

A Christian Reformed Church

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

TODAY'S MESSAGE

Ehud the Assassin

Judges 3:12-30

AUGUST 10, 2025

Pastor Scott Roberts

Welcome!

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



Order of Worship

Ancient of Days

Welcome

Call to Worship - John 1:14-18

Profession of Faith - Michal Ruiter

Undivided Heart

I Will Praise Him Still

Confession and Assurance

Lord, I Need You

Not What My Hands Have Done

Prayer

Judges 3:12-30, Reader - Jen Roberts

Sermon: Ehud the Assassin

Grace Greater Than All Our Sin

Benediction

Hymn of Heaven



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





God is Moving Mountains

Like many of the countries where ICR supports Christians, Southeast Asia is complicated.

This communist, Buddhist-majority country has hosted large evangelical crusades, although most people in the region would be against a family member converting to Christianity. ICR partners are taking advantage of comparatively low pressure on Christians to plant more churches and train Christians as leaders and evangelists.

However, the government also monitors Christians. Police or the local communist committee often call a local partner within minutes when he visits Christians in other areas. Sometimes, the police are waiting for him when he arrives at another church. It's not clear how they track him, but it's certain that they do.

How to Pray:

- 1. Pray for Christians who are pressured to remain firm in their faith.
- 2. Pray for those shepherding new congregations, since it is difficult to visit them.
 - 3. Pray for good relations with authorities and police.

For More Information Visit:

https://christianresponse.org/news/snapshot-southeast-asia/

Sermon Outline

- I. Assassinations are wonderful and terrifying at the same time

 A. Recap

 B. Idolatry creeps in again (Judges 3:12, 7)
 C. God raises up Eglon, King of Moab (Judges 3:12-15a, Ex 34:6-7, 20:3, 5, Dt 6:5)
 D. Application
 II. Ehud, the deliverer (Judges 3:15-16, 20:16)

 A. Ehud, an interesting fellow
 1. A Benjamite
 - 2. A leftie

3. An assassin
B. "I have a message from God for you." (Judges 3:18-20) 1. The king sends everyone out (Judg 3:19-21)
2. Eglon's palace officials are waiting on him (Judg 3:24-25)
3. Ehud secures the Jordan (Judge 3:26-30)
III. Pointing to Christ A. We aren't to emulate the judges or find inspiration in them
B. Human deliverers can never deliver a lasting rest
C. We need a TRUE Deliverer who can usher in eternal rest for God's people (Rev 19-20)

Announcements

NEW PHONE NUMBER: Rochelle Senti has a new cell phone number: **OUT OF OFFICE:** Tanya will be out of the office from August 13-20. **CRAFTING WITH DARLYS:** For kids of all ages 6-96, Darlys is hosting a craft camp on Thursday, August 14 from 10am—3pm. Come join her in the foyer. You can choose to follow her fun crafting ideas or come with your own project.

FAITH FORMATION TIP: Psalm 19 exclaims, "The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands" (v. 1, NIV). Throughout your week make a point to observe the sky — whether storm-filled, clear and sunny, brilliant blue with fluffy clouds, or full of stars. How does observing creation remind you of God's glory and good works? Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/ Thrive.

CAMBODIA DISCOVERY TOUR: Join World Renew from Nov. 14 to 24 for a journey into Cambodia's vibrant culture and the inspiring work of local communities pursuing lasting change. Witness God's love in action by experiencing deep connections, hearing powerful stories, and seeing how lives are being transformed. Registration is limited and closes Sept. 14. Learn more and register here: https://bit.ly/2025cambodiainfo.

CALVIN UNIVERSITY'S 150TH ANNIVERSARY: Calvin University is celebrating its 150th anniversary all year long. Check the calvin.edu/150 website for details on many events going on at Calvin, including on-the-road events to 30 cities, an anniversary worship celebration in March, and a 150th anniversary hymn text contest.

Hospitality for Sunday, August 17, 2025

Set up: Needed Serve: Needed

Clean-up: Jerry, Faye

Servants for Sunday, August 17, 2025

Greeters: Jerry, Faye Scripture Reader: Needed
Foyer Monitor: Clair Prayer Room: Needed

Council Members and Districts

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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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