



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**

Encountering God

*Isaiah 6*

Guest Pastor Will Southard

**OCTOBER 8, 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.

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## ***Order of Worship***

*Holy Holy Holy Lord God Almighty*

**Call to Worship** Psalm 99:1-5

**Opening Prayer**

*Only A Holy God*

*Open the Eyes of My Heart*

*Build My Life*

*Revelation Song*

**Prayer**

**Scripture Reading** (Ida Richards) **Isaiah 6**

**Sermon** Encountering God

*Refiner's Fire*

**Benediction**

**Announcements**

*Hosanna*

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## ***Today's Offering***

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

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

### **PAKISTAN**

On Saturday night 19 August, police in Sahiwal (100km southwest of Jaranwala) arrested Ehsaan Shan Masih (27) and charged him with blasphemy under Section 295-A of Pakistan's Penal Code which criminalises 'deliberate and malicious acts intended to outrage religious feelings of any class by insulting its religion or religious beliefs.' Morning Star News (MSN) reports (22 Aug) that Eshaan Masih – an illiterate labourer and father of two children – reportedly uploaded images of the material that triggered the Jaranwala pogrom. Pastor Daniel told MSN: '[Ehsaan] came across a video on social media related to the attacks in Jaranwala that he posted on his TikTok account. Ehsaan was probably not even aware that sharing such content is a crime...' Bishop Abraham Daniel of the Sahiwal Baptist Church told MSN that it was only due to prompt action from local police, who took Eshaan and his family into 'protective custody' [where members were subsequently beaten], that another major crisis was averted. Blasphemy is a non-bailable offence in Pakistan, and so Eshaam Masih remains in jail on judicial remand. He could face years of incarceration before his case is finally resolved. ***Please pray*** for Eshaam and for the Church in Pakistan.

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

### ***Servants for Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>***

**Greeters** Lou, Tanya

**Scripture Reader:** Don R.

**E-Street Taxi:** Alice

**Foyer Monitor:** Clair

**Cookies:** Marilyn, Connie, Winnie

**Prayer Room:** Lou

## Sermon Scripture: Isaiah 6

### *Encountering God*

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In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple.

Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew.

And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!"

And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke.

And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"

Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar.

And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for."

And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here I am! Send me."

And he said, "Go, and say to this people: "'Keep on hearing, but do not understand; keep on seeing, but do not perceive.'

Make the heart of this people dull, and their ears heavy, and blind their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their hearts, and turn and be healed."

Then I said, "How long, O Lord?" And he said: "Until cities lie waste without inhabitant, and houses without people, and the land is a desolate waste,

and the LORD removes people far away, and the forsaken places are many in the midst of the land.

And though a tenth remain in it, it will be burned again, like a terebinth or an oak, whose stump remains when it is felled." The holy seed is its stump.

## Sermon Notes

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## ***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.

**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.

**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. Details will be in the bulletin next week.

**WOMEN'S WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY:** The ladies will be resuming their study this week at 9:45 a.m. They are picking up with Lesson 8: Israel and God's Eternal Plan. Questions? Contact Ruth Stadt.

**SUMMIT THRIFT STORE IS OPEN:** The Summit Thrift Store is now open from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and is located at 404 Front St., Lynden. Donations are accepted Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. with the hope of expanding drop-off times in the future. The store will be raising funds to support the Summit Houses ran by Envision Mission. Please consider volunteering and joining in this ministry. No experience is necessary. For more information, visit [summitthriftstore.org](http://summitthriftstore.org)

**LIBERTY QUARTET IN CONCERT:** The Liberty Quartet will be in concert on Oct. 14 at 6 p.m. at Faith Community Church, 586 Birch Bay-Lynden Road, Lynden. Doors will open at 5 p.m. Admission is free with a freewill offering. Enjoy a wonderful evening of great music, encouragement, and blessing with refreshments following. Bring the most first-time guests and receive a free CD. For more information, call (360) 354-4649 or (360) 318-4088.

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

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

**Elder Chairperson:** Lou Kooistra (360-820-2548)

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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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