



HOPE ^{IN} CHRIST
CHURCH

A Christian Reformed Church

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

TODAY'S MESSAGE

Deborah and Jael

Judges 4

AUGUST 24, 2025

Pastor Scott Roberts

Welcome!

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



Order of Worship

Praise

Welcome

Call to Worship - Psalm 100

Only a Holy God

His Mercy is More

Confession and Assurance

Promises

Prayer

Judges 4, Reader - David

Sermon: Deborah and Jael

He Will Be

Benediction

Even So Come



Today's Offering is for the General 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
Deborah and Jael
Judges 4

I. Judges recap

II. Typical startup of the cycle (Judges 4:1-3, 2:11-13)

A. Israel reverts to idolatry

B. God lets an oppressive nation overpower them (Judges 4:2)

1. God sold them

2. Jabin's kingdom was fairly expansive and powerful (2Chr 1:14)

C. The cry for help (Judges 4:3)

III. Deborah, a woman, is God's instrument (Judges 4:4ff)

A. Holds court under a palm tree for justice

B. Summons military leaders and sends them forth (Judge 4:6, 9)

C. Speaks for the Lord and commissions people to do his will
(Judges 4:6-9, 14, 5:31)

IV. Lessons from Deborah's judgeship

A. Grace continues to abound to sinners (2Ki 13:23, 2Chr 30:9, Eph 2:8)

B. A lack of faith doesn't stop God from delivering people but it does change how God uses us

C. The story: God getting the glory by using unlikely instruments to bring about physical liberation for his people. It's not about people bringing deliverance (Judge 5:4, 21)

D. God uses women (Esther 8, Matt 1, Luke 1-2, Acts 21:9, 18:24-26, Rom 16:1-2)

E. All the enemies of God will be ultimately destroyed (Rev 21:8)

V. Conclusion

A. A woman leader, a treacherous female, and a military commander whose faith lacks all, are used to point towards a God who goes before his people and brings the victory

B. May it also be your story

Announcements

THANK YOU: Thank you to all of you who helped in any way with the Church Carnival that took place on Saturday, August 9. We appreciate those who set up, ran a station, cleaned up, donated funds, prayed for it, brought friends, and made it a great community experience!

CRC - COMBINED SERVICES: You are invited to the combined CRC evening service at Bethel Christian Reformed Church tonight, August 24, at 6 pm, led by Pastor Bryan Dick. The offering will be taken for Envision Ministries and a nursery will be provided. Following the service, please join us downstairs for coffee and cookies. Another combined CRC service will be held at Bethel on August 31 at 6pm.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: The Ruiters have moved! Please note their new address. While their home phone number will remain the same, it will not be operational until August 29.

CHURCH DIRECTORY: Would you like an updated copy of the church directory? Please contact the church office to obtain a directory with the most current information. They are printed when people request a copy.

SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS: A binder with the sign-up sheet for teaching Sunday School is on the credenza. Please take a moment on Sunday to indicate which dates you'd like to spend with our youth, sharing God's word with them.

BACKGROUND CHECK / SAFE CHURCH: All those who are on council, or are helping with Sunday School, GEMS, and/or Friendship will need to sign a release for the annual background check to be completed and sign a statement of agreement to our Safe Church Policy. Copies of these forms can be found on the counter in the church office and attached to the Friday announcement email. Please hand in completed forms to Tanya.

SABBATICAL: Scott will be on a Sabbatical from Aug 31—Sept 30. Please contact your elder or deacon if you need assistance during this time.

Hospitality for Sunday, August 31, 2025

Provide: Darlys

Set-up: Darlys

Serve: Needed

Clean-up: Darlys

Servants for Sunday, August 31, 2025

Greeters: Darlys, Darryl

Scripture Reader: Needed

Foyer Monitor: Joe

Prayer Room: Needed

Council Members and Districts

Council President: Dan Obbink (360-393-5171)

Elder Chairperson: David Richards (360-961-0459)

Deacon Chairperson: Jenn Boer (360-820-6164)

District - Last name A to C

Elder: Glen Hendricks (616-581-9055)

Deacon: Barb Zylstra (360-927-3583)

District - Last name D to Ka

Elder: Jay Kaemingk (360-319-4671)

Deacon: Darlys Recker (509-833-8357)

District - Last name Kn to N

Elder: David Richards (360-961-0459)

Deacon: Philip Bergman (360-201-3873)

District - Last name O to R

Elder: Mark Ruiter (360-398-0101)

Deacon: Hildred Abee (385-229-2121)

District - Last name S to Z

Elder: Dan Obbink (360-393-5170)

Deacon: Jenn Boer (360-820-6164)

District - Council Members

Pastor Scott Roberts (360-733-6177)

Custodian: Don Recker (509-949-7441)

Worship: Jerry Hop (360-734-9510)

GEMS: Darlys Recker (360-393-4179)

Friendship: Tanya Obbink (360-393-5171)

Safe Church Coordinator: Don Recker (360-393-4179)

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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