



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**

*Salvation, Justification, and Sanctification*

**Romans 3:21-28**

**JUNE 7, 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***

*Grace Greater Than Our Sin*

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship**

*Cornerstone*

*Jesus Paid it All*

*It is Well*

**Prayer**

**Romans 3:21-28,      Reader—Don**

**Sermon:    Salvation, Justification, and Sanctification**

**Communion**

*All-Sufficient Merit*

**Benediction**

*Christ Our Hope in Life and Death*

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

Sermon Outline

**Salvation, Justification, and Sanctification**

*Romans 3:21-28*

1. Justification—not based on performance

2. Sanctification

3. Salvation

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

Despite the change in leadership in 2018, churches in Cuba face unrelenting pressure from the government, which remains committed to communism's atheistic ideology and views churches as a threat. In fact, most Cubans are atheists. A significant number of Cubans engage in superstitious and spiritist practices, including the Afro-Cuban religion of Santeria. Cubans are poor, and the government seeks to control every aspect of their lives.

Unlike the overt violence Christians faced during the Communist Cuban Revolution, more subtle methods of persecution are now used by the Cuban government, largely out of concern for its global reputation.

Christian leaders are often summoned by government officials for questioning or detained up to 48 hours to pressure them, and churches are demolished by hired gangs so the government can deny responsibility. Legal church buildings are seized, and no new church buildings have been legally built in the country since the revolution.

Many believers meet in illegal house churches, often extensions of the pastor's home or shaded structures in the backyard of a family's home.

Churches continue to grow through active evangelistic activity, but some believers have never owned a Bible because of government oppression. Many Christians are closely watched and are effectively under house arrest. In addition, Christians are often denied jobs and educational opportunities. One of the most effective ways VOM supports persecuted Christians is through a vast prayer network. Public prayer, which embarrasses the Cuban government before the world, has led to the release of some detained pastors.

### **How to Pray:**

1. Lord, we pray for peace and perseverance for Christians who are denied jobs and education, and who are imprisoned and harassed by government officials.
2. Lord, we pray that you would cause more Bibles to reach the Cubans and that many new people would join groups to discover the good news the bible contains.
3. Lord, we praise you for the continued church growth and baptisms despite government pressure and threats.

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

[https://www.persecution.com/globalprayerguide/cuba/?  
\\_source\\_code=WP26GPG2](https://www.persecution.com/globalprayerguide/cuba/?_source_code=WP26GPG2)

## ***Announcements***

**ELDER/DEACON ORDINATION:** We praise God for providing a new elder (Brian Koning) and two new deacons (Chidubem Uchefuna and Rockelle Ruiter). They will be ordained into their role as office bearer during our service today. We thank our Lord for His provision of office bearers over the past years through Mark Ruiter, Barb Zylstra, and Philip Bergman.

**CAKE FOR GRADS:** Congratulations to our graduates! Please enjoy cake after our worship service in recognition of the following graduates: Abee (High School), Amber (Bachelor of Science in Pre-physical Therapy), Hannah (Associates in Arts and Sciences), John (Middle School), Nathan (High School), and Peter (Middle School).

**PRAY FOR SYNOD 2026:** Please pray with CRC members, leaders, and friends for God's presence and guidance for the CRC and this year's Synod 26 gathering, which runs from June 12 to 18.

**PRAYER PARTNERS:** If you're both present, take time after the service to connect with your prayer partner while enjoying a snack together.

**ELDER/DEACON DISTRICTS:** The Elder/Deacon districts have been adjusted and new elder/deacons have been noted. Please see the back page of the bulletin to see who your elder/deacon team is. It may be different than you expect!

**LIGHT OF THE WORLD PRAYER CENTER:** LOWPC is holding a Summer Dessert Fundraising Evening at our church on Thursday, June 11 from 7-9pm. You're invited to attend and join in what this ministry is doing, and will continue to accomplish, by the grace of God.

### ***Hospitality for Sunday, June 14, 2026***

**Provide:** Needed

**Set-up:** Needed

**Serve:** Tanya

**Clean-up:** Needed

### ***Servants for Sunday, June 14, 2026***

**Greeters:** Faye, Jerry **Scripture Reader:** Needed

**Foyer Monitor:** Jay **Prayer Room:** Needed

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**Elder Chairperson:** David Richards (360-961-0459)

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

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Elder: Glen Hendricks (616-581-9055)

Deacon: Chidubem Uchefuna (207-275-7687)

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Elder: Jay Kaemingk (360-319-4671)

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Elder: Brian Koning (360-927-6407)

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Elder: Dan Obbink (360-393-5170)

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