



HOPE ^{IN} CHRIST
CHURCH

A Christian Reformed Church

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

TODAY'S MESSAGE

Salvation is from the Lord: Gideon's War

Judges 6:33—7:25

OCTOBER 12, 2025

Pastor Scott Roberts

Welcome!

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



Order of Worship

There's No God as Great

Welcome

Call to Worship

Dwell in Me, O Blessed Spirit

Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God

Confession and Assurance

He Knows My Name

He Who Began a Good Work in You

Prayer

Judges 6:33—7:25, Reader - Philip

Sermon: Salvation is from the Lord: Gideon's War

I Am Not My Own

Benediction

Our God Will Go Before Us



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



God is Moving Mountains

Iran has been an authoritarian Islamic republic for more than 40 years, and most Iranians know Islam is not the answer. “The average Iranian believes that Islam is bankrupt,” said an ICR field worker. Because of this, Iranians are open to other faiths, and the Iranian underground church is among the fastest-growing evangelical movements in the world. While the Iranian government has some respect for historically Christian groups and other minorities in the country, it treats converts to Christianity with an iron fist. The number of raids on homes, arrests, and even executions in recent years has increased.

How to Pray:

1. Praise God for the way many Iranians are coming to know him as their Savior.
2. Pray that God will strengthen and sustain his persecuted church in Iran.
3. Pray for Christians to be able to find community together and encourage each other in faith.

For More Information Visit:

<https://christianresponse.org/news/snapshot-iran-2/>

Hospitality for Sunday, October 19, 2025

Provide: Tanya

Set up: Tanya

Serve: Tanya

Clean up: Tanya

Servants for Sunday, October 19, 2025

Greeters: Avis, Jay

Scripture Reader: Chidubem

Foyer Monitor: Jack

Prayer Room: Needed

Sermon Outline

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Judges 6:33—7:25

I. The situation (Judges 6:33)

A. Enemy in the land (Gen 25:2, 37:25-36, Num 25:6, Gen 36:11-12, Ex 17:8-11, Judges 7:12)

B. In the Valley of Jezreel

C. Application: Feels like enemies of God's people are everywhere you turn

II. The equipping of Gideon

A. The Spirit of the Lord (Judges 6:34)

B. Fellow covenant people (Judges 6:35, 7:24ff)

C. Assurance via two tests (Judges 6:36-40)

D. Application: We have been equipped with these too

III. The day of battle

A. Rose early (Judges 7:1, Gen 22:3, Ex 24:4, Josh 3:1, 6:12)

B. God's winnowing: His power shown as perfect in human weakness
(Judges 7:2-8, 2Cor 12:9, Rom 8:31)

C. Final assurance via a foreigner's dream (Judges 7:9-14)

D. The attack (Judges 7:15-22)

IV. Application: God uses ordinary people to do extraordinary things

V. The Gospel that empowers us^[1] (Isa 9-10)

^[1] <https://www.modernreformation.org/resources/essays/the-gospel-according-to-gideon>

Reflection Questions:

1. Why didn't Gideon summon Issachar?
2. Jezreel means "God sows". What was God sowing in Jezreel?
3. Who are the people you would call upon for support if God asked you to do something crazy for him?
4. Against what enemy is God calling you to join in the attack?
5. How has your understanding of Isaiah 9-10 been enhanced by Gideon's story?

Announcements

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. 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.

SINGLES FELLOWSHIP AND FUN TIME: Are you single and aged 18-100? More eats, games, laughs and fun are coming up on Friday, October 24 @ 6pm in the church foyer. Come enjoy some pizza, games, and social time. Can't arrive by 6pm? Come late. Bring a friend if you'd like. Questions? Contact Ruth or Tena.

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 best pictures for directories typically do not have additional items in the photo and are close-up images of the people. Updated directories can be obtained by contacting the church office.

PRE-BUDGET MEETING: The pre-budget meeting will be held during the Sunday School hour on October 19. Bring your questions for discussion about the proposed budget. Can't attend, but have thoughts to share? Contact a deacon.

A MOST AMAZING DAY: Last Sunday was one of the most amazing days of my life. My sneaky and wonderful sons and daughters-in-law and the equally sneaky and wonderful women of my church family utterly surprised me with an 80th birthday celebration! The most important and moving event of the day was the opportunity to worship and celebrate Christ's communion, in the company of both my entire immediate family and my wonderful church family. The many cards, cake, and potluck following were an amazing bonus. There are no thank-yous adequate to the gift you all gave me but, thank you anyway and God bless you all. Jack

RIDES NEEDED: Sheryl VanDyken is seeking a person willing to provide rides to a mom with health issues so she can go to her appointments and get groceries each week. Preferably it would be the same person each time. Sheryl will be unable to provide these rides for a few months starting the end of October.

'MESSIAH' REHEARSALS STARTING: The Lynden Choral Society has begun rehearsals for this year's performance of G.F. Handel's "Messiah." Rehearsals are held at First CRC, 1010 Front St., Lynden, and begin at 7 p.m.

Council Members and Districts

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

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

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Health Minister: Alice Brakke (360-920-8123)

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Mon - Thurs: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.



BULLETIN DEADLINE

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