



HOPE ^{IN} CHRIST
CHURCH

A Christian Reformed Church

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

TODAY'S MESSAGE

Jacob's Ladder

Genesis 28:10-22

SEPTEMBER 15, 2024

Guest Pastor Clayton Libolt

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

Praise

Welcome

Announcements

Call to Worship

Way Maker

Build My Life

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Prayer of Confession

O Come to the Altar

Prayer

Genesis 28:10-22

Sermon: Jacob's Ladder

Jesus Over Everything

Benediction

Build Your Kingdom Here



Today's Offering is for the Outreach Fund.
There is a collection basket next to the sound booth.

God is Moving Mountains

Almost every Sunday after church, Dilara's husband beats her. He beats her relentlessly until he's breathless and tired. Only when he is completely spent, does Dilara, 33, seize the moment to share Jesus with him. He's willing to listen when he's completely exhausted from beating her. Dilara's husband, a Muslim, hates that she attends a house church on Sundays. He threatens to divorce her often, but in more than 10 years, he hasn't yet followed through. She told an ICR worker, "As long as I live, I will follow my Savior Christ and tell my husband about Him. If not me, who will?"

Dilara is from Uzbekistan, a former Soviet republic. When the Soviet Union collapsed in 1991, life changed in Uzbekistan. A dictatorial leader came in and encouraged the country to return to its Islamic origins. Extremism was rooted out, and in the eyes of the government, that included evangelical Christianity. The government imprisoned house church leaders and fined those participating in "illegal" religious activity.

In 2016, following the death of the president, Shavkat Mirziyoyev assumed power. He focused on modernizing Uzbekistan, and shifted away from combating religious extremism. He removed several prominent Christian leaders from the blacklists they'd been on for years, and the environment eased for Christians. But little changed in the minds of Uzbek people. With over 90% of the population identifying as Muslim, nearly all persecution against Christians today originates from within families and communities.

Additional Prayer Requests:

1. Praise the Lord for the shift in the mindset of the Uzbek government.
2. Pray the Lord will soften the hearts of the Uzbek people that they may turn to him as their source of hope.
3. Pray for the Uzbek Christians to remain strong in their faith despite the persecution.

For More Information Visit:
<https://internationalresponse.org>

Servants for Sunday, September 22, 2024

Greeters: Tena, Darlys

E-Street Taxi: Don R

Foyer Monitor: Jack

Prayer Room: Needed

Scripture Reader: Damon

Sermon Outline

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Announcements

SUNDAY SCHOOL: We still need Sunday school teachers/helpers for many classes. Click on the link in the Breeze email to sign up and then look forward to sharing the gospel while having fun with our kids! Sunday school starts September 8.

CELEBRATE WITH ENVISION MISSION: Envision Mission will be hosting a special evening on Oct. 3 to celebrate its residents who have completed their Summit House program. The event, which will be held at Sonlight Community CRC at 6:30 p.m., will honor supporters and volunteers with an opportunity to give to the ongoing work of Envision Mission. Delicious desserts will be served, and live music will be performed by Mitch and Rochelle Senti.

DONATE, VOLUNTEER AT SUMMIT THRIFT STORE: The Summit Thrift Store at 404 Front St., Lynden, is accepting quality donations. If you are not donating to another local non profit ministry, please consider dropping off your new or gently used items to benefit Summit houses run by Envision Mission. Donations are accepted during business hours in the alley behind the store. Be sure to ring the doorbell in the back and an attendant will assist you with your donations. The store is open Monday through Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information call (360) 312-4105 or visit summitthriftstore.org for a list of accepted items. The store would also love more volunteers. No experience is necessary, and training and support are provided. Stop by and fill out a volunteer form.

SNACKS & DRINKS: Do you enjoy sharing snacks and drinks together after our time of worship? Please sign-up to keep it coming! A sign-up sheet has been sent to your email. There are many opportunities to help keep it happening.

WINTER COAT DRIVE: The Community Assistance Program is collecting clean, good quality used or new winter coats, gloves, hats, and socks for men, women, and children during the month of September. Winter clothing will be distributed in October at the CAP Center, 508 G St., Blaine. For more information including drop-off locations and distribution dates, visit blainecap.org/winter-coats/.

CEDAR SPRINGS HAS JOB OPENINGS: Cedar Springs Christian Retreat Center outside of Sumas has job opportunities for an assistant cook, a lead server, and a server/housekeeper. Ministry-minded teens or adults could work from 10 to 40 hours a week as part of a team. For more information about the center or the ministry positions, contact Sarah Lindner at (360) 988-6674 or visit www.cedarspringscsrc.org. To apply, visit the website and click on "jobs."

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Elder: Jerry Hop (360-734-9510)

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District - Last name S to Z

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Health Minister: Alice Brakke (360-920-8123)

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Mon - Thurs: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.



BULLETIN DEADLINE

All bulletin items are due on Wednesdays at noon.



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