Recker, Jen Roberts, Ethan Rogers, Ken Wick), making way for the next one-year volunteer Vitality Team.

Vitality seeks to promote a healthy missional church community via resources such as the communication seminars ... Vitality Pathway's Pulse survey ... a descriptive "welcome" packet for orientation to life at HICC ... and whatever "think-tank" ideas, proposals, initiatives the team deems worthwhile.

Would you be sensitive and responsive to the Lord's promptings and consider being a member of our next Vitality Team? If you (young person, retiree, or someone in-between) are attracted to initiate and foster the health, growth, and service of our church community, contact any current Vitality Team member, Pastor Scott, or Council member to indicate your interest and willingness to serve.

ICR ACTSNOW: You are invited to hear a former Muslim woman from the Middle East share about how her journey and surrender to Christ cost her almost everything! People threatened her life and came after her children.

Fast Forward to now, God is using Sister A. greatly on Satellite Television that covers a Middle East population of more than 200 million. She hosts one of the top three shows on that network.

Come, hear this amazing sister and two brothers in Christ share how God is working in the midst of persecution! It's part of the ICR 2023



ActsNow Conference October 28 in Redmond at Evangelical Chinese Church.

Register today at ChristianResponse.org/ActsNow-WA

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Mon.: Closed
Tues., Wed., Fri.: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Thursday: noon - 3 p.m.



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