



HOPE ^{IN} CHRIST
CHURCH

A Christian Reformed Church

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

TODAY'S MESSAGE

Unholy Worship: Micah and His Levite

Judges 17

FEBRUARY 01, 2026

Pastor Scott Roberts

Welcome!

Welcome to Hope in Christ Church. We are so glad
you have joined us today!
May God bless you as you worship with us.

Order of Worship

Come People of the Risen King

Welcome

Call to Worship: Psalm 95:1-7

King of Kings

Jesus Over Everything

All Hail the Power of Jesus Name

Prayer

Judges 17, Reader - Philip

Sermon: Unholy Worship: Micah and His Levite

Communion

All Sufficient Merit

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

Across North Africa, when the month of Ramadan arrives, daily life changes completely. Shops close early, streets fall quiet in the heat of the day, and when the sun sets, families fill their homes with laughter, music, and food. For most people, this month is a time of community. But for Christians, especially those who once followed Islam, Ramadan can be one of the loneliest times of the year.

Marc*, a believer from North Africa, knows this well.

“Ramadan is the hardest month of the whole year,” he said. “We Christians eat, but only in secret—never outside, never where people can see us.” Because he lives among practicing Muslims, Marc must carefully hide his peace and joy. “People around me get tense and short-tempered during the fast,” he said. “I have to make sure no one notices I’m in a good mood—otherwise they’ll know I’m not fasting.” During Ramadan, former Muslims like Marc often feel cut off. “Every night, families gather to break the fast,” he said quietly. “But I’m not part of that anymore. I feel like a foreigner in my own country.” Marc admits that it’s painful to watch his community strive for holiness while ignoring deeper truths. “To me, Ramadan feels like a month of hypocrisy,” he said. “People think that if they fast for a month, they can live however they want for the other eleven. I can’t pretend anymore.”

Still, despite the loneliness, Marc and other believers remain faithful.

They meet quietly with a few others to pray and share a meal, remembering that their identity is in Christ—not in what others expect them to be.

How to Pray:

1. Pray for God’s word to penetrate deeply into the hearts of those who hear it.
2. Pray that Christians would have a strong assurance that their identity in Christ is secure.
3. Pray for unity among the network of formerly Muslim believers, that they may be an encouragement to each other in faith.

For More Information Visit:

<https://christianresponse.org/news/north-africa-i-feel-alone/>

Sermon Outline
Unholy Worship: Micah and His Levite
Judges 17

I. Unholy Worship in Modern Israel, Anabaptist Europe, and Pentecostal Services

II. Timeline in Judges

A. Whether or not Judges 19-21 is chronological

B. Unchronological: theological and literary structure

III. Two problems: idolatrous faith & priests for hire

A. Idolatrous faith

1. Pure idolatry

2. Syncretism (Judg 17:3, 13)

a. Always thinks that it is worshipping God

b. Always has an action or activity that is aligned with the worship of God that is clearly contrary to scripture (Dt 5:8, ex 32:4, Dt 9:12-19, Ex 34:17, Dt 27:15)

c. Syncretism at work in our lives, or the church

B. Priest for hire

1. Two possible reasons why the Levite left Judah (Judg 17:8-11)

2. A warning for those in ministry

C. Why all of this happened (Judge 17:6, Prov 14:12)

IV. The gospel

A. Micah's name means "Who is like Yahweh?" (Ex 34:6-7)

B. Our hope in recognizing that there is a King in Israel

Announcements

OVERCOME STRUGGLES WITH BIBLICAL COURSE: If you find yourself overwhelmed or are seeing unhealthy or addictive behavior in yourself or a loved one, come to “Introduction to the Genesis Process” on March 14 from 9 a.m. to noon at Bethel CRC, 1105 Liberty St., Lynden. Learn how to overcome these struggles with biblical and brain-researched tools. The life changing training will be led by Aaron Speyer, who has more than 20 years of experience working with those who struggle. Coffee and snacks are included. For more information, e-mail info@envisionmission.org.

SUPER BOWL WATCH PARTY: The Abees are again planning to host a Super Bowl watch party in their home on February 8 and would love to have you join the fun. Please bring some type of food to share and join us any time after 3:00 p.m. Overflow crowd (especially the kids) will spill over to the Konings .

FLOOD RELIEF & WORD RENEW: The Whatcom Long Term Recovery Group (LTRG) has entered the reconstruction phase of recovery from the December 2025 flood. Disaster Response Services of World Renew is supporting efforts with one-week volunteer groups, furniture for volunteer housing, and more. Local volunteers can follow the LTRG on Facebook or contact them directly (whatcomltrg@gmail.com) for upcoming work days. We encourage local volunteers to get involved however possible for you!

SINGLES FELLOWSHIP NIGHT: Join the other singles in our church and invites friends to the next Single's Fellowship Night! The fun will be on Sunday, February 15 at 3:30pm in our church. Food, games, socialize!

HERM'S BIRTHDAY: Herm just had a BIG birthday! To celebrate, his family brought cake for us to enjoy with him today. Happy birthday!

Hospitality for Sunday, February 8, 2025

Provide: Needed	Set up: Needed
Serve: Needed	Clean up: Needed

Servants for Sunday, February 8, 2025

Greeters: Darryl	Scripture Reader: Mike
Foyer Monitor: Jack	Prayer Room: Needed

Council Members and Districts

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