



HOPE ^{IN} CHRIST
CHURCH

A Christian Reformed Church

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

TODAY'S MESSAGE

First Commandment, First Time:
The Most Important Thing
Deuteronomy 6:1 - 11:32

OCTOBER 22, 2023

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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

Deuteronomy 6:1-3

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Announcements

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Holy, Holy, Holy

Deuteronomy 6:10-15

We Will Remember

Deuteronomy 7:1-11

Day of Judgement, Day of Wonders

Deuteronomy 9:4-6

Lord I Need You

Lead Me to The Cross

Prayer

Scripture Reading, Winnie Konn Deuteronomy 8:1-20

Sermon First Commandment, First Time: The Most Important Thing

In Christ Alone

Benediction

The Stand

God is Moving Mountains

NORTH KOREA: CHRISTIANS RETURNED TO IMPRISONMENT AND DEATH

North Korea (NK) is a dangerous place to be a Christian. Anyone found with a Bible or at a prayer gathering will be publicly executed or sent to a prison labour camp along with three generations of their immediate family. Starvation forces many to flee across the northern border into China where they are likely to encounter Christian South Korean, Korean American and Chinese missionaries who risk their own lives assisting NK defectors. Many NKs become Christian through this ministry. If caught inside China, NK defectors are arrested and forcibly repatriated to certain imprisonment, torture and possibly death. On 9 October nearly 600 NK defectors were forcibly repatriated. According to Radio Free Asia, the defectors were mostly 'civilians and religious figures', and some 2000 more remain in detention awaiting deportation. Please pray the Lord will protect, sustain and richly bless North Korea's long-suffering and severely persecuted remnant Church.

For more information, contact Rebekah Roberts
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Servants for Sunday, October 29th

Greeters: Jerry, Faye

Prayer Room: Chuck

E-Street Taxi: Doug S.

Foyer Monitor: Joe P

Cookies: Tanya, Mona, Darlys

Today's Offering

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

Sermon Scripture: Deuteronomy 6:1 - 11:32

*First Commandment, First Time:
The Most Important Thing*

I. Introduction

II. The first and greatest commandment: Teach the people to love God (Mt 22:37, Dt 6:5)

A. Why does Jesus call this the first and greatest commandment? (Dt 6:1)

1. The love of God leads to life (Dt 6:3)

2. The love of God leads to loving others

3. The love of God leads to the fear of God (Dt 6:1-2)

4. The love of God is the key to the generational preservation of faith (Dt 6:2, 7, 11:19)

B. There is no other God – The Shema (Dt 6:4, 5:7)

C. Loving the ONE GOD affects every area of life (Dt 6:7-9)

D. The love of God has effects on who we ally with in life (Dt 7:1-6)

III. Why should someone love the Lord with all they have?
(Dt 7:9-10)

A. He is faithful

B. He is steadfastly loving (Jn 20:17)

C. He is just

IV. Prosperity is a danger to loving God (Dt 6:10-13, 8:11-14)

A. God's provisioning (Dt 8:18)

B. The danger of prosperity

V. The Gospel (Dt 6:24-25, 9:4-6, 10:12-16, 11:1ff)

A. The conundrum

B. The solution is Christ (Jn 5:19, 12:49, Mt 4:10, 1Cor 5:21,
1Pet 2:24, 1:3)

Announcements

ICR SPEAKER ON TUESDAY: The elders are hosting a special guest speaker from ICR this Tuesday night, October 24 from 6:30-8:30 pm. The speaker has expertise in ICR's work in the Arabic speaking countries of the Middle East. We are asking that all small groups consider attending, and are canceling the regular youth meeting in order for our youth to hear and learn about the work of God in this part of the world. We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday in the sanctuary.

WARNING: The following activity may be addictive. The long-standing Thursday, 6:30-7:45 a.m. men's discussion group (Jerry, Herm, Jay, Dave A, Don R, Glen, Tom, Ken, Scott M, & Lou) would be delighted to have you stop in to check-out our informal, lively discussions and some ribbing in the church foyer every Thursday. Beginning Nov. 1st, we'll take up a discussion of MARK's Gospel account, a chapter at a time. Come observe/participate with no pressure to become a regular. Sorry, no pajama apparel allowed!

WOMEN UNDER STRESS SEMINAR: Registration is now open for the seminar to be held at HCC on Saturday, November 11. The morning will include teaching, discussion, and a simple continental breakfast for all participants. Email or call the office 360-733-6177 to register. Come connect with other women 16+ and be encouraged in your faith!

VITALITY TEAM NEWS: Our current Vitality Team is retiring, 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, Pulse surveys, "welcome" packet for newcomers...and whatever ideas, proposals, initiatives the team deems worthwhile. Would you consider being a member of our next Vitality Team? If you are interested, contact any current Vitality Team member, Pastor Scott, or Council member.

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



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