



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**

*Rise for the Prize!*

***Luke 24:1-12***

**APRIL 05, 2026**

Pastor Mitchell Senti

## ***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.

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## ***Order of Worship***

*Christ is Risen He is Risen Indeed*

### **Welcome**

**Call to Worship, 1 Peter 1:3**

### **Flowering of the Cross**

*It Was Finished Upon the Cross*

*Low in the Grave He Lay (Christ Arose)*

*Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

*Christus Victor*

### **Prayer**

**Luke 24:1-12, Reader - David**

**Sermon:** Rise for the Prize!

### **Communion**

*In Christ Alone*

*Christ Our Hope in Life and Death*

### **Benediction**

*Benediction (May the Peace ...)*

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

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

Across parts of Nigeria, attacks on Christian communities continue to escalate. In recent weeks, reports have described coordinated assaults on villages, the abduction of church leaders, and violence targeting believers as they gather for worship. In north central Nigeria, entire communities are living with fear. Churches that once served as places of peace and refuge are now being targeted. Families are grieving, and many believers are unsure what the next day will bring.

Nigeria remains the most dangerous country in the world for Christians. According to recent reporting, thousands of believers have been killed for their faith in the past year alone. This is not an isolated moment of crisis. It is part of a continuing pattern of violence that has deeply affected communities across the region. In late February and March, more than 50 people were reportedly kidnapped in coordinated attacks in Kaduna State. Among those taken were church members and a parish priest. Earlier in the year, more than 150 worshippers were abducted from church gatherings in northwest Nigeria. These events are not rare.

They reflect a wider reality that many believers now face regularly.

And yet, even in the midst of fear, the Church continues to stand. Believers continue to gather for worship. Pastors continue to serve their communities. Families continue to hold on to their faith, even when the cost is high. In places where loss and trauma are deeply felt, the presence of the Church brings both practical help and spiritual hope. Believers are not only enduring hardship. They are continuing to live out their faith with courage and compassion. Even in the darkest moments, God remains present with His people.

### **How to Pray:**

1. Pray for God's protection over churches and communities.
2. Pray for comfort for families who have lost loved ones.
3. Pray for those who have been abducted, that they would be safely released.
4. Pray for strength and courage for pastors and leaders as they continue to serve.

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

*<https://christianresponse.org/news/violence-in-nigeria/>*

Sermon Outline

*Luke 24:1-12*

**Rise for the Prize!**

1. Remember His words

2. Their doubts and ours

3. The bride was the prize

## ***Announcements***

**SERVICE TIME CHANGE:** For the sake of folks who may want to invite others to our church over the next few months, the council has decided to move our morning service to 10:00 a.m.. The service will be exactly 1 hour long, ending at 11:00 a.m., and the Sunday School hour, called Deep Dive, will be 25 minutes long. We will have time to enjoy refreshments and visiting with others between the service and Deep Dive. This *new schedule will begin on April 12th*, the Sunday after Easter. We're excited to see who God may bring into our midst! Please be praying and thinking about who you may want to invite.

**PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES:** Come and join others for a time of prayer: Sun @ 9:15am, Tues @ 12:15-12:45 on Zoom, this week Wed @ 6:30-7pm, Fri @ 3pm—5pm. Come when you can, leave when you must.

**RESONATE'S GLOBAL MISSION'S SPRING CAMPAIGN:** Resonate, the CRC's church-planting assistance program, has been blessed to receive an offer from generous donors to match ALL contributions received between now and April 30th! In the memo of your check, write "Resonate - Where Most Needed. 801210" Our offering today will go to this cause.

**LYNDEN HYMN SING MARATHON:** *April 6*, 10am-4pm @ 3rd CRC; *April 7*, 3pm-8pm @ 3rd CRC; *April 8*, 10am—4pm @ 1st CRC; *April 9*, 3pm-8pm @ 3rd CRC; and *April 10*, 10am-4pm @ 3rd CRC. Come for an hour, a day, or the whole journey! A light lunch will be provided from 12:30-1:00pm and 5:30-6:00pm.

**DAVE DESALVO:** Today is the last time we will be able to worship with our brother Dave before he moves to North Carolina on April 13. Take a moment to connect with him and send him off with God's blessing.

### ***Hospitality for Sunday, April 12, 2026***

**Provide:** Ida

**Set-up:** Ida

**Serve:** Ida

**Clean-up:** Needed

### ***Servants for Sunday, April 12, 2026***

**Greeters:** Needed

**Scripture Reader:** Chidubem

**Foyer Monitor:** Joe

**Prayer Room:** Needed

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