



HOPE ^{IN} CHRIST
CHURCH

A Christian Reformed Church

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

TODAY'S MESSAGE

God's Call Upon Gideon

Judges 6:1-32

OCTOBER 5, 2025

Pastor Scott Roberts

Welcome!

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



Order of Worship

Come People of the Risen King

Welcome

Call to Worship

O Church Arise

The Church's One Foundation

Battle Belongs

Prayer

Judges 6:1-32

Sermon: God's Call Upon Gideon

Communion

Christ the True and Better

It Was Finished Upon That Cross

Benediction

Christus Victor



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



God is Moving Mountains

One way churches in India prevented attacks in the past was to put women in the back of the church. Male aggressors were reluctant to physically harm women, but this has changed. Now they bring female assailants with them to hurt Christian women.

These days, something else is new, too. Instead of just hurting Christians, attackers intentionally beat them as badly as they can, hoping to cause death later. Then the death can be attributed to “natural causes.”

Despite the repeated assaults, “It doesn’t occur to Christians to meet in secret instead. They want to be loud and express their faith,” an ICR field worker said.

Acts of violence on Christians have been common for years now, unfortunately. And as more people become believers, Christians are seen as more of a threat. These days, the government isn’t going after pastors; they’re going all the way up what they call “the conversion chain.”

They’re going after regional and national church leaders – and even after the foreigners (like ICR workers) who are helping persecuted Christians.

“If you help persecuted Christians, you are now part of the conversion chain,” an ICR worker said.

How to Pray:

1. Praise God for the steadfastness of faith and the boldness of the believers in India despite persecution.
2. Pray that God will grant wisdom to his people in how to respond in the midst of persecution across the conversion chain.
3. Pray for God to make himself known to government officials, changing their lives and instigating change within the government.

For More Information Visit:

<https://christianresponse.org/news/the-conversion-chain/>

Sermon Outline
God's Call Upon Gideon
Judges 6:1-32

I. The problem of idolatry

A. The situation: evil is not abstract, but concrete (Judges 6:1)

B. Idolatry brings oppression

1. Idolatry affects governance

2. Idolatry brings fear (Judges 6:4-5)

3. Idolatry brings great suffering (Judges 6:6)

C. God speaks conviction before comfort (Judges 6:8-10)

D. Why God keeps bringing this up in every story

II. God calls for a deliverer

A. The greeting (Judges 6:12)

B. Gideon's sassy response (Judges 6:13)

C. God promises to be with Gideon; to be his might (Judges 6:14-16)

D. Am I hearing from God?: the offering test (Judges 6:17-18)

E. Shalom only comes to worshippers

F. Tear down the idol altars (Judges 6:25-26)

G. Idols have no real power

III. Application

A. Idols bring pain to you, your family, your church, your nation

B. Offering ourselves to the Lord

C. Peace exists in the storms of life

D. Obedience, not fearlessness or courageous bravery, is needed

E. There are corporate and social applications of Godly worship

F. The Gospel – a man came and torn down an altar so we could be free

Announcements

POTLUCK: Please join us for a potluck today at 11am.

CHRISTMAS SNACKS FOR FRIENDSHIP: Friendship is celebrating Christmas all fall! We're looking for Christmassy style snacks to be provided on Oct 13 & Oct 27. Let Tanya know if you're willing to help with this.

HOW TO DEAL WITH SCAMMERS: Jen Andrews, community service officer with the Bellingham Police Department, will give a presentation on dealing with scammers on Oct. 23 at 6:30 p.m. at Hope in Christ Church, 710 E. Sunset Drive, Bellingham. Andrews will offer real-life fraud incidents that (anonymous) Bellingham residents have experienced in recent months to empower citizens with the tools to outsmart deceptive scam artists.

NW HISPANIC MINISTRY BOARD: The ministry that oversees Amor Viviente and the individuals who live in the ministry house is looking for a new board member. Since HCC and their ministry are closely connected at this time, they are asking if anyone from HCC would be willing to join. The board meets three times a year at Mount Vernon 1st CRC. At these meetings, Joe gives an update on the ministry and they brain storm ideas for continuing to move the ministry forward. If you're interested, please let Tanya know, or talk directly with Joe Strong.

CHURCH DIRECTORY PHOTOS: Is your photo in the church directory outdated? Please email a digital photo to the office or stop by and Tanya will take your photo. The pictures that work best in directories typically do not have additional items in the photo and are close-up images of the people. Would you like a new copy of the church directory? Contact the office to have one printed.

PRE-BUDGET MEETING: The pre-budget meeting will be held during the Sunday School hour on October 19.

Hospitality for Sunday, October 12, 2025

Provide: Needed

Set up: Needed

Serve: Needed

Clean up: Needed

Servants for Sunday, October 12, 2025

Greeters: Needed

Scripture Reader: Needed

Foyer Monitor: Clair

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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