



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**

*Resting in God*

***Psalm 62***

**SEPTEMBER 7, 2025**

Guest Pastor Will Southard

## ***Welcome!***

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



## ***Order of Worship***

*House of the Lord*

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship: Psalm 23**

*Psalm 62*

*Be Still My Soul*

*His Glory and My Good*

**Prayer**

**Psalm 62**

**Sermon:** Resting in God

**Communion**

*Come Unto Jesus*

*Hold Me Savior*

**Benediction**

*God So Loved*



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

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

Life in Gaza today is bleak, but even in this seemingly hopeless situation, the Lord is drawing people to himself. ICR partners say they have never seen such openness to the Gospel.

The team heard a testimony earlier of a Muslim man who came to Christ after meeting a group of Christians in a displaced people camp in Gaza.

They had a secret church.

“It wasn’t just a casual encounter; our discussions about faith, God, and existence were filled with deep contemplation and reflection,” the man said. “I found them honest and transparent when they spoke about their personal relationship with God, which prompted me to delve into a study of Christianity.”

He decided to read the Bible. “I found in the teachings of Christ a message of love, peace, and tolerance. His teachings on unconditional love and forgiveness had a profound impact on me. I felt I had found the answers I was searching for.”

It was not easy to decide to become a Christian. The man feared how his family and community would respond. However, becoming a part of the church body gave him reassurance. He found safety and a sense of belonging, and singing hymns and praying together strengthened his new faith.

### **How to Pray:**

1. Praise God: People are seeking and finding him in the midst of bleak, hopeless situations.
2. Pray for more people who hunger and thirst for God to come in contact with those who will share God’s good news with them.
3. Pray for a boldness for believers to stand firm in their faith despite how others around them respond.

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

*<https://christianresponse.org/news/hope-in-bleakness/>*

Sermon Outline

**Resting in God**

*Psalm 62*

## ***Announcements***

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

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Sunday School will begin today from 11am—12pm.

**C&W MATERIAL DONATION:** I was asked to try to find a new home for our Children and Worship curriculum we no longer use and I'm happy to let Hope In Christ know that all of the Children and Worship materials have been donated to Victory Christian Fellowship in Lynden. They are excited to have the curriculum, and begin using it. It brought back a lot of good, special memories as I went through them and sorted them. Diane Button

**GUEST PASTOR:** Our guest pastor today is Pastor Will Southard from 3rd CRC in Lynden.

**LOVE LIFE:** Mark your calendars for Youth for Life on September 13, from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM! Four youth directors and pastors joined our August one-hour prayer journey and are leading this year's event. Bellingham Christian High School will lead worship, and young adults will guide prayers at the abortion clinic, share testimonies, present the SLED argument for life, and charge their peers to champion God's heart. This youth-led prayer walk is a bold step toward a culture of life. The generations following Jesus together! A QR code to register is in the Friday announcements. Location: Kingdom Works Hub, 1326 N Garden Street, Bellingham, WA 98225

**ATTENTION TEAM LEADERS:** The deacons are getting ready to set the budget for next year and they need to hear from you! Please submit your budget requests for next year no later than September 24, and thank you so much for your continual dedication to growing God's kingdom!

### ***Hospitality for Sunday, September 14, 2025***

**Provide:** Chidebum

**Set up:** Needed

**Serve:** Needed

**Clean-up:** Needed

### ***Servants for Sunday, September 14, 2025***

**Greeters:** Barb, Needed

**Foyer Monitor:** Dan

**Prayer Room:** Needed

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