



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**

*What is God?*

***Romans 1:18-25***

**MAY 3, 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 we worship together.

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## ***Order of Worship***

*Praise to the Lord the Almighty*

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship**

*Holy, Holy, holy*

*Only a Holy God*

*Speak, O Lord*

**Prayer**

**Romans 1:18-25**

**Sermon: What is God?**

**Communion**

*King of Kings*

*How Marvelous (I Stand Amazed)*

**Benediction**

*New Doxology*

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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***

Rasha\* lives in a country in the Middle East where Christians are a small minority. During Ramadan, daily life slows as families gather to fast and pray. For Rasha and her team, this season becomes a special opportunity to pray that Muslims will encounter Jesus.

They opened a small shop in a busy market square surrounded by restaurants. During Ramadan, families gather there early in the morning and again in the evening to break their fast. At first many people sat with their backs to the television in the shop, where Rasha and her team played the Jesus Film. Gradually curiosity grew, and more people began turning around to watch. Even the restaurant owners noticed the difference and told Rasha the film seemed to calm their customers.

One day a man approached them with a remarkable story. For months he had wandered the streets looking confused and troubled, and then he disappeared for several days. When he returned, he told them what had happened. He had gone to a mosque to pray during Ramadan.

“And there I saw Jesus Christ,” he said.

In the middle of the crowded mosque he suddenly shouted, “I have seen Jesus!” From that moment on, he said, his mind became clear again.

Rasha and her team continue to pray that many more people will encounter Christ in the same way.

### **How to Pray:**

1. Lord, we pray that people around the world would encounter Christ in personal, meaningful ways, and place their trust in Him.
2. Lord, we praise you for the way you transform the lives of those who place their faith in you.
3. Father, we pray that you would embolden believers to make your gospel message known to the people around them.

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

<https://christianresponse.org/news/hope-in-the-middle-east/>

### ***Hospitality for Sunday, May 10, 2026***

**Provide:** Chidubem

**Set-up:** Needed

**Serve:** Needed

**Clean-up:** Needed

Sermon Outline

**What is God?**

*Romans 1:18-25*

1. How do we know there is a God?

2. Who is God?

3. What's the solution?

## ***Announcements***

**ELDER/DEACON NOMINATIONS:** The following members are being presented by Council as candidates for Elder: Brian Koning and Lou Kooistra; and for Deacon: Rockelle Ruiter and Chidubem Uchefuna.

**Today a vote will be taken** after our worship service to accept or reject the slate of names presented by council. On May 10, we will draw lots and the Holy Spirit will select our next Elders and Deacons. We give thanks to Mark Ruiter for his service as Elder, and to Barb Zylstra and Philip Bergman for their service as Deacons.

**SEEDS OF HOPE:** The "Seeds of Hope" basket has been refilled. If you know someone who is facing challenges in life, the Seeds of Hope packets provide a natural, non-threatening way to show compassion and, at whatever level seems appropriate, to share and demonstrate what our own Hope In Christ is all about.

**WIRE GATE:** Thank you to everyone who helps ensure that the wire gate is opened and closed for our church services and other events. To allow the reflective panels to last as long as possible it is requested that the wire is kept taut while moving it and that it is laid down being stretched out flat when not attached to the cement block.

**SANDWICH BOARDS:** There are three HiCC sandwich boards that are set out each Sunday before our service and taken back in as people leave. If you arrive early, please take a moment to set them out. Two go near the sidewalk of our two driveway entrances - one by each. The other is placed near the fenced garbage and recycling area.

**PRAY FOR SYNOD 2026:** Starting today, May 3, and for 40 days leading up to Synod 2026, please pray with CRC members, leaders, and friends for God's presence and guidance for the CRC and this year's synod gathering. Learn more and find prayer resources at [network.crcna.org/topic/spiritual-formation/prayer/40-days-prayer-synod-2026](https://network.crcna.org/topic/spiritual-formation/prayer/40-days-prayer-synod-2026), including a link to sign up to receive daily e-mails throughout the 40 days with prayers written by people from across the denomination.

### ***Servants for Sunday, May 10, 2026***

**Greeters:** Clair, Hildred

**Scripture Reader:** Chidubem

**Foyer Monitor:** Rachel

**Prayer Room:** Needed

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Elder: Dan Obbink (360-393-5170)

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