



HOPE ^{IN} CHRIST
CHURCH

A Christian Reformed Church

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

TODAY'S MESSAGE

My Father is King and so will I: Abimelech

Judges 8:29—9:57

OCTOBER 26, 2025

Pastor Scott Roberts

Welcome!

Welcome to Hope in Christ Church. We are so glad



Order of Worship

Shout to the North

Welcome

Call to Worship - Psalm 66:1-4, 16-20

Might Fortress

O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer

Confession and Assurance

Abide

Prayer

Judges 8:29-9:57, Reader - Mike

Sermon: My Father is King and so will I: Abimelech

Build Your Kingdom Here

Benediction

Hymn of Heaven



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

God is Moving Mountains

In India, providing legal aid for falsely imprisoned Christians is one important way of helping them, but that work has become more dangerous. The government tracks which lawyers take cases that help Christians. If a lawyer accepts too many, he or she may lose their license to practice law or be a target for an attack.

One lawyer told ICR, "We live here. We have our families here, and we need God's protection. Your prayers give us the courage to keep going."

All funds coming into India are closely monitored, which has made getting money to those who need it increasingly difficult. ICR partners must now personally distribute funds to replace a burned down house, for example, making financial distribution to needy Christians more time-consuming, arduous, and dangerous.

One of ICR's closest partners is aware that his movements are tracked and that his phone is tapped. He, and others like him, receive death threats. He is afraid, but not so afraid that he wants to stop his work.

"I receive negative attention because I have a public profile," he told ICR. "It's part of the responsibility that the Lord has given me and part of my ministry. You can't help it. Discrimination, attacks, and threats are part of the job."

But he and other ICR partners are willing to face those risks because they want to help persecuted believers. They don't want to allow radical Hindus to stamp out Christianity in India. They intend to follow Jesus' command to make disciples of all nations, and they cannot abandon their brothers and sisters who are faithfully following Jesus.

How to Pray:

1. Pray that God would strengthen and sustain national Christian leaders who are under a lot of pressure.
2. Pray for justice for Christians who are imprisoned or attacked.
3. Pray for Hindu activists to experience Jesus' life-changing power.

For More Information Visit:

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

Sermon Outline

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Judges 8:29—9:57

I. The downfall of Israel again

A. Gideon's kingship (Judg 9:2)

B. Idolatry again (Judge 8:33-34)

II. Punishment from within

A. Abimelech against his half-brothers

1. Pride of Abimelech (Judg 9:2)

2. Treachery of Abimelech (Judg 9:5)

3. Failure to understand Hesed (Judg 8:35, Gen 24:12-14, ex 34:6-7, Josh 2:12, Jer 9:24)

4. The kind of king Abimelech is (Judg 9:6)

B. Jotham's prophetic story (Judg 9:7-21)

1. The parable

2. Jotham's commentary

3. Shechem against Abimelech (Judg 9:22-25)

4. Abimelech against Shechem (Judg 9:45)

5. Prophetic justice (Judg 9:56-57)

III. Applications

a. Beware the self-exalting

b. Treachery today

c. Internal destruction

d. Living in Hesed to one another

e. Christ in this story (Rev 21:8)

f. There is One who has been faithful

Announcements

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. Contact Sheryl or ask Tanya for details.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME: Don't forget to set you clock forward one hour on Saturday night! Sunday, November 2, Daylights saving time begins.

VETERANS' DAY CELEBRATION: To all of our beloved Veterans at Hope in Christ, you are invited to Bellingham Christian School's Annual Veterans' Day Chapel on November 6, 2025, at Bellingham Christian School (1600 E. Sunset Dr, Bellingham, WA 98226). Light refreshments will be available in the gym at 8:30 am, with the chapel beginning at 8:45 am. We hope to see you there!

THANK YOU: Dear Church Family, thank you for your thoughts, prayers, visits, kind notes and cards these last months. God provided dear friends to help take care of us through Bud's journey with cancer, and I am very grateful. A celebration of life for Bud will be held January 3 at 2:00 here at church. Lorraine Brouwer

CROSSROADS PRISON MINISTRIES: You're invited to Crossroads Prison Ministries gatherings in Portland, OR, on Nov. 8 and Olympia on Nov. 10. Douglas Cupery, director of church engagement, will lead the training workshops for mentors and an introduction to Crossroads for those interested in making a difference for men and women behind bars. To learn more and to register either workshop, visit cpministries.org/events.

Hospitality for Sunday, November 2, 2025

Provide: Needed

Set up: Needed

Serve: Needed

Clean up: Needed

Servants for Sunday, November 2, 2025

Greeters: Don

Scripture Reader: Don

Foyer Monitor: Jay

Prayer Room: Needed

Communion Prep: Diane, Katie, Sarah

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)

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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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