



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**

*Staying Close to God*

***Psalm 73:28***

**JULY 20, 2025**

Missionary Javier Leyva

## ***Welcome!***

Welcome to Hope in Christ Church. We are so glad  
you have joined us today!



## ***Order of Worship***

*God So Loved*

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship—Matthew 17:28-31**

*O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer*

*His Glory and My Good*

*Come Unto Jesus*

*Battle Belongs*

**Prayer**

**Psalm 73:28**

**Sermon:** Staying Close to God

*Hold Me Savior*

**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***

An ICR field worker visited a Muslim village with an ICR partner in Ethiopia last year. By chance, she saw 17-year-old Ayana and greeted her.

“I noticed straight away that something was different,” the field worker said. “She had an incredible radiance and smiled at me straight away – this was very different from the other villagers, who were reserved.”

Then the field worker noticed Ayana wore a small cross necklace, and she asked her if she believed in Jesus. Ayana led the field worker a little ways away from the rest of the village, and they sat down under a tree.

“I came to faith three years ago,” Ayana said.

She was ill and went to a hospital in another place. There, someone from a local church visited the hospital and prayed for her. Ayana was healed, and she gave her life to Christ. When she returned to her village, she was the only one in her family who was a Christian. Her family was against her faith and treated her with a lot of hatred. The rest of the village excludes her from much of the village life.

But it didn’t matter, because Ayana felt so different inside.

“Jesus changed everything,” she said. “After I received Jesus Christ, I became stable and became very happy.” she said.

“The people hate me. They don’t accept me, but through this whole process, God stands with me. I have faced many challenges, like my family prevents me from going to prayer services,” she said.

“But what happened to me cannot be described. Now I have a vision to serve Jesus,” she said.

### **How to Pray:**

1. Praise God for Ayana’s and other persecuted Christians steadfastness despite opposition to their faith.
2. Pray for God to work in the lives of the people in Ayana’s family and village, that they’d be drawn to Him.
3. Pray for God to bring fellow Christians into the lives of persecuted believers so they can worship and grow in faith alongside of each other.

### **For More Information Visit:**

<https://christianresponse.org/news/excluded-but-at-peace/>

Sermon Outline

**Staying Close to God**

*Psalms 73:28*

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## ***Announcements***

**BIRCH BAY BBQ DATE:** Please save Sunday, July 27 at 2pm for an all church BBQ at Birch Bay. We hope to see everyone there!

**CAMP WITH LEGACY:** Legacy has invited our members to join them in a camping trip this year, *August 14 –17*, at an awesome private campground called Bryce Creek Campground. It is near Vedder Mountain and the Canadian Border. You can learn more about this camp with Legacy at

**HOME/ROOM NEEDED:** A recent Christian college grad is moving to Bellingham and is in search of a place to live. She loves community and would enjoy a roommate or a room with a family. Contact Ruthie if you know of any opportunities.

**PAUL'S MISSIONARY JOURNEYS IN GREECE** (April 3 - 13, 2026): Travel by motor coach (6 days) and cruise ship (3 days) to sites connected with Paul's second and third missionary journeys, as well as visit other major sites of biblical, archaeological, and cultural interest. Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading Pauline scholar, hosts this inspirational tour. For more information, contact Dr. Weima

**MISSIONARY SPEAKER:** After today's service Javier and Jeanette Leyva, from Shoulder to Shoulder Mexico, will be sharing about their ministry and answering any questions you may have.

**SINGLES FELLOWSHIP AND FUN TIME:** Are you single and aged 18-100? More eats, games, laughs and fun are coming up on August 2 @ 5pm at Barb's home. Sit back and enjoy the beautiful scenery. Come late if you're working. Bring a friend if you'd like. Need a ride or want to carpool? Contact Ruth or Tena.

### ***Hospitality for Sunday, July 27, 2025***

**Set up:** Needed

**Serve:** Needed

**Clean-up:** Needed

### ***Servants for Sunday, July 27, 2025***

**Greeters:** Darlys

**Scripture Reader:** Damon

**Foyer Monitor:** Mike

**Prayer Room:** Needed

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